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The loafer is not afraid of spring fever germs.

It looks as if the harem skirt were to be hobbled.

The trouser skirt is not popular even on the Paris stage.

The silk hat is threatened, but threatened hats live long.

In catching a street car a harem skirt has a hobble skirt skinned a block.

There ought to be no trouble in getting a little light on the so-called match trust.

New uses are continually being found for radium. All that is needed is some radium.

Sometimes when you think that opportunity is knocking at your door it turns out to be a collector.

The meanest man has been found in Texas. He was arrested for stealing milk from an orphan asylum.

A hospital physician declares that everybody is crazy now and then. So it isn't always the other fellow.

An unusual happening is reported from Connecticut. A woman found \$3,000 in her dead husband's pockets.

To teach the young idea how to swim Chicago educators think is quite as important as teaching it to shoot.

The harem skirt has been causing riots in Rio Janeiro, but Buenos Ayres appears to be making an effort to take it tranquilly.

Now we are told that a woman's skirt is her crowning glory. All of which is our notion of no place to wear a skirt.

In parts of Nova Scotia's automobilism is allowed four days each week. The rest of the time the roads are perfectly safe.

You can send a day letter by telegraph now, but old-fashioned people will cling to the "arrived safely" and "am well" formula.

A New York physician promises to make bad boys good by proper breathing. It is a far cry from a strap in the woodshed to a breathing exercise.

A foot race has been arranged for one-legged men from Minneapolis to St. Louis. And thus the great work of the twentieth century goes on.

A New York office boy made \$50,000 speculating in Wall street, but they got \$20,000 of it away from him the next day—and he is still fooling around in Wall street.

In New York a woman is trying to prove that she loved a man and she offers in evidence letters in which she called him her "ugly monkey" and her "curly bear." It must be splendid to be loved like that.

By an astronomer it is alleged that because comets are composed merely of dust collisions with them need not be feared. Just the same they give the solar system the appearance of needing a vacuum cleaner.

Winsted, Conn., has a fisherman who claims to have caught a pickerel because the latter mistook his nose for bait and jumped at it. It strikes us that said fisherman must have consumed a vast amount of bait to acquire a nose so brilliant that a pickerel would jump at it.

Under the new law it costs \$10 to carry a pistol in New York instead of only \$2.50. But those who expect to see the difference reflected in a decrease of shooting affrays will probably be disappointed. If the fee was a million, and it was not enforced more strictly than the \$2.50 one, it would be just as ineffectual.

Sir Hiram Maxim is still singing the praises of that great American dish—pork and beans. Some of these days the humble and much-abused pig will send an authority abroad who will wondrously elevate it to the heights, and make us ashamed that familiarity and tradition have made us belittle the hidden sweetness and light we have with us.

A flitted Brooklyn man is suing the sickle fair one for the time lost in courting her. She pleads by way of defense a woman's inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness by changing her mind. In face of this constitutional right the unlucky swain has no case. All the courts appealed to on this issue have hitherto upheld this right, which, indeed, antedates everything but the creation.

King Souditch Choa Fa Maha Zavravuth, of Siam, cables thanks for sending an American representative to his late father's cremation. That is nothing. We are quite willing, on general principles, to send representatives to more cremations of oriental potentates, considering that the Orient has such potentates to burn. But it is to be hoped that Siamese court etiquette will not require an American tongue to get twisted around His Majesty's given name.

A gallant court in Pennsylvania has decided that a woman with beautiful eyes can use them in any way she pleases. There is a large measure of prudence in the gallantry, for no court under Heaven could keep beautiful eyes from being used.

Richard von Arkory, a Hungarian baron, was arrested in New York the other day for carrying brass knuckles. Evidently he had heard of the Drexel-Bersford flat encounter and wanted to be prepared when he broke to American society.

INDUSTRIAL GAIN

Census Gives Marshalltown Lead Of All Cities of Size in State

CLINTON GETS SECOND PLACE

First City's Increase in Amount of Capital Invested Leaps From \$1,441,000 to \$2,558,000 in Ten Years.

Marshalltown.—According to the government census of manufacturing industries, reported from Washington, this city made the most rapid strides industrially of any city placed in the same class in Iowa. Clinton, Keokuk, Fort Dodge and Boone, the first three of which are larger than Marshalltown.

