

MATERNITY HOSPITAL BADLY NEEDED HERE, SAY SOCIAL WORKERS

Dr. Rannick Says Such Institution Would Reduce Infant Death Rate

NO CARE IN THE HOMES

Place Where Children of Poor Can Be Born Is Absolutely Necessary

A maternity hospital, or some provision so that the children of the poor can be born under proper conditions, is being urged by city health officers...

Dr. J. M. J. Rannick, city health officer, said this morning that a maternity hospital or a maternity ward at one of the local institutions where mothers could be taken care of would materially reduce the death rate among infants and diminish the unnecessary deaths of mothers.

He called attention to two deaths in the past month that were preventable. During the past year, he pointed out, there were seventeen deaths of mothers between the ages of 15 and 40 within three weeks after the birth of their children.

Many Deaths Preventable

"This fact," he said, "shows that proper care is not given in the homes and infection that is preventable sets in. With a maternity hospital, cases of this sort would be a thing of the past. At least a dozen of these deaths would not have occurred had there been a place to properly care for these mothers."

"The number of still births is not being reduced as we would like to see it. This means that proper care is lacking in many homes. It points out that perfect tranquility has prevailed for some time in the capital and that therefore there is no necessity for the further presence of foreign troops."

Citizens' Committee Wants Troops Recalled

Port au Prince, Haiti, Feb. 2.—A demand for the withdrawal from the Haitian capital of the German and American bluejackets and marines was presented to-day to the members of the foreign diplomatic corps by the citizens' committee of public safety.

The committee, which was formed immediately after the flight of the president of the republic, points out that perfect tranquility has prevailed for some time in the capital and that therefore there is no necessity for the further presence of foreign troops.

CITIZENS ARE INDIGNANT

Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, Feb. 2.—Widespread indignation against the French government was aroused here to-day by the arrival from Saint Nazaire on the French liner Champagne of 104 invalidly wounded members of the French army who had been crippled through having to serve in the winter in France. More than twenty others died from exposure during their period of service there.

PLANS MUSIC SCHOOL FOR ARMY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—An army music school is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator O'Gorman, of New York. The purpose is not to teach piano or voice culture, but to enable musically inclined young men to play correctly and harmoniously in playing music as Old Glory floats over the parade ground, or, if occasion demands, to cheer the soldier heart just before the battle.

Late News Bulletins

COCKILL TO STAY

Following a conference this afternoon with W. Harry Baker, president of the Pennsylvania Exhibition Company, and other officials, George Cockill announced that he had decided to remain in Harrisburg.

TOOK HEALTH OFFICER'S CAR

Driving the automobile of Dr. J. M. J. Rannick, city health officer, which he took from in front of the Telegraph building at noon to-day, a man who says he is W. J. Dalley, of 1526 North Fifth street, was arrested at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Middletown.

Washington, Feb. 2.—James C. McCall, of Pennsylvania, was to-day transferred as consul at Tsingtau to be consul at Nuremberg, Bavaria.

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson to-day nominated Elmer E. Greenawald, of Lancaster, Pa., to be commissioner of immigration at the port of Philadelphia.

Paris, Feb. 2.—A Royalist outbreak is expected in Portugal to-day, according to a Madrid despatch to the Temps. Intense anxiety prevails among the Portuguese exiles in Vigo.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Senate to-day requested the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate charges that rebates have been received from the railroads by the United States Steel Corporation.

Returned to the United States, Feb. 2.—A stubbornly contested battle with a column of Spanish troops on February 1 at Beni-Salem, south of this town. The Spanish forces reported their own losses to-day as four officers and 22 men killed and four officers and 116 men wounded.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 2.—The submarine D1, which failed to arrive here last night with the D2, D3, E1 and E2, came into the harbor early to-day. Stormy weather caused it to become separated from the four other submarines.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jamaica, Feb. 2.—Sharp fighting has occurred at Gonaves between the followers of the two rival revolutionary leaders, Senator Davilman Theodore and General Oreste Zamor, formerly government delegate at Cape Haitian.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Maryland Steel Company, of Sparrow Point, Md., was the lowest bidder for two new navy colliers to-day at a price of \$495,000 each. Several other concerns declined to bid on the ground that the appropriation for the ships was insufficient.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-day notified the secretary of state that it would refuse to honor railroad passes held by 137 State officials, employes and officers of the Legislature.

