

Rain Tonight; Thursday Fair and Warmer.

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EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MEXICO CITY HUNDREDS KILLED



Birdseye View of City of Mexico.



General View of Mexican Capital.

J. J. EDSON ASKS TAFT TO MODIFY LOMAX PENALTY

Noted Social Worker Joins Crusade Against Execution.

WOMAN'S LAWYERS PREPARE PAPERS

Hasten Their Appeal to the President—Three More Organizations on Record.

With three more Washington organizations on record against the execution of the death sentence in the case of Mattie E. Lomax, the negro who has been condemned to die; with John Joy Edson, the well-known Washington social worker, lined up against the infliction of the death penalty, and with the Lomax attorneys rushing the preparation of papers for their appeal to the President, the movement for commutation of the sentence of the colored woman gained considerable headway today.

Mr. Edson's statement, published in the Times today, is full of interest. For many years he has been recognized as one of the most active citizens of the District in philanthropic, correctional, and charitable work. He was a member of the Roosevelt prison commission, and is one of the potent influences in the Associated Charities and the District Board of Charities.

Appeals to Taft.

He declares positively against capital punishment, especially for women, and appeals to the President to modify the Lomax sentence.

The District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union has adopted a resolution advocating commutation of the sentence of Mattie Lomax. Similar action has been taken by the colored Y. M. C. A. and the Washington Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Hanging Opposed By John Joy Edson In Emphatic Terms

John Joy Edson, one of the most prominent citizens of Washington who has for many years been active in

WEATHER REPORT.

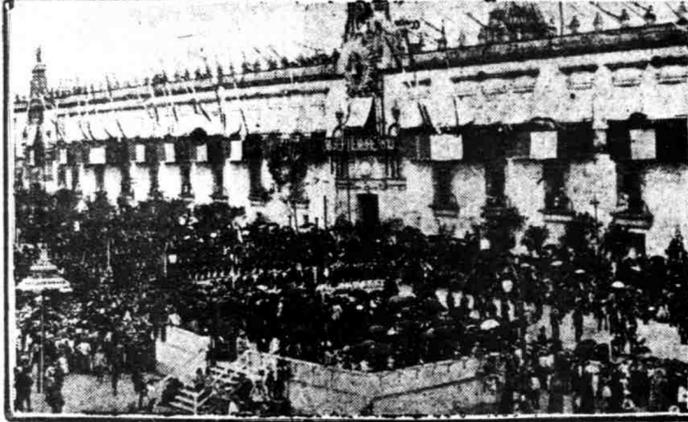
FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Occasional rain tonight, Thursday fair and warmer; light northeast winds.

TEMPERATURE	
U. S. BUREAU.	AFFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 61	8 a. m. 61
9 a. m. 61	9 a. m. 62
10 a. m. 62	10 a. m. 64
11 a. m. 62	11 a. m. 68
12 noon 64	12 noon 72
1 p. m. 65	1 p. m. 74
2 p. m. 66	2 p. m. 75
3 p. m. 67	3 p. m. 76

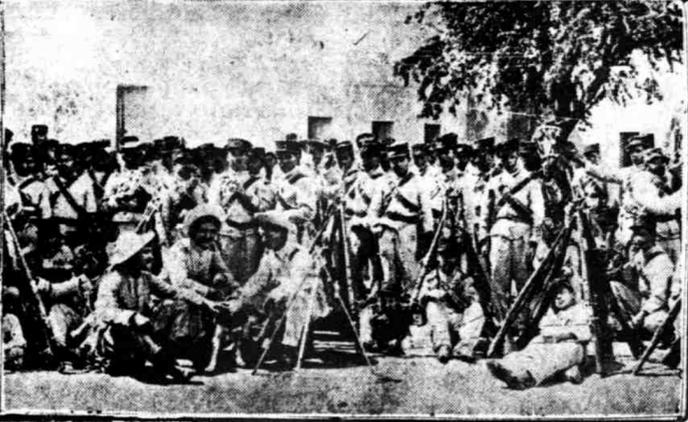
TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 4:48 a. m. and 5:32 p. m.; low tide, 11:36 a. m. and 11:41 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 5:36 a. m. and 6:20 p. m.; low tide, 12:23 a. m. and 1:17 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises, 4:24; Sun sets, 7:23



Street in Gala Attire, Similar to That Donned for Madero Celebration Now On.



Type of Soldiers Reported Killed.

CEMETERY SUICIDE TO BE BURIED NEAR SCENE OF HIS DEATH

McLaughlin's Melancholy Spirit Expressed in Verses He Left Behind.

Without offices of clergy, unaccompanied, save by one cousin, the body of J. A. McLaughlin will be lowered into a grave in Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow afternoon. The coffin, of plain pine, will be placed between the graves of McLaughlin's parents, six feet below the spot where McLaughlin committed suicide yesterday.

McLaughlin pronounced his own funeral oration. The lines of verse which he quoted in his farewell letter will be the only mortuary comment in connection with his death unless his cousin, Mrs. M. H. Vandergrift, of 2044 Oxford street, Philadelphia, upsets previous arrangements when she arrives here this afternoon.

Superintendent Magoon of the Arlington Cemetery expects that Mrs. Vandergrift will accede to McLaughlin's dying request that no last rites be said for him.

Two grim verses from the Rubaiyat came into McLaughlin's mind as he lay on the grass in the cemetery and wrote his valedictory. One of these ran: "Into this universe and not knowing Nor whence, like water willy-nilly flowing."

At the close of his letter, McLaughlin wrote the question: "Why if the soul can fling the dust aside, And naked, on the air of Heaven ride, Wer't not a shame, wer't not a shame For him In this clay carcass crippled to abide?"

The man who quoted these lines was the son of Lieut. J. B. McLaughlin, of the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, a regiment which rode up and down the Shenandoah valley under General Averill in the civil war and which took part in the famous Salem raid. The father who faced life as well as death without flinching, died of natural causes a few months ago. The son, who suffered ill-health as his own excuse for self-destruction, McLaughlin had contemplated suicide for many weeks.

Had Planned Cremation.
McLaughlin at one time contemplated cremation and in a note book is found the item: "J. William Lee, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Crematory charges, \$50."

Corrosive sublimate was the means of McLaughlin's death, and he died as peacefully as one in sleep. Not a blade of grass was disturbed. Beside the body lay a folded sheet of letter paper, which had contained the poison, and poison of two other kinds was also found in his pocket.

"My means are sufficient to erect a handsome monument over my parents' grave," wrote McLaughlin. "For myself, I wish no tombstone," said one of the notes found.

Walls Crumble, Trapping Scores Seeking to Escape; Nearly Two Hundred Soldiers Die in Barracks; Capital Center of Great Catastrophe.

MEXICO CITY, June 7.—A violent earthquake here today killed 180 soldiers, several scores of civilians, and spread terror and destruction through the countryside.

The earthquake seemed to center in this city, which had been en fete in honor of the arrival of Francisco I. Madero.

At 4:28 o'clock this morning the first and most severe shock was experienced, although tremblings of the earth's crust continued until after 6 a. m.

The first shock lasted only a few seconds, but it was most grave. Buildings collapsed and walls caved and roofs fell in before residents within could rush out to the streets and safety.

How great the loss of life outside the barracks is no one knows at this time, as communication in the city and to the south is seriously handicapped by broken telegraph and telephone wires.

It was within the barracks that the soldiers met death. Without a hint of warning came a great roar and rumble. Then the earth upheaved and the walls fell. It took place quicker than the great earthquake in San Francisco.

No complete reports have been secured here from outlying districts, but there is word that damage has been done in many parts of Mexico.

Thousands are now fleeing from the city to the countryside, and among these are many companies of insurrecto soldiers who had come to cheer Madero. Their terror and that of other fugitives is pronounced, and the soldiers are abandoning their arms as they run.

"JUDGMENT OF GOD," CRY ADHERENTS OF DIAZ.

The main part of the city houses are still standing and habitable because they are located on made ground and have not fallen. The chief force of the earthquake, investigation shows, was at the barracks. At the Relem prison a wall collapsed but no prisoners, so far as can be learned, were killed.

Thousands of strangers were in the city for Madero's arrival. Every hotel and lodging house sheltered men from various parts of Mexico. Many of these visitors have since fled out of the city toward their homes.

First Earthquake Report Made Public By Father Tondorf

The Rev. Francis A. Tondorf, director of the Georgetown University seismograph, was the first observer to announce the record of the earthquake in Mexico City. Father Tondorf's report showed that the most severe shock in the history of the Georgetown observatory had been registered. The maximum disturbance, according to the Georgetown record, was on the north and south pin at 6:23.5, and lasted eight minutes. On the east and west pins it was recorded at 6:24.2, and lasted ten minutes. The disturbance died away at 7:31.

Roosevelt Denies He Has Pledged Support to Taft

The following signed statement by Colonel Roosevelt was telegraphed in response to an inquiry: "The statement that I have pledged myself to anyone for the nomination is absolutely false. I have neither done so nor even discussed doing so. The story is made out of whole cloth."
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

CONFER DEGREES ON GRADUATES OF G. W. UNIVERSITY

Belasco Exercises Attended by Educators and Public Men.

Prominent educators and men of public life attended the nineteenth annual commencement of George Washington University this morning at the Belasco Theater. Diplomas were given to 164 graduates in all of the nine departments of the university, and in addition to the exercises, the graduates received honorary degrees. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Francis Mackall Gunnell, and Leland Olesan Howard were thus honored. Upon Mr. Brown and Mr. Gunnell were conferred the degree of LL.D., while to Mr. Howard was given an honorary M. D. for his services in the prevention of diseases in the United States. Each responded briefly when presented with the diploma by President Stockton.

VILES' BRIDE GETS CHILD AFTER CHASE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 7.—Mrs. Veler V. Viles, ten-day bride of the chief clerk of the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., came here from Denison, Tex., this morning, after she had taken her four-year-old child away from her former husband, Edward Padden, in an exciting chase that may not yet be ended.

Offers Reward for Baby's Return.

The former husband had officers after the woman, who came here in a Pullman. He said he would start proceedings at once to get possession of the child. May 11 she was divorced from him, but the custody of the child was not taken up. Padden, the former husband of the bride, was in Leavenworth, Kan., when the divorce decree was granted here by Judge Guy M. Kirby, of the college. A reward of \$100 is offered by Padden for the child.

BANK COMBINES WORST MENACE, ASSERTS GARY

Witness in Steel Hearing Admits Power of Morgan's Money.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES FOR GOOD OR EVIL

Calls Roosevelt's Part in "Tennessee Merger" Piece of "Constructive Statesmanship."

Admitting the great financial power of J. Pierpont Morgan, and that it might be wielded for either good or evil; declaring again for Government control of large corporations and combinations, and designating President Roosevelt's acquiescence in the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company as "constructive statesmanship," Judge Elbert H. Gary, executive head of the United States Steel Corporation, today resumed his testimony before the House steel investigating committee.

Representative Martin Littleton drew from Judge Gary the admission that a combination of banking and trust interests is more serious than all other combinations combined. This was in connection with Mr. Littleton's observation that reports were that J. Pierpont Morgan controlled all of the largest banks in New York. Judge Gary said he did not believe this, but he frankly admitted the menace of a "money combine."

"Power of Wealth."

"You know the power of Mr. Morgan and other men of similar wealth, as well as I do," said the head of the so-called steel trust.

Probing the absorption of the Tennessee (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.
Senate met at 2 o'clock this afternoon.
Expected that Lorimer resolution would be adopted by Senate today. Military Affairs Committee gave hearing on Federal pay bill. Finance Committee holds executive session and considers the reciprocity measure. Secretary Knox heard.

HOUSE.
The House began debate on the bill revising the wool schedule. Judge E. H. Gary of the United States Steel Corporation resumed his testimony before the Stanley investigating committee. The House passed a resolution calling on the tariff board for information regarding the woolen industry.

White House Callers.

SENATORS.
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Myers, Mont. Gamble, S. D.
Bradley, Ky. Oliver, Pa.
Davis, Ark. Brandegee, Conn.
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OTHER CALLERS.
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