Marshalltown's gain in amount of capital invested jumped from \$1,441,000 in 1904 to \$2,558,000 in 1909, an increase of 78 per cent. Clinton showed the next largest gain of the five cities cited, and its increase was only 49 per cent.

In the amount of wages paid Marshalltown shows a gain of 73 per cent, paying out annually in wages \$1,103,000. Keokuk, the next largest in gain, increased only 34 per cent. Marshalltown shows an increase of 56 per cent in the value of her manufactured products in 1909 over 1904; an increase of 73 per cent in the value added to materials by the manufacturing process; 54 per cent increase in the number of wage earners employed, and an increase of 20 per cent in the number of salaried officers and clerks employed.

Iowan's Death Causes Suit.

Waterloo.—The administrators of the estate of Henry Austin, founder of Austinville, and at one time one of the wealthiest men in Iowa, have brought suit against the Chicago Great Western railway for damages in the sum of \$23,225, for his death and the demolition of a valuable automobile.

Austin was struck by a switch train at the Mulberry street crossing Feb. 22, and died three days later of his injuries.

Thirty Are Initiated.

Woodbine.—Thirty candidates were given first degrees here in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge, the Woodbine drill team doing the work. Two large delegations, one from Logan and one from Dunlap were in attendance. Grand Master Herbert C. Ring of Fort Dodge and Deputy Grand Master Stevens of Council Bluffs were in attendance and gave short addresses. The local lodge has 250 members.

Nevada May Get Factory.

Nevada.—A factory for the manufacture of manure spreaders, small gasoline engines and numerous other implements will be one of the new enterprises to be started here soon. The Commercial club has become interested in a proposition made by capitalists who hold patents on a manure spreader and is preparing for the establishment of a plant here. The company will be capitalized at \$25,000.

Farmer Hurt in Runaway.

Perry.—John Hansen, a farmer living east of the city, was badly hurt as he was returning to his home, when the horse which he was driving became frightened at an automobile. The animal turned quickly, upsetting the rig. His right leg was broken. The fracture was a compound one, the bones protruding through the flesh. He was taken to a hospital in Des Moines.

Moore Repeats Charges.

Cedar Rapids.—Rep. E. R. Moore reiterated his charges against Prof. Holden of Ames, and declared an investigation would prove more than he had alleged. Local members of the state board of education declined to discuss the matter for publication, but admitted that an investigation probably would be made at the next meeting of the board.

Assaulted for Revenge.

Mason City.—It develops that the assault upon Dr. J. C. Freeman of Glenview, Minn., was not because of alleged trouble between him and his wife, but was the work of thugs who were enraged at the doctor because of his work for temperance and his desire to drive out the bootleggers in that locality.

Church Will Have "Gym."

Griswold.—Union church here will install a "gym" at once and the training will be in charge of T. B. Homan superintendent of the city schools. The "gym" will be free to the young men and women of the town.

Telegraphers Will Meet.

Cedar Rapids.—June 9, will see the city filled with members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of this order. Fully 500 are expected.

Great Farmer Makes Talk.

Independence.—Charles W. Willis, of kite track fame, now the largest farmer in the world, preached to large congregations at the Presbyterian church. He has 33,000 acres of land in Canada.

Morse Chosen Delegate.

Estherville.—At the Emmet county Modern Woodmen of America convention held in this city recently J. W. Morse, a prominent attorney, was elected as a county delegate to the state convention to be held in Des Moines, May 2.

Albert L. Lindner Dies.

Iowa City.—Albert L. Lindner, formerly grand worthy patron of the Iowa Eastern Star, died suddenly at Greeley, Colo., of heart disease, according to a telegram received here.

Arrested On Honeymoon Trip.

Keokuk.—A sensational scene was created on the streets of Keokuk and in the police station when Joseph F. Gertz and Fanny Ferguson were arrested and loaded into a patrol wagon as they were about to depart for Chicago on their bridal tour. They were taken into custody at the instance of former Jailer George Ferguson, father of the bride, who said his daughter was only 16 years of age. James Burrows, a justice of the peace, acted as witness to secure the license and then married the couple.

Love Letters On File.

Marshalltown.—Declaring that the cost bond in her \$10,000 breach of promise case against B. L. Pyle, a wealthy farmer of Marletta township, is too high, Mrs. Alma Clark of Doltion, Cook county, Illinois, has filed a resistance to the proposed bond.

