



ATTEMPTS ON LIFE OF WALSH FEARED

Food Served to Sick Police Captain Guarded by Doctor to Foil Poison Plot by "System's" Agents.

SURGEONS HARRY PATIENT

District Attorney Whitman and His Assistant Are Armed as Result of Death Threats from Graft Heads Now in Desperate Mood.

LIFE OF WALSH GUARDED.

Dr. William H. Upton, physician to Thomas W. Walsh, the police captain whose confession to District Attorney Whitman and testimony before the grand jury will be the basis for a demand for the indictment of Inspector Dennis F. Sweeney and others, said last night that Walsh's food was being carefully examined before he was permitted to eat it.

"Do you mean you are afraid that Walsh's enemies might attempt to poison his food?" he was asked. "I don't say that. I can only say that his food is examined. We are not taking any chances," was Dr. Upton's reply.

In spite of the protestations of cooperation and assistance made by Police Commissioner Waldo to District Attorney Whitman last week, and his letter to Whitman, in which he said he would not permit any of his men to talk to Captain Thomas W. Walsh again, if that was Whitman's desire, two police surgeons called on the Harlem police captain yesterday.

Whether this call was made under orders or whether some one high in the department took advantage of the absence of Waldo in Washington to send the surgeons to Walsh, is not known, but Dr. William H. Upton, Walsh's physician, asserted last night that after their visit his patient was in a terribly perturbed state of mind, and that he was audibly worrying about the accusation that he was an "informer."

It is believed the two department surgeons attempted to drive Walsh into an agreement not to testify along the lines of his confession by harrying him with the accusation that he would be called a "souffleur."

District Attorney Whitman ordered that no one should be permitted to see Walsh after he had been informed of the police surgeons' visit unless they had his written order, according to the statement of Dr. Upton last night.

Hints at Poison Danger.

Dr. Upton declared the house was guarded and that the District Attorney's order would be obeyed. His physician said that Walsh was far too sick to be harried by agents of the "system," and that such visits would absolutely endanger his life.

The doctor added that every bit of food that was given to Walsh was being examined carefully.

"Do you mean you are afraid that Walsh's enemies might attempt to poison his food?" he was asked. "I don't say that. I can only say that his food is examined. We are not taking any chances," replied the doctor.

Mrs. Walsh and two trained nurses are in constant attendance upon Captain Walsh, and Dr. Upton says the patient is too sick to be able to go out of his home, either to plead to his own indictment or to face a grand jury.

This Morning's News

Table listing local, general, foreign, and miscellaneous news items with page numbers.

40,000 FIREMEN TO STRIKE SUNDAY

Call Will Be Issued To-morrow Night Unless Railroads Make Concessions. Says Head of Union.

MEDIATION A FAILURE

Judge Knapp Holds Out Little Hope. After All-Day Conferences, but Delays Strike Order for Day—Will Affect 54 Railroads.

VOTE OF FIREMEN ON THE STRIKE

These are the railroads which will be involved in the strike of firemen, with the strike vote in each case:

Table listing railroads and their respective strike votes, such as Baltimore & Ohio (3,620), Bessemer & Lake Erie (186), etc.

Grand total 33,916. Only 1,198 of these firemen voted against striking. The votes of the men on five smaller roads, making 54 in all, are lumped with the larger systems.

The forty thousand firemen employed on the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river, will abandon their locomotives at midnight Sunday, William S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, will issue the union's strike call to-morrow night, giving the railroads the customary forty-eight hours' notice, unless some entirely unexpected concession by the railroads intervenes to alter the present programme.

The members of the committee, which is representing the union in the negotiations here with the railroad managers, made up their minds to this course last night.

Yesterday, a day of attempted mediation, brought no hope of a compromise, Mr. Carter said.

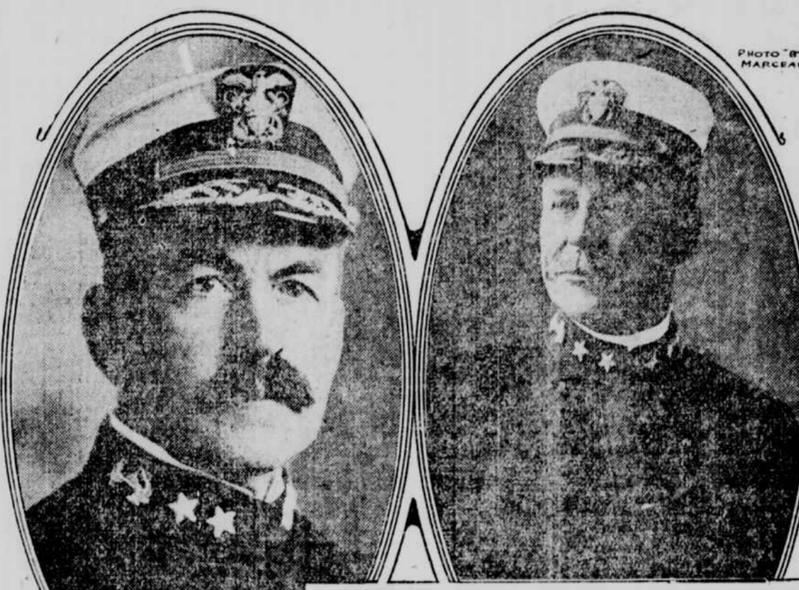
"The conferences have developed nothing new. The managers won't budge. The situation is hopeless." He wouldn't say anything more. He announced to the managers Tuesday that 32,718 firemen, engineers and hostlers, including 3,878 who did not belong to the union, had voted to strike, out of a total of 33,916. He was unable to reach with a ballot something between 5,000 and 6,000 more men, who will walk out with those who voted.

Two Days for Mediation.

The officers of the union will prolong the attempt at mediation two days to convince the public that they have done everything to avert a strike. They hope that a single week's tie-up of trunk line traffic will convince the railroad managers of their folly in not agreeing to arbitrate under the Erdman act and awaken the public to a realization of the justice of the firemen's demands.

They are prepared, however, for a more prolonged fight, having \$538,000 in the treasury and the right to assess the firemen employed on the railroads in the West and South. In compliance with the telegraphic request of the locomotive firemen, Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the United States Commerce Court, and H. W. Hauger, Acting United States Commissioner of Labor, arrived in town Tuesday night, and early yesterday they plunged into the work of attempting to mediate the differences between...

MEN WHO WILL GUARD AMERICAN LIVES AND INTERESTS.



THE VIRGINIA, FLAGSHIP OF ADMIRAL USHER.

TO STERILIZE THE UNFIT

Michigan Bill Affects Defectives and Criminals.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—The Odell bill providing for the sterilization of mental defectives and degenerate criminals confined in state institutions passed the House to-day by a vote of 72 to 16.

Two years ago the bill passed the House and was defeated in the Senate, but it is expected to go through the upper branch this year.

STRIKERS IN SAVAGE MOOD

Threaten to Kill West Virginia's Governor and Militia.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Conditions to-night in the coal strike district of Kanawha County were regarded as serious. The lives of Governor Glasscock, Adjutant General Elliott, Sheriff Hill and of every member of the military force now in the field have been threatened. All are on the alert.

ELEPHANT ON RAMPAGE

Batters Brewery and Army—Cold Kills Camel.

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Frightened by engines and nervous from walking through deep snow on the way to the car in which she was to be shipped to New York, Ella, largest of a herd of elephants belonging to the John Robinson indoor circus, escaped from her keepers this afternoon.

The elephant smashed the doors of the Consumers' Brewing Company, spilled cases of beer on the floor, caused a collision between runaway horses, scared men and shopgirls, and ended in a wild trampling of militia accoutrements in the kit room at the state armory. Ella, who is forty years old and weighs 5,700 pounds, had crashed through the four-inch doors of the armory and smashed a wooden and glass partition separating the drill shed from the kit room.

Boston, Feb. 12.—The east winds of New England proved deadly to one of a herd of five camels which appeared at a theatre to-day. While the camels were being led from the stables down Tremont street for the afternoon performance one of them knelt, as if to allow a person to get on its back, and then stretched out lifeless.

The management of the theatrical company has offered the carcass to the Museum of Natural History at Harvard.

TWO BENZINE USERS AFIRE

Clothes Burst Into Flame Near Furnace Door.

Somerville, N. J., Feb. 12.—Unmindful of their clothing being saturated with benzine and standing near a furnace door to get warm, Frederick Lawrence and Howard Jankush were so badly burned in the H. W. Johns-Manville asbestos plant at Flanders to-day that they cannot live.

Both men had been cleaning with benzine new machinery recently installed in the plant. Their clothing became soaked with the liquid and they stood within six feet of the furnace door, which was suddenly opened by a fireman. The benzine instantly ignited and they were enveloped in flames.

They ran blindly about the plant, causing a panic among their fellow workmen, but were finally caught by men who smothered the flames by wrapping them in sheets of asbestos. They were hurried to the Somerset Hospital. Both men are alive to-night, but it is believed they will die.

LOWER CABLE RATES TO CHINA.

London, Feb. 12.—A Peking dispatch to "The Daily Telegraph" announces that the press rate for telegrams between China and Europe has been reduced to 2 1/2 pence (5 cents) a word.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS lends delicious flavor to grape-fruit and jellies.—Adv.

AMERICANS FLEE FROM WAR ZONE IN MEXICO CITY

Ambassador Wilson Rents Houses in Suburbs to Harbor Hundreds Who Fear Madero's Attack on Diaz To-day.

DIPLOMATS' WARNING IN VAIN

Day's Hot Fighting Ends Without Decisive Gains for Either Side—Two American Women Victims—United States Government Ready for Action if Forced to Intervene.

Another day of sharp fighting in the heart of the City of Mexico ended last night with no material gains made by either the federal troops or the rebels under General Diaz. More and heavier guns were brought into use than on Tuesday, and much damage was done to buildings in the centre of the city, but last night the opposing forces occupied practically the same positions as in the morning and as on Monday.

Two American women were victims of yesterday's firing. The women were at work in their home, when a shell crashed into the building and burst, killing one instantly, and the other dying a few hours later.

Protests against the indiscriminate shelling of quarters occupied by foreigners were made to President Madero and General Diaz by the American Ambassador and the German and Spanish ministers, but the result was unsatisfactory. Each side sought to shift the blame to the other.

Madero has promised to make a combined assault on the rebel positions to-day, but yesterday's operations indicate that Diaz has much in reserve.

The British Legation was under the rebel fire for a time, but the American Embassy is considered to be comparatively safe, and women and children are being taken there.

Although determined not to intervene in Mexico unless it becomes absolutely necessary, the administration is rushing battalions to Mexican waters to protect American lives and interests. It has also made full preparations to throw troops into the republic on the shortest notice. Thirty-five thousand men of the army, navy and marine corps are ready to start.

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—Anticipating an early resumption of hostilities to-morrow more than 600 Americans fled to-night from their homes to temporary abodes in the outskirts of the city, where the danger from the fire will be minimized.

Ambassador Wilson, on information from the National Palace, knew that the government planned a crushing blow, and, determined to save the Americans, if possible, he rented numerous houses, to which, under flags of truce, agents of the embassy hurried in automobiles as many women and children as would agree to be transported.

The capital was quiet to-night, but the fugitive foreigners, filled with horror by the frightful bombardment of the last two days, needed little urging.

About 10 o'clock to-night there was sharp action for a few minutes by a federal battery against the rebel position, but at 11 o'clock the city was tranquil, with all the street lights out.

Mexico City, via Galveston, Feb. 12.—The bombardment of the Citadel, occupied by General Diaz, the rebel leader, which began in the heart of the city this morning, lasted nearly two hours, ceasing at 11 o'clock.

The federals stationed a battery in Paseo de la Reforma, about midway between the American Embassy and the British Legation, and shelled the Citadel vigorously for an hour. The rebels replied with small arms fire, the bullets raining about both buildings and forcing the diplomats to keep inside.

Ex-President De la Barra went to the British Embassy with his family last night, and is still there with Manuel Calero, formerly Ambassador to Washington.

The heavy fire prevented access to the centre of the city from the American colony surrounding the embassy until nearly noon.

A report received at noon said that General De la O and a large force of rebels were entering the city from the south by way of the Piedad Causeway, but this was not confirmed.

Federal troops and artillery in the afternoon concentrated on every side of the Citadel. Judging from the movements of the federals, as watched from the top of the cable building by the Tribune correspondent, this concentration was in pursuance of the plan announced in the morning by the government to make a complete investment of the arsenal preparatory to delivering one final, decisive assault.

From noon until 5:30 o'clock there was no firing on either side, except an occasional splutter of rifles as federal or rebel sharpshooters essayed to snipe one another.

Indications are there will be no further action before daylight to-morrow.

Additional government troops numbering a thousand or more reached the capital to-day. The federal forces are now estimated at 7,000. Unless Diaz gains assistance from outside, either from Zapatistas or through defections to his standard of troops now loyal, he cannot win, but the result is still doubtful. Any one of half a dozen contingencies, if it occurs, may throw the victory to one side or the other.

TWO AMERICAN WOMEN VICTIMS OF BATTLE

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—Americans again suffered to-day during the height of the battle. Mrs. H. W. Holmes, wife of an employee of Dun's Agency, was shot through the arm, and Mrs. Percy Griffiths, wife of an employe of the street railway company, was mortally wounded, both of her legs being shot off. She died a few hours later. Allie Bland, a printer, was shot through the arm.

CUBA SENDS A WARSHIP

Flagship Goes to Vera Cruz with Landing Party.

Havana, Feb. 12.—The Cuban government is concerned over the safety of Cubans residing in Mexico, and to-night it sent the cruiser Cuba, the flagship of the Cuban navy, to Mexican waters.

The Cuba will proceed to Vera Cruz. She has on board a landing party of infantry and artillery for the protection of Cuban citizens there.

WOMAN TO WEAR SHACKLES

Will Represent Prisoner in Washington Suffrage Parade.

Cincinnati, Feb. 12.—Miss Anna Hall, a prominent Cincinnati suffragist, will march in chains in the suffrage parade in Washington on Inauguration Day. The announcement was made to-day at a meeting of the Susan B. Anthony Club, which will march in the parade with the Twentieth Century Club, of this city.

Miss Hall is in Columbus, and in a letter read at the club's meeting this afternoon she said:

"I shall represent a prisoner weighed down with a ball and chain, because that is the way Ohio women are shackled by the inadequacy of Ohio laws, which do not permit women to vote."

BRIDE IGNORES DEATH

Wedded in Gown She Wore to Mother's Funeral.

Danville, Penn., Feb. 12.—Immediately after her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Crumb, was buried here, Miss Sophia Crumb was wedded to Frank E. McArran, of this place. The bride explained that the wedding day had been set for this afternoon, and that she did not desire to change it, she having a belief that postponed weddings are unlucky.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the home where a few minutes before the coffin with the mother's body had stood.

The garment the bride wore at the funeral was her wedding gown.

NURSE'S ESTATE TO 'HER BOYS'

Old Family Servant Remembers Early Charges in Will.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 12.—Affection for "her boys," as she delighted in calling them, led Joanna Dullante to bequeath all of her little estate to Arthur R. Williams, of Honolulu, and the Rev. Francis G. Williams, of San Francisco. Her will was admitted to probate to-day by Judge John F. Keating. Miss Dullante was employed for years as a nursemaid in the Williams family. When the boys grew to manhood they left Stamford. The faithful old nurse managed to save money enough to keep her in her declining years.

When she became too old to work she boarded with acquaintances. She died in December, leaving about \$1,000, which she bequeathed to the brothers in equal shares. In the will the Rev. Francis G. Williams was named as executor.

A. M. & C. CATSUP—12c. BOTTLE.

Selected ripe tomatoes, pure spices. All stores Acker, Merrill & Condit Co.—Adv.

MEN AND SHIPS READY TO MOVE

Thirty-five thousand men of the army, navy and marine corps in readiness to dash to Mexico.

Six warships rushing under full steam for Mexican ports—four on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific—carrying six thousand officers and men.

Two more battleships at Guantanamo ready for sailing orders, and between 2,500 and 3,000 marines there prepared to start.

Five smaller war vessels in Central American waters without wireless call for duty in Mexican waters. The Georgia, 15,000-ton battleship, Captain Marbury Johnson, due at Vera Cruz to-morrow.

The Vermont, 16,000-ton battleship, flagship of Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet, Captain Harry McL. P. Huse, due at Vera Cruz Saturday.

The Nebraska, 15,000-ton battleship, Captain Spencer S. Wood, due at Vera Cruz Saturday.

The Virginia, 15,000-ton battleship, flagship of Rear Admiral Usher, commanding the third division, Captain John D. McDonald, due at Tampico Saturday.

The Colorado, 14,000-ton armored cruiser, flagship of Rear Admiral Southard, commander in chief of Pacific fleet, Captain William L. Gilmer, due at Mazatlan to-morrow.

The South Dakota, 14,000-ton armored cruiser, Captain Charles P. Plunkett, due at Acapulco Sunday.

Within call to supplement this force are the cruiser Denver, on the way to Acapulco, Salvador, the transport Buffalo, at Corinto, Nicaragua; the cruiser Des Moines, on the way to Bluefields, Nicaragua, and due there Saturday; the gunboat Nashville, on the way to Puerto Cortez, Honduras, and the gunboat Annapolis, on the way to Amapala, Honduras.

FEAR OF TARDINESS FATAL

Boy Dies from Heart Failure in Hurrying to School.

Hackensack, Feb. 12.—Robert, the ten-year-old son of F. A. Schultz, of Jefferson avenue and the Boulevard, Hackensack Heights, near here, died from heart failure while on his way to school for the morning session to-day. He and his sister, Bertha, were late and were hurrying to the school building.

A few years ago a daughter of Mr. Schultz fell while playing tag and died from a broken neck. A short time after another daughter was bitten by a vicious dog, and died a few days later from fright.

Mr. Schultz, who is manager of the Mattison Rubber Company, of New York and Passaic, is in Bermuda for his health, accompanied by his wife.

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