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TORREON KNEELS AT FEET OF THE BANDIT VILLA

Constitutionalists Finally Take the City After a Most Desperate Assault.

FEDERALS ANNIHILATED

American Correspondents With Villa Send Out the News Denied by President Huerta.

Territory Held by Rebels.

The capture of Torreon gives the constitutionalists possession of every important city in northern Mexico excepting Monterrey and Saltillo near Torreon and Guaymas, on the west coast. Monterrey, while larger than Torreon is not nearly so important strategically.

The rebels hold every port of entry on the northern border including Juarez, Nogales and Agua Prieta. Other important cities in rebel possession are Chihuahua, Escalon, Ojinaga, Hermosillo, Bermijillo, Mapi.

Torreon is believed to furnish the key to Mexico City territory. When Villa takes Monterrey, his road to the capital will be practically clear.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] TORREON, Durango, Mexico, April 3.—Torreon has at last fallen. The last soldier of General Jose Refugio Velasco's mercenary army of 10,000 is either killed, wounded, captured, or in flight. The constitutionalist army of General Francisco Villa, one-time bandit, is in undisputed possession and this city, once the federal stronghold of northern Mexico, lies humbled at his feet.

Already the rebel movement toward Monterrey and Saltillo has begun. The next great battle between the forces of Carranza and Huerta will be fought in these two places.

Although the constitutionalists have been in possession of the greater portion of Torreon since Tuesday afternoon, General Villa would not permit the announcement of the capture until last night when all street fighting had ceased and the resistance of the garrison had been absolutely brought to an end.

General Velasco, the federal commander, with a comparatively small bodyguard, escaped last night from Canon Del Guarache where he had been entrenched since Tuesday. A small detachment of cavalry was rushed in pursuit by Villa but up to an early hour today had not returned or made any report. The federalists who escaped, constituted a comparatively small band.

Fighting for the possession of Torreon has been almost continuous since last Saturday night when Villa personally gave signal to begin the final assault. The federal troops offered a most desperate resistance at every point, astonishing the constitutionalists by the ferocity of their defense. It was learned today that they would have surrendered long ago, but their officers had told them that if taken by the rebels they would be tortured in a most cruel manner before being put to death. This nerve them to the point of desperation and accounted for their fierce defense.

While a portion of General Villa's army in and about Torreon is getting a much needed rest, several thousand fresh soldiers were put to work early today cleaning up the city, burying the dead or otherwise disposing of them and making the city generally habitable. The damage done by shells

and bombs and fire during the eleven days battle is enormous.

The greatest problem which confronts General Villa, however, is that of feeding the citizens of Torreon, Gomez Palacio and Loredo, many of whom are on the point of starvation. Great quantities of supplies were ordered today from Juarez and Chihuahua and food stuffs are being distributed as equitably as possible among the suffering people. Soldiers have been sent to surrounding ranches to drive in herds of cattle. Some of these returned early today and fresh beef was plentiful in many sections of the city. A system of soup kitchens in charge of the commissary department has been established throughout the city where bread and meat are being dispensed to the Mexicans of the lower classes. In other places food is being given to natives who own their own homes, but nevertheless are in want.

When the rebel army will move en masse against Monterrey and Saltillo is not known, but it is believed to be Villa's idea to start as quickly as possible after he has brought up food and has cleaned Torreon itself and procured supplies of ammunition. Villa does not believe the present garrisons of these two cities will be greatly strengthened in view of the practical extermination of the Torreon garrison and the loss by the Huertistas of the greatest number of big guns and the largest amount of military stores maintained at any one point throughout the republic.

In the meantime the railroad from Torreon to the east is being repaired to facilitate the movement of troops. The brigades of Thomas Urbina and Maclovia Herrera are doing the preliminary work for the new movement, making up the advance guard of Villa's main army. The bridge over the Nazas river which runs through Torreon and which was destroyed by the federalists during the eleven days fighting, has been rebuilt and trains are now running over it direct into Torreon.

Throughout the whole fighting which ended last night Villa's troops have shown wonderful vitality and reckless bravery.

Villa today estimated his casualties in the final fighting at 500 dead and 1,500 wounded. He lost 200 killed in Sunday night's fighting alone. The federal losses Saturday night and Sunday are known to have been 1,400 wounded and at least 500 corpses were found in the streets after the fight.