To show her good faith, Mrs. Clark files with her resistance four of Pyle's alleged love letters. The letters are filled with tender messages. Mrs. Clark is a young woman, and Pyle is almost 70 and a grandfather.

Judge Directs Verdict.

Dubuque.—A motion by the defendant to direct a verdict in the case against Charles Phillips charged with embezzlement, was sustained by Judge Kintzinger. Phillips was charged with the embezzlement of funds of the Singer Sewing Machine company. The alleged crime was committed in Allamakee county, but the failure to return the money to the Dubuque office brought the trial here.

Will Build New Plants.

Ames.—The Ames Engineering company has finished the plans and specifications for the two new plants it is to install soon. One of the plants is at Jewell and is to be a \$12,000 plant. It is to be a city plant for lighting and power and is controlled by a syndicate. The other plant to be installed is at the new poor farm which is being built at Marengo. This plant is to cost about \$2,000.

Wealthy Farmer is Sued.

Iowa City.—Mrs. Helene Cogan, the wife of John Cogan, a wealthy farmer, has sued the latter for a divorce and \$10,000 alimony. She alleged that Cogan is disposing of nearly all of his \$50,000 worth of property to his son, Timothy, in order to keep the money from her. She cites alleged fraudulent transfers of \$15,000 worth of farm lands near Marengo and \$8,000 worth near Atlantic, Ia.

George S. Terry Dead.

Sioux City.—Discouraged by the fact that his son had tuberculosis, his daughter had lost her position with the Singer Sewing Machine company and he himself had been forced to accept a revised contract with the same company, Alfred Dixon, aged 55, of Sioux City, after writing a pathetic letter to his family, shot himself in the head and died instantly.

Boston Woman is Matron.

Marshalltown.—Commandant Horton of the Iowa Soldiers' home appointed Mrs. Rachel S. Lyman of Boston, Mass., matron of the woman's dormitory at the home. Mrs. Lyman is a former Council Bluffs woman where she lived for many years. She is the widow of Major Lyman, who commanded a battalion of the Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry.

Iowan Dies in Chicago.

Iowa Falls.—Robert Caine, who was taken to Chicago for an operation the first of last week died there, and the remains were brought here for interment. Mr. Caine was 40 years of age, and came to this country twenty-one years ago, located in Ellis township, where he engaged in farming up to the present time.

Boy Scouts Take "Hike."

Council Bluffs.—Boy Scouts of Council Bluffs, in command of Scout Masters Hutchins, Maurer and Sayles and Secretary Eastman of the local Y. M. C. A., and State Secretary Paulson of the Y. M. C. A., held their first camp fire and jollification at Big Lake, a few miles north of the city. The party "hiked" to the lake where it went into camp.

Former Iowan Honored.

Mason City.—W. A. Brandenburg, former superintendent of schools of this city and prior to that principal of one of the schools in Des Moines, has been appointed a member of the board of education of the state of Oklahoma. He was appointed to the superintendency of the schools at Oklahoma City last year.

Presbytery To Hold Meeting.

Lenox.—Spring meeting of the Cornish Presbytery will be held here this week. Rev. R. C. Richardson of Miraj, India, is moderator. He will be here and Rev. D. W. Cassat, Cornish, will deliver the opening sermon.

Iowan Goes To Europe.

Ames.—Prof. L. E. Ashbaugh, formerly an instructor in Iowa state college, has recently been sent to London, England, as the representative of engineering contractors of New York city.

Pioneer Minister Retires.

Clinton.—Rev. E. J. Schultz, one of Iowa's ministers, has just been placed on the retired list by the Evangelical conference, at the age of 71, and after fifty-one years of active work in ministry.

Boy Dies; Sister Very Ill.

Manchester.—Fred, the 16-year-old son of John Scanlon, Silver Creek, is dead of Bright's disease, and a young daughter is on her death bed. The Scanlon family is among the most prominent in this section.

Not To Electrify Line.

Webster City.—Crooked Creek will not be electrified by the Port Dodge, Des Moines and Southern at once as reported. All the money the company can secure will be expended on the main line.

BEATING HIM TO IT!



BILL AIDS CONSUMER

MAJORITY REPORT TO CONGRESS SHOWS FREE LIST WOULD REDUCE TARIFF \$10,016,495.

PRESENT PRICES TOO HIGH

Reciprocity Not Enough to Lift Burden From the Farmers—Former Speaker Cannon in Speech Attacks Canadian Pact.

Washington.—Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee submitted to the house the majority report of that body on the so-called farmer's free list bill. The report is an analysis of the proposed duty exemptions and a Democratic political argument. The report shows that the bill would reduce the tariff revenue \$10,016,495, based on importations for the last fiscal year, an amount described as "inconsiderable in comparison with the great saving and advantages to all of our people from the additions to the free list provided."

Quoting President Taft's recent Canadian reciprocity speeches, the report seeks to convey the impression that the administration is convinced that protective tariff rates are too high. "In several public addresses," it says, "the president has admitted that tariff rates are too high, that such rates have resulted in excessively high prices, especially in the increased cost of living, which now bears heavily on our people, and that they have not received the long promised benefits of domestic competition under high protective duties."

Again the report declares: "The Canadian reciprocity agreement now before the house is a recognition on the part of the administration of the injurious effects of the extreme protective policy which has so long been imposed upon the country, and is an effort to mitigate its effects."

The reciprocity agreement, the committee asserts, cannot afford the American people all the needed relief from high prices. "Action on the agreement involves the necessity of further and immediate action in removing a number of duties on imports from other countries in order that justice may be done to the great army of agricultural producers who, in the Canadian agreement, are to have all the alleged protection removed from their products without a corresponding or reciprocal removal of the protective duties on the commodities they must purchase to sustain their lives and industries."

Former Speaker Cannon vigorously in a speech attacked Canadian reciprocity. Aided by a large map of the United States and Canada, he played the role of schoolmaster to a crowded floor and filled galleries. Mr. Cannon assailed the proposed agreement as dangerous to American trade, inimical to the best interests of American farmers and certain to result in depreciation of American farm lands.

"Not since the war with Spain and all that followed it has there been considered by the house of representatives so important a bill as the one now pending," he declared. "On the action of the house rests the well being and the prosperity of all the people of the United States. Is it proper on slight consideration to vitalize into law an agreement that affects the prosperity of every home in the land?"

To Expedite Parcels Post.

Washington.—By an order of the treasury department Chicago will hereafter handle all parcels post mail from Austria, Hungary, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and probably Great Britain, directed to persons in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. The order will become effective May 1 and is designed to facilitate the delivery of parcels post mail from European countries to far western states.

Fire Chief Croker Quits.

New York.—Edward F. Croker, chief of the New York city fire department, tendered his resignation to take effect on May 1. Deputy Chief John Kenlon was at once designated by Fire Commissioner Waldo to be acting chief of the department.

Russian Painter Hangs Himself.

St. Petersburg.—M. Kryzhelsky, the landscape painter and member of the Russian academy, committed suicide in a fit of despondency. The artist hanged himself in his home.

D. A. R. FIGHT CLOSE

CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT GENERAL TOPIC AT CONGRESS.

Contest Between Mrs. Scott of Illinois and Mrs. Story of New York Promises to Be Lively.

Washington.—Washington is swarming with Daughters of the American Revolution. And they are busier than the proverbial bees. The twenty-fourth annual congress opened here with Daughters from nearly every section of the Union in attendance. Every hotel in the city is practically owned by the fair visitors and hundreds of private homes have been hospitably thrown open for the invaders.

The delegates will be formally received by the president and Mrs. Taft at the White House. The delegates, with other members of the organization and of the Sons of the American Revolution, were given a reception by President-General Mrs. Scott.

When the congress was called to order in Continental Memorial hall by Mrs. Mathew T. Scott of Illinois, the president-general, there began what is expected to be one of the stormiest meetings in the history of the order. Questions of "politics" have resulted in the formation of factions, each with its own ideas, radically different from those of its opponents. Naturally, interest centers chiefly in the election of officers, with Mrs. Scott, the presiding officer, in the strategic point of the conflict. Mrs. William Cummings Story of New York, defeated candidate for president-general at the last congress, will "carry the fight" to Mrs. Scott and her adherents. She has raised the cry of "oligarchy," and declares that through the medium of the governing board to "rule the society against its constitution." As part of the campaign of Mrs. Story's friends in her behalf, 100,000 letters have been sent to the members in the various states petitioning their support in the movement to "dethrone the ruler and her clique."

BOYLES ALLOWED TO VISIT

Man and Wife, Convicted of Whittia Kidnaping, Meet for First Time Since Incarceration.