N. Y. Closing.—Amal, Copper, 36%; Atchison, 99%; Baltimore and Ohio, 95; Brooklyn Rap. Trans., 91%; Canadian Pacific, 217%; Chesapeake and Ohio, 66%; Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul, 106; Lehigh Valley, 155; N. Y. Central, 94%; Northern Pacific, 116%; Reading, 168.5; P. R. R., 133%; Southern Pacific, 98.5; Union Pacific, 162.5; U. S. Steel, 65%.

SENTIMENT AGAINST SALOON IS GROWING IN THE WEST END

Hundreds Attend Meeting Where Plans to Fight New Grog Shop Are Discussed

EVANGELIST ATTACKS BOOZE

Paupers, Widows, and Insane Result of Rum; Urges Militant Church

Sentiment against the liquor traffic and the saloons found expression at two big meetings in the city yesterday. Both were attended by many hundreds of people.

A protest against the application of Isaac Marcus for a wholesale liquor license at 1103 North Third street drew a large audience to the First United Brethren Church, Boas and Myrtle streets. The Rev. John W. Minges told of the effects of "Booze" in a sermon to hundreds who packed Chestnut street hall.

Speakers at the mass meeting in the First United Brethren Church heard of the evils of the liquor traffic. They said petitions would be circulated among residents of the West End this week so that a monster remonstrance can be filed against the license. Last year Marcus withdrew.

The Rev. John H. Daugherty, pastor of Ridge Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, presided and explained the situation. Dr. B. E. Prugh, chairman of the State Prohibition committee, spoke on the national aspect of the liquor problem.

Church Should Be Militant

At Chestnut street hall, the Rev. Mr. Minges made a plea for militant Christianity and clergy who will throw aside the safety of their own souls for the fallen. He quoted many figures showing the waste due to the liquor business, saying that in addition to the annual expenditure of two billion dollars, liquor costs the country 5,000 suicides, 10,000 murders, 60,000 fallen girls, 100,000 paupers, 100,000 insane and 40,000 widowed mothers.

Two thousand people, mostly men, voted to support Congressman Hobson's fight for national prohibition of the liquor traffic at the close of the monster meeting in Chestnut street. Members of the W. C. T. U. who took a similar action some weeks ago, were at the meeting. His remarks about booze were frequently cheered. His illustration of the effect of booze on the boys and girls when he stated that every fifth boy dies a drunkard as the result of booze created an impression.

At the close of his talk a resolution was introduced endorsing the amendment of the constitution which would prohibit the sale or making of liquor. The Rev. William Stinson who presided called for the vote and every one of the men and women that crowd the hall stood up.

Last night a telegram was sent to Congressman Hobson telling him of Harrisburg's stand in support of his efforts. The telegram read: "Members of the W. C. T. U. who took a similar action some weeks ago, were at the meeting. His remarks about booze were frequently cheered. His illustration of the effect of booze on the boys and girls when he stated that every fifth boy dies a drunkard as the result of booze created an impression."

Hibernians Believe Parades Will Soon End

New York, Feb. 2.—Believing that home rule in Ireland will become a fact before another year passes, many prominent members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are of the opinion that March 17, St. Patrick's Day, will mark the end of the annual parade in Fifth avenue. With home rule in the hands of the members of the order that there will be little necessity for holding the parade, which has been an event in this city for fifty years.

This year, however, the Hibernians plan to eclipse all previous efforts to make the parade a notable occasion and yesterday officers and committees were appointed to have charge of the festivities.

Dr. Walker Argues

Dr. Mary Walker, in male attire, argued for the women that suffrage was a state issue. She was not permitted to enter with the delegation. "Shaking and trembling," said Miss Margaret Hinney, of the laundry workers of New York, "we come to plead with you. You are so square and on the level and so much a real Democrat that I appