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SLAUGHTER OF 'SHORE BIRDS' A GREAT FOLLY

Hunters Are Fast Exterminating One of the Best Allies of Farmer Along Eastern Coast

WERE GREAT HELP IN PREVENTING DISEASE

States Will Be Urged by U. S. Government to Enforce Closed Season Covering Several Years

(By Victor Elliott.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The days of good sport among nimbros who frequent nearby marshes, shore lines, and estuaries on over-Saturday excursions for a day's shoot at the shorebird visitors are numbered. Experts of the department of agriculture declare that throughout the eastern United States shorebirds are fast vanishing, and that it is only a question of a short time before they will disappear entirely.

Formerly numerous species swarmed along the Atlantic coast and in the Plains region, but the amateur sportsman have so socked into the regions where the birds feed and nest that extermination seems inevitable.

Sixty Species Exist. The term shorebird is applied to a group of long-legged, slender billed, and usually brightly colored birds. More than sixty species of them occur in North America.

After years of hunting by sportsmen, the habits of the birds are quite generally known to all who carry a rifle or shotgun on a day's outing. So adverse to shorebirds are the present conditions that the wonder is that any of them escape. In both fall and spring the birds are shot along the whole route of their migration, north and south.

Lay Few Eggs. Unfortunately, also, the shorebirds lay fewer eggs than any of the species generally termed game birds. They deposit only three or four eggs and hatch only one brood yearly. Their eggs and their young are constantly preyed upon during the breeding season by crows, gulls and jags, and the far northern country to which so many of them resort to nest is subject to sudden cold storms which kill many of the young.

It is not surprising therefore, that birds of this family with their limited powers of reproduction, melt away under the relentless warfare

J. H. LAMB IS KILLED IN MINE

J. H. Lamb, a miner working at the Sacramento shaft, was killed at 1:15 this morning. Lamb was caught in the shaft about 25 feet above the 300 station, the body being wedged between the cage and wall.

LUSITANIA ON ROCKS OFF CAPE GOOD HOPE; SEVERAL DROWNED

Portuguese Mail Steamer Suddenly Strikes and Will Be Total Loss

ROCKS SAVE LOSS OF LIFE

CAPETOWN, South Africa, April 19.—The Portuguese mail steamer Lusitania is listed upon Bellows rock, two miles southwest of the Cape of Good Hope, and will be a total loss. Various reports say three and eight persons were drowned during the transfer of the 809 passengers and crew from the wreck of the British warship Forte and a govern ment tug.

The rescued passengers as well as the crew of the Lusitania have arrived here. The vessel's tow was firmly gripped by the rocks otherwise she would have foundered quickly, probably with all hands.

BOMB KILLS THREE IN CHICAGO STORE

Thieves Use Too Much Force and Completely Wreck the Building

CHICAGO, April 19.—Three persons are believed to have been killed and a score injured late tonight when a bomb was exploded beneath a building on the northwest side occupied by Joseph Morci & Co., wholesale liquor dealers.

The three missing persons occupied the back rooms of the second floor of a building adjoining the one under which the bomb was exploded. The walls of both buildings fell, leaving a pile of wreckage under which the police expect to find the bodies.

Thirty-two persons living in a small house near the store were injured by flying glass and broken doors.

DEATH REVEALS FATHER OF TWO BIG FAMILIES

Michael Ahern of Chicago Keeps Two Establishments Fifty Years in Iowa and Illinois

INQUEST OVER BODY LAYS THE SECRET BARE

Two Sons, One from Each Family, Face Each Other and Can Hardly Believe the Stories

CHICAGO, April 19.—Two men, who met today at the inquest of Michael H. Ahern, a former real estate dealer of Creston, Iowa, each claiming to be a son of the dead man, learned that Ahern for fifty years had been the father of two large families, neither of which knew of the existence of the other.

At the inquest each of the two men stepped forward and identified the body as that of his father and gazed in astonishment at the claims of the other.

A series of questions and conversation between the two convinced both that each was right. Ahern, who was 83 years old, died suddenly at a hotel here yesterday.

He frequently had been visited by a man 60 years old and once by a man of about 40 years. From the story told by William Ahern, the older man, who lives here, and by Matthew Ahern of Creston, Iowa, the father's history was learned.

William Ahern said his father had left a wife with four smaller children in Ireland 50 years ago and had come to America. The younger man, taking up the story, said his father had married in Galeburg, Ill., in 1865, and seven children had been born, all but one of whom are living in Illinois and Iowa.

The elder man then told of coming to America with his mother after the four children had become of age and of finding the father in Chicago.

William Ahern applied for letters of administration to his father's estate in the interest of himself and a brother John, living in Seattle.

The aged first wife of the dead man is now in Chicago, according to her son, but was too feeble to attend the inquest.

The dead man left property valued at several thousand dollars and the claims of the Chicago family may be contested by those in Iowa.

REPUBLICANS ATTACK THE TAFT MEASURE

Call It Tammany and Dixie Combine Against Welfare of Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Former Speaker Cannon, Hanna, of North Dakota, Nelson of Wisconsin, and Sloan of Nebraska, attacked the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the debate on the reciprocity bill in the house today.

PEACE PROSPECTS IN MEXICO ARE SAID TO IMPROVE WITH TIME

Dr. Gomez Reports Progress Yesterday in His Plans for Armistice

COURIER GOES TO MADERO

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Considerable progress was made today in the negotiations for an armistice between the Mexican government and the revolutionists.

Dr. Gomez was informed that his first message of last week, sent by way of Chihuahua city, and outlining the preliminary peace negotiations in which he had engaged, had been received by General Madero, but that a confusion as to the code used had made it impossible for the rebel leader to read it.

A messenger, therefore, according to advices here, was dispatched from El Paso, Texas. He will pass through federal lines without molestation and will explain to General Madero not only the initial messages concerning peace proposals, but the fact that Dr. Gomez is waiting orders from his chief for the armistice agreement.

De La Barra is Frank. MEXICO, City, April 19.—At the request of the chamber of deputies, Minister De La Barra will make to that body tomorrow a full report regarding the negotiations for peace and the relations of Mexico and the United States.

It is not at all improbable that after having heard the minister's reports the deputies may take an active part in the settlement of revolution by assisting in the negotiations for peace.

The action of the chamber demanding all information available was taken in executive session which lasted two hours. Immediately after the closing of the session a committee called upon Minister De La Barra at the foreign office and informed him of the action taken.

TAFT IS ASSURED PEACE IS IN SIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Developments today indicated to President Taft that peace in Mexico may not be a dream, and there is reason to believe the Mexican authorities will adopt a "definite, resticive policy along the border" to prevent conflicts.

Senator Manuel De Zamacona, the new Mexican ambassador, was presented to the president and declarations of friendship were exchanged.

The subcommittee of the house committee on foreign affairs tomorrow will confer with the president and Secretary Knox on the Mexican situation.

Delegate Ralph Cameron, of Arizona, said he had received a letter from a business man at Douglas saying Mexicans, both federal and insurgent, who were wounded at Agua Prieta, were being put to death by the victors.

In a speech to the president, Senator Zamacona said peace would be declared in Mexico soon. The president in a few sentences not included in his formal address, assured the new ambassador that this government was not crossing the border ready to spring upon Mexico.

Families of Agua Prieta, Warned That Another Fight With Rebels is Likely, Hastily Cross Border into Douglas

Rebel Force is Known to be Near and Preparing for Attack; Next Skirmish May be Near Naco Toward Which Cabral's Band is Headed, Pursued by Part of the Federal Garrison; Railroad Depot in Agua Prieta is Burned by Rebels

DOUGLAS, April 19.—An exodus of families living in Agua Prieta into Douglas has been a feature of the day.

The refugees say they have been advised to get out of the town by the federal authorities, as they are expecting an attack from the rebels. The federals have been keeping their field glasses trained upon the surrounding country and report that the rebel army is in Cinezas Springs.

MADERO ON HIS WAY TO ATTACK JUAREZ

INSURRECTO CAMP, TOWN OF MADERA, Chihuahua, Mexico, April 19.—Francisco I. Madero, Jr., is marching on the city of Juarez at the head of 1,340 insurgents, divided into five columns, one under the direct command of Madero, and the others under the rebel generals, Orozco, Blanco, Villa and Salazar.

Abraham Gonzalez, called provincial governor of Chihuahua, received a report from the insurrecto chief today reporting twenty-six federals killed in a brush between the advance guard of the forces moving on Juarez and a detail of troops sent south by General Navarro.

At 8 o'clock Sunday seven of the 150 insurrectos were killed, it is reported here. Francisco I. Madero Sr., heading a peace mission, spent last night here, the delegation proceeding north this morning, hoping to reach the younger Madero Thursday. A gap of seventy-five miles in the railroad will be covered on horse.

1000 FEDERALS LEAVE TO RETAKE OJINAGA

CHIHUAHUA, April 19.—One thousand federal cavalry left here today for the relief of Ojinaga. They will proceed by train to Palomil, thence 30 miles overland to Ojinaga. The insurrecto activity in the north found most of the available federal troops here.

Word from the interior of the participation of Francisco I. Madero, the insurrecto leader, in the fight makes it less probable that he will change his movements to confer with his father on peace proposals.

It developed today that the "fourteen American prisoners, on their last day's march to Chihuahua, had nothing to eat. For thirty-six hours they were without food as they marched on the hot desert through blinding sandstorms. This was due entirely to the exigencies of war and not to any neglect. All the prisoners were in excellent health, and they arrived here in good spirits.

DEMAND MADE FOR JUAREZ SURRENDER

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The demand reached Gen. Navarro's headquarters while he was inspecting fortifications for the city's defense. This was confirmed by Gonzalez Garza, secretary general for the insurrecto party. No reply has been received.

FEDERALS LOOKING FOR JUAN CABRAL. AGUA PRIETA, April 19.—A detachment of 378 federals, 235 infantry and 40 mounted, left Agua Prieta this afternoon, it is believed, under orders to give battle to Juan Cabral's band, which is reported to the south of Naco and preparing to attack that town. The federal column marched directly west, following the international line closely. Fear of a renewal of insurgent efforts to capture Agua Prieta probably responsible for a failure to send forward a larger force. That the rebels have not moved far from the town was indicated this morning when a small band of them made their way through the federal lines, and set fire to the Nacari railroad station, which was destroyed, together with three cartloads of provisions, miscellaneous supplies and machinery. In the skirmish which resulted from this bold raid, there were several killed, reported to be rebels. Col. Diaz, commanding the federal garrison, has issued an order permitting the resumption of trade relations between this city and Douglas. Owen Savage, a member of Troop K, First United States cavalry, is a prisoner in the bull ring. His eagerness to get into the fight was too great for his loyalty, and he deserted taking with him an army pistol, to fight with the rebels. Tied and roped he was brought today before American Consul Dye, of Nogales, together with Tim K. Sullivan, an American from Bristolport, Conn., the consul having requested to see them. The federals had kept Sullivan for several hours so tied with knotted ropes that he was unable to either lie down or stand up. Sullivan saw service with the Boers in Africa. Savage asked the consul not to inform his family of his fate.

Since the siege began a month ago, the siege of the opposing forces are now within pistol shot range.

AMERICAN PRISONERS GIVEN LUXURIES

CHIHUAHUA, April 19.—Perhaps the most unique scene ever witnessed within a Mexican prison occurred this afternoon when Vice Consul Leonard distributed to the American prisoners in the penitentiary the supplies which had been contributed by American residents here.

The men are not to be held incommunicado but are to be allowed to have daily exercise in the penitentiary patio.

When Mr. Leonard with his arms loaded with supplies of clothing, food, and tobacco entered the prisoners were taken out of their cells under guard. The eagerness of the Americans to obtain clothing was intense. For weeks they had been paraded in rags with their shoes out by the long march from Casas Grandes. Soap, matches, combs and tooth

But, general, the insurrecto secretary says the demand has been made," he was told. "I have received no such notice," he replied again, and walked away. Garza was still in his office tonight at 8.30 o'clock and said he did not think he would leave tonight for the field to see Madero. "Our men are anxious for a fight and I do not know if we can restrain them," he declared.

SLOAN DEPRECATES ASSAULT ON MEXICAN

PHOENIX, April 19.—As the result of information received by Governor Sloan of the arrest in Douglas of Pedro Urquiza, secretary to the Mexican consul there, and G. C. Lelivier, editor of a pro-rebel paper, following a riot between them, the governor has sent this message to the Douglas papers:

"Have learned that the secretary to the Mexican consul was assaulted on the streets of Douglas today and subsequently arrested. The situation all along the border is such that such occurrences tend to aggravate international difficulties. In the present emergency any one who wilfully aggravates the situation endangers his country and puts our government at a disadvantage with Mexico. Such acts cannot be too strongly condemned and I call upon all the citizens of Douglas to assist in every way possible in preventing a recurrence. Thus far the conduct of the people of Douglas has been admirable, so that I have reason to believe this appeal will be effective and meet with acquiescence. Particularly, I trust that all officers of the law will see to it that neutrality is observed, so far as may lay in their power to maintain it. Good citizens should be more concerned in upholding the honor of their own country than in showing their sympathies for or against the government of a neighboring country. (Signed) RICHARD E. SLOAN, Governor of Arizona."

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Later it was learned that Consul Edwards delivered the note at Navarro's headquarters while the latter was on a tour of inspection. At 8 o'clock tonight Gen. Navarro said: "I have received no notice asking me to surrender." He turned on his heel and walked

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