Pittsburg, Pa.—"Jimmy" Boyle and his wife, Helen, met for the first time since their incarceration in the western Pennsylvania penitentiary for kidnaping Willie Whittia of Sharon. Boyle was sentenced to life imprisonment and his wife to 25 years' imprisonment. The couple were permitted to pass half an hour together and hereafter they will be permitted a similar visit once every three months. The woman says she still loves her husband and her one desire is to be free so she can work for his freedom. A local attorney is preparing legal action looking to her release.

Roosevelt Ends Long Tour.

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived home from his seven weeks' tour of the west. As he stepped off a train from Chicago he came into contact with a crowd of outgoing visitors, many of whom greeted him with cheers.

Nearly 200 persons followed the colonel to the carriage door and many grasped his hand just as he jumped into an automobile to be whisked away to Oyster Bay.

Wants a New Constitution.

Washington.—Representative Berger, Socialist, wants congress to have power to call a constitutional convention. He introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution granting that authority and characterized the Constitution as "antiquated and obsolete."

Sculptor Carabelli Dies.

Cleveland, O.—Joseph Carabelli, sculptor and former member of the Ohio legislature, died suddenly of apoplexy.

Actress Is Shot Down.

New York.—Vina Stroy, an actress, while leaving the stage door of the Hippodrome was shot down and seriously wounded by an unidentified man who had been seen lurking near the theater. Her assailant was arrested.

Army Aviator Killed by Fall.

Versailles, France.—Captain Carron of the French army aviation corps fell with his aeroplane from a height of twenty-five feet and was crushed to death.

OPEN BIG CATHEDRAL

CHOIR OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE IN NEW YORK IS CONSECRATED.

Many Distinguished Clergymen and Laymen Are Present—Two Beautiful Chapels Dedicated.

New York.—The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest church edifice in the western hemisphere, was formally opened here in the presence of distinguished clergymen from both the United States and Europe together with prominent personages from the various walks of life.

Though the great structure on Morningside Heights may not be fully completed for 75 years to come, the completion of the "crossing" has given between the colossal granite arches of the tower a space where 5,000 people may congregate. It is this part, the choir and the two finished chapels, that was consecrated.

The largest and most distinguished procession ever assembled in an Episcopal church in this country was seen at the opening service. Among those who participated in the ceremonies were 26 bishops, 400 other clergymen and the delegates to the diocese convention. Among prominent laymen who attended the exercises were Mrs. William H. Taft, and Governor and Mrs. Dix. President Taft could not arrange to be present.

Among the bishops who took part in the ceremonies were: Warrell of Nova Scotia, Olmsted of central New York, Millspeugh of Kansas, Vincent of southern Ohio, Lyons of Newark, Burgess of Long Island, Harding of Philadelphia, Grafton and Coadjutor Bishop Weller of Fond du Lac, Wis.; Talbot of Bethlehem, Pa.; Whitehead of Pittsburg, Brewster of Connecticut, Kinsman of Delaware, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Knight of Cuba, Sweeney of Toronto and Morris W. Libert, head of the Moravian church in this country.

Much of the structure thrown open for use today is temporary. Parts consecrated are the permanent ones only. These are the choir, although that is not yet wholly complete, for much of the interior marble lining is not in; and two of the chapels, both permanent, the one erected by August Belmont, which is the middle one, and is known as St. Saviour's chapel, and the one given by Mrs. Edward King, immediately adjoining and known as the Chapel of St. Columba. The other five chapels are not yet finished.

The cost of the cathedral to date has been between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. Some money has been set aside for endowment, and there is no debt. It is expected that the completed structure will cost a total of \$15,000,000. So elaborate and colossal are the plans for the edifice that more than one notable feat of engineering had to be performed and they are yet to be solved. One unprecedented achievement was the placing of the keystone in the central dome, the largest all-granite dome in the world, without the use of scaffolding or false work.

M'FARLAND BESTS MURPHY

Chicago Boy Outclasses "Harlem Tommy" in Ten-Round Bout at New York.

New York.—Packer McFarland, the Chicago boxer, had the better of his ten-round bout with "Harlem" Tommy Murphy before the Fairmount Athletic club. It was a case of speed and cleverness against a man of the more rugged type, and the former proved the superior in a short bout.

McFarland carried the fight to Murphy from going to go, and at the end of the session the little Harlem boxer had taken everything that Packer was able to inflict. Little damage was done to either man.

South Bend, Ind.—Harry Forbes of Chicago, former bantam weight champion of the world, knocked out Young Jimmy Britt of Schenectady, N. Y., after ten seconds of fighting in the first round here, a right cross to the jaw finishing the eastern fighter.

EDWARD A. MOSELEY EXPIRES

Secretary of Interstate Commerce Commission Dies of Heart Disease, Aged 65 Years.

Washington.—Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission and originator of much labor legislation, died here, after a long illness. He was sixty-five years old.

The immediate cause of death was heart trouble, superinduced by acute kidney disease.

As an intimate friend and personal adviser of presidents, cabinet officers, representatives, senators, and other public officials during the last quarter of a century Mr. Moseley accomplished notable results, especially along humanitarian and philanthropic lines.

May Halt Camorra Trial.

Viterbo, Italy.—The trial of the Neapolitan Camorristas may be halted and a new investigation of the murder of Gennaro Cuccolo and his wife ordered on the ground that the informer, Gennaro Abbatemaggio, was an accomplice in the crime.

Paris Still Third Largest City.

Paris, France.—Paris retains its position as the third largest city in the world, the census taken last month showing a population of 2,846,986, an increase of 124,225 over 1906.

Elect B. F. Buah President.

New York.—B. F. Buah, president of the Western Maryland Railway company for several years, was elected president of the Missouri Pacific Railway company at a meeting of the board of directors.

Boxer Dies After Bout.

Waterbury, Conn.—William Luke of this city, who took part in a boxing exhibition here, is dead. His death was due, it is said, to injuries received in his fight with Joe Clancy, also a local man.

PEACE IS IN SIGHT

MEXICANS WILL END WAR TO AVERT UNITED STATES INTERVENTION.

DIAZ TO ACCEPT ARMISTICE

Government's Reply to Taft is an Apology for Battle on Border—Rebels Evacuate Agua Prieta and Federalists March into Town.

Mexico City.—Peace is in sight. A proposition for an armistice, pending negotiations for a settlement of Mexico's internal troubles, was received by the department of foreign relations from Washington, presumably from Dr. Vasquez Gomez.

The armistice is asked for to avoid "international complications" and is evidently caused by apprehension that the United States would take a hand in the mixup.

The government has sent a reply to the request that it will be glad to receive and consider a formal proposal for a cessation of hostilities.

The suggestion from the Maderistas included a desire for arrangements for pourparlers for peace.

It can be stated on the highest authority that the Mexican government will meet the Maderistas fully half way, that no difficulties will be encountered as to amnesty or as to the honest carrying out of the reform program, and that if the Maderistas are in the slightest degree reasonable peace is assured in a few days' time.

The minister for foreign affairs, Francisco L. de la Barra, stated that the Mexican government in its reply to the note of the American government with reference to the fatalities which had occurred during the first battle of Agua Prieta had expressed its regret for the same and had offered to repeat the orders already given to its soldiers to avoid shooting in the direction of the American frontier, although it pointed out that the shots which had caused the fatalities in question were fired, according to official information corroborated by the press, by the American filibusters who form the majority of the so-called Lopez company of rebels.

In its reply the Mexican government declared its surprise at the procedure of certain subordinate officials, a procedure opposed to the practices of international law and contrary to the friendship which exists between the two nations.

Further, Mr. De la Barra expressed his conviction that these incidents will not affect the friendly relations between the two nations in the slightest, as their respective governments are animated by the most sincere sense of justice.

Agua Prieta, Mexico.—The rebel army, following almost 18 hours of incessant fighting in defense of Agua Prieta, quietly evacuated the town during the night. It moved out silently and when day broke was nowhere to be seen. The Mexican national troops entered the city at dawn, encountering no resistance.

The reason for the evacuation of the city after their all day defense of it was not at first apparent. The most logical conclusion seemed to be that they had exhausted their ammunition.

Later developments showed the rebel army to be disrupted. Its leaders gave up the fight and the men in the ranks appear to have fled in directions of their own individual choosing.

The victorious federal force, which occupied the town, numbered about 1,200 men. Lieut. Col. Reynaldo Diaz was in supreme command. Under him were Major Luis Medina Barron of the rurales and Commandant Francisco