Asked by correspondents today to estimate the federal loss in the whole campaign, Villa laughed and said: "I cannot estimate it, but you will not go far wrong if you say the federal loss was total."

While hundreds of prisoners of war are being employed today burning and burying the dead, digging trenches and rebuilding the railroads from Bermijillo to Gomez Palacio and Torreon, it was noticed all were regular Huertista troops. There were no banderas colorados ("red flaggers") among them. "Banderas colorados" were the federal volunteers, former followers of Pascual Orozco in his rebellion against Madero in 1912. They are looked upon by Villa as traitors and he has frequently said he would stand all he captured before a firing squad. Although it is not known that they have been summarily executed, it is significant that none have been found today.

In the first attack on Gomez Palacio where the constitutionalists were led into a trap, they retreated, leaving many wounded on the field. The federalists killed all of these as well as between 200 and 300 rebels taken prisoners at the time.

Villa today ridiculed reports that federal reinforcements are on the way.

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AXE MAN ENTERS ANOTHER HOME

Mother and Two Children Are Beaten to Death by Unknown Fiend.

TWO IN FAMILY ESCAPE

Bloodhounds Have Been Sent for in an Effort to Run Down the Murderer.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ARKADAPLPHIA, Ark., April 3.—Mrs. Eliza Francis and two children were murdered in their home during the night, the murderer using an axe. Francis and one child escaped. Excitement runs high and trouble is feared if the fiend is caught. Bloodhounds have been sent for from Little Rock.

First Request for Ruling.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 3.—The first of the great trunk lines to apply for a ruling by the interstate commerce commission on the Panama canal act was the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, which today asked for a hearing. Decision was asked as to the right of the Rutland Transit company, a Vermont corporation, subsidiary to the New York Central, to operate its fleet of eight steamships on the St. Lawrence and the great lakes.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Slowly rising temperature. Moderate northerly breezes becoming variable.

For Illinois: Cloudy tonight with colder southeast portion. Saturday fair. Moderate northerly breezes.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Saturday. Slowly rising temperature. Moderate northerly breezes becoming variable.

For Missouri: Cloudy tonight with probably frost in morning. Saturday fair with warmer northwest portion. Moderate northerly breezes becoming variable.

Weather Conditions.

The crest of the western field of high pressure has moved to North Dakota, causing colder weather from the Rockies to the eastern coast, with the temperature below the freezing point in the northern plains states, and the northern portions of the Mississippi valley and the lake region. Snow has fallen from Lake Michigan eastward to New England, and there has been scattered light snow in portions of Colorado and Nebraska. Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Saturday, becoming warmer Saturday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage	Height	Change	Wear	h
St. Paul	14	2.3	x0.1	Cldy
La Crosse	12	4.0	x0.2	Snow
Dubuque	18	4.4	-0.2	Cldy
Davenport	15	4.2	0.6	Clear
Keokuk	14	5.0	-0.6	Cldy
St. Louis	30	18.9	x2.3	Cldy

River Forecast.

The river will remain nearly stationary, or rise slightly, from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations.

April	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
2 7 p.m.	30.18	52	W	Cldy
3 7 a.m.	30.35	34	NW	Cldy

River above low water of 1864, 5 feet.

Change in 24 hours, fall 6 tenths. Mean temperature, April 2, 50. Highest temperature, 61. Lowest temperature, 40. Lowest temperature last night, 32.

Notice—The Beaufort scale will be used hereafter by the weather bureau in designating wind velocities in weather forecasts.

Beaufort Scale.

Force.	Designation.	Miles per hour.
0	Calm	From 0 to 3
1	Light air	Over 3 to 8
2	Light breeze	Over 8 to 13
3	Gentle breeze	Over 13 to 18
4	Moderate breeze	Over 18 to 23
5	Fresh breeze	Over 23 to 28
6	Strong breeze	Over 28 to 34
7	Moderate gale	Over 34 to 40
8	Fresh gale	Over 40 to 48
9	Strong gale	Over 48 to 56
10	Whole gale	Over 56 to 65
11	Storm	Over 65 to 75
12	Hurricane	Over 75

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FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

Is More Sensitive Than the Male When It Comes to Making College Student.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LA FAYETTE, Ind., April 3.—Seven young women of the senior class of the Purdue University remained in seclusion today. Two of them were said to be hysterical from humiliation, following the filing of a suit for \$7,000 alleging they had seriously impaired the health of Miss Mabel Rogers, of Shoals, Ind. The father of one of the girls announced today he would fight the suit.

Terrific hazing methods are alleged in the complaint. Miss Rogers was stuck with pins, she says, stripped of her clothing and made to lie down before her alleged tormentors, while they painted her head, shoulders, chest and back with red ink. The seniors poured a bottle of muclage down the freshman's back. It is alleged, and then plunged her in an icy tub, though she protested to them that she was ill. As a result of the treatment she says she became unconscious and hysterical. Her nervous system was shattered and her eye sight impaired. She was humiliated by being pointed out in the street as "the girl who had been hazed." She cannot sleep nor do her college work she says.

The hazing episode has been rumored for several weeks but the faculty would make no facts public. Immediately after the girl's first complaint to university heads, the seven senior girls, all of the domestic science department, were suspended. This action was kept quiet. After Miss Rogers returned from the hospital, they were reinstated.

George I. Kiser, of Terre Haute, father of Miss Esther Kiser, student, will fight the case. The other girls are Misses Ruth Cowan, Chicago; Mary Clark, Indianapolis; Mary Sheridan, Attica; Agnes Phillips, Monroeville; May Blue, Star City, and Helen Lee, Oxford, Ind.

Girl Loses Fortune.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 3.—Florence Louise Brandt today lost her fight to share the \$15,000,000 left by the late William Ziegler, "baking powder king." The New York appellate court this afternoon confirmed the findings of Surrogate Fowler who declared Miss Brandt was not the legally adopted daughter of Ziegler.

Miss Brandt and her brother, Wm. Ziegler, Jr., were adopted as son and daughter January 30, 1896. Later, by agreement, the adoption of the girl was abrogated and Miss Brandt, then 16, resumed her own name. The whole estate now goes to her brother.

The Debutante Slouch.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 3.—The debutante slouch is tottering under another blow. "Every time I see a girl with a debutante slouch, I think of a chocolate éclair," Baroness Rose Posse, president of the Posse Normal school of gymnastics, at Boston, Mass., told the American Physical Education association in session here. "Girls who affect it give the impression they are either tired or lazy."

Dr. Barnette D. S. Wyliss, of St. Louis said that the abdominal movement accompanying the debutante slouch, caused stomach trouble.

Killed Her Husband.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 3.—An innocent invitation from a minister's wife to attend a missionary tea which Ju Hon Yee refused to let his wife Ngo Quong Ho read, so aroused her that she hacked him to death with a hatchet. According to the woman, she slew her husband who was assistant superintendent at the Sunday school in self defense in a quarrel over the note. Then she kept lonely vigil for hours before going to an attorney to whom she confessed. He took her to the police station. The coroner found the body in bed. Conditions indicated he had been killed while he slept.

Across the Ocean.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 3.—Aviators closely interested in Rodman Wanamaker's proposed trans-Atlantic aeroplane flight were informed today that if it is successful, the machine will be entered in the Panama-Pacific exposition world flight next year. Wanamaker feels if he can make the first big jump the rest would be easy.

Burroughs Feels Young.

NEW YORK, April 3.—John Burroughs, just back from his vacation in Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, celebrated his 77th birthday here today. He said he did not feel a day over 57.

OVER THREE SCORE SAILORS PERISHED

Blizzard Which Struck Sealer in Northern Waters Last Tuesday.

BRINGING BODIES HOME

Wireless Clicks Out News of the Terrible Disaster to the Ship New Foundland.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 3.—Facing the certainty that more than three score men of the sealer New Foundland perished when caught in a blizzard last Tuesday and with the probability that the number of dead may greatly exceed that count, preparations to receive the bodies was being hurried here today in anticipation of the early arrival of the sealer Bellaventure with the first consignment of the dead and injured.

Out of another blizzard which is raging off here, the wireless of the Bellaventure reported her position 160 miles from harbor. She cannot reach St. John's before this morning but when she arrives the frozen sealers men she is bringing will at once be rushed to hospitals in the Grenfell Seamen's institute by the men of the British drill ship Calypso who have been ordered to extra duty to aid in the work.

It is believed that the Bellaventure is bringing the bodies of forty men who met death in the ice floes. She is also reported to have on board thirty odd survivors of the disaster but it is not yet certain what happened to the New Foundland, her captain Wesley Kean, and the remainder of his crew. It is not believed that the New Foundland was crushed by the floes but only further word from the Bellaventure will clear up the story. The fragmentary reports so far received indicate that thirty men of the New Foundland's crew are still unaccounted for. Some of these are believed to have been saved by the steel whaler Stephano and this vessel possibly is still at the scene of the disaster, searching the scattered floes for the frozen bodies of others of the ill-fated crew.

Rescue Boat Delayed.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 3.—Hundreds of persons, relatives and friends of the seal fishermen, caught in the terrific blizzard off Cape Race early this week, crowded the streets here today, anxious for more definite news from the Red Cross steamer Florizel and the ship Bellaventure, headed toward this port with bodies of the dead and survivors of the sealer New Foundland.

At noon the Bellaventure's weak wireless reported her position. It was understood as ninety miles from St. Johns. She said she was blocked by ice off Cape Bonavista and possibly might not be able to reach port before Sunday. Many of the rescued seal fishermen were reported to be in a serious condition. All suffered intensely from exposure and it is feared the death list may be increased before the Bellaventure reaches port.

Where is Southern Cross?

NEW YORK, April 3.—A private message received here today declares that the sealer Southern Cross is not at Channel, New Foundland, as reported. The dispatch, which came from St. Johns, does not give the source of the sender's information. Bowring and Company, agents for the Red Cross line here, have received no direct word of the Southern Cross' position.

Erased Their Names.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 3.—Names of more than 900 men and women, including some of the most notorious characters in the red light district were erased from first ward registration books today as the result of the activity of workers for Miss Marion H. Drake, candidate for alderman against "Bath House John" Coughlin in next Tuesday's election. Two detectives from the staff of Major Funkhouser, morals censor, sat with the election board when the list of suspects furnished by Miss Drake was checked over. Names of women recently arrested in police raids on resorts and of persons who registered from known dives were promptly erased. Even the protest of "Vic" Shaw, former "madam" that she had reformed failed to save her vote when detectives testified her flat was recently raided.

WRANGLING OVER WAGES

Illinois Coal Miners and Operators Cannot Come to an Agreement About Salaries.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEORIA, Ill., April 3.—The Illinois mine operators submitted their demands to the scale and advisory committee of the United Mine Workers of Illinois at a joint session this morning. A lively tilt is expected between the two parties before an agreement is anywhere in sight.

The coal operators took a new stand when they decided not only to remain firm on the point of the wage scale but to present the miners with a counter petition, which they did this morning. The petition contained clauses to ease working conditions for the operators so that the cost of production would be lessened materially. The demands presented to the operators by the miners call for a flat advance of 25 cents a day for day laborers, a general advance for all classes of workmen in districts 6 and 7, a demand for firemen in engine rooms, so engineers will not be required to do the work of a fireman, and a two day holiday every week.

The operators are up in arms and say they will absolutely refuse to meet the demands or any other demands that would result in any direct or indirect raise in the cost of producing coal. Present indications are that representatives of the two parties will remain in secret session for some days before they will reach an understanding.

Leaders of the two factions met yesterday afternoon to organize, after which an adjournment until this morning was taken.

20,000 Men Idle.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 3.—Approximately 20,000 coal miners are idle in the Washington, Pa. region, a part of district No. 5, according to reports from Washington today. More than 19,000 of these are refusing to work, despite the urgings of officials, until the wage scale has been definitely fixed.

Evidence Closed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 3.—Having closed their evidence with the testimony of Saml. Rea, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, the eastern carriers' petitioning for a five per cent increase in freight rates, today made application to the interstate commerce commission to close the case early next week. The commission has decided to expedite the matter so much as possible but hopes of a decision by May 1 were not confirmed by officials today. The commission has postponed indefinitely the arguments which the carriers requested to be heard next week.

Three Cents or Nothing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] TOLEDO, Ohio, April 3.—Appealing to riders to pay no more than three cents, City Solicitor Thurstin today announced he would file suit in common pleas court to restrain the Toledo Railways and Light company from charging more than three cent fares on street cars. The city's war against the company which faces expired franchises, together with the three cent fare ordinance, will thus be taken into the courts. Bitter personalities and near encounters between city officials and street car company officials enlivened the situation today. Passengers who decline to pay more than three cents are still allowed to ride free by the company.

Playing With Dog.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] COMACHE, Texas, April 3.—Dragged by his pet dog into a large pot of boiling water, George Roderick, four years old, was fatally scalded today. The family washing was being done in the back yard. George had a string tied to his dog and the animal ran past the pot, jerking the child into it head first.

FEDERAL RESERVE CITIES NAMES

New Orleans and Omaha Are Left Out and Are Somewhat Peeved.

TWO FOR MISSOURI

Denver Also Ignored in the Naming of Districts Under the New Currency Law.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 3.—With the federal reserve districts designated, President Wilson today took the center of the stage in the currency situation. Until he names the five members of the board which will administer the operations of the new law only the formal work under it can go on.

The cities as selected came in for much criticism today. The passing over of New Orleans for Dallas and the selection of two cities in one state—St. Louis and Kansas City—was particularly commented on. So far as Dallas is concerned, there seemed a general opinion that this selection was well warranted because of the territory involved. Texas, New Mexico and the southern part of Arizona are so vast that the committee decided the reserve city should be placed as near the center as possible. Geographically, Dallas was ideal and it was named. Had New Orleans received the plum, its position at the very eastern extremity of the zone would have meant real delay should necessity for emergency communication or transfer of funds arise. This, it was said, was the actual reason for the selection and there was emphatic denial today of the report that New Orleans has been turned down because of the position taken by the Louisiana senators on the tariff bill.

Kansas City, however, got its plum, it was freely admitted, through the influence of Senators Stone and Reed of Missouri. Reed has his home there and he was able to enlist Senator Owen of Oklahoma in aid. Stone has just been made chairman of the powerful committee on foreign relations and his wishes have much more weight than heretofore. But many members of senate and house were caustic in their criticism, however, insisting that the Missouri city had been favored at the expense of Denver, which seemed ideally situated geographically.

The cities as named were: BOSTON. NEW YORK. PHILADELPHIA. CLEVELAND. RICHMOND. ATLANTA. CHICAGO. ST. LOUIS. MINNEAPOLIS. KANSAS CITY. DALLAS. SAN FRANCISCO. Of these, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Minneapolis and San Francisco have always been sure of being named.

The committee today formally certified to the comptroller its designations and he immediately sent to the various cities in which banks are situated that have elected to participate in the new plan, notifications setting forth where each federal reserve bank will be established. Within thirty days the various banks, and practically every national bank in this country is included, must begin the payment for its stock in the federal reserve bank in its district. Each bank subscribed six percent of its capital

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FISH OBJECT TO SEWAGE WHICH IS NOT DOCTORED UP

Entire Sanitary Survey of Rock River District May be Ordered.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Ill., April 3.—Immediate steps to prevent contamination of the waters of Rock River by the extension of the sewerage system of the city of Rockford, and plans for an entire sanitary survey of the Rock River district were discussed today at a conference here between the state rivers and lakes commission. Engineer Paul Hansen of the state water survey took part in the conference.

It was hoped to develop a sewerage treatment plan which would enable Rockford to avoid making the stream a nuisance and which might later be extended to other cities on the river.

Although neither Engineer Hansen nor the state entomologist for Illinois would say whether Rock River was to be used as a fish reserve, both declared that untreated sewage from the cities would imperil all fish in the stream.

PERIODICAL OUTBREAK BY THE ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTES

Attempt Made to Blow up Church While One Undergoes Forcible Feeding.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, April 3.—All suffragette leaders are being closely watched today for fear of demonstrations against the forcible feeding of Mary Richardson, who slashed the famous Rokeby Venus. Home Secretary McKenna

formally announced that forcible feeding had been found necessary. Lisburn Castle, county Antrim, was fired by suffragettes last night but the blaze was discovered and extinguished before serious damage was done. A note of vengeance addressed to Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, was left by the women.

Tried to Blow up Church. GLASGOW, Scotland, April 3.—Suffragettes attempted to blow up Belmont church here today, exploding three bombs in the edifice. Only slight damage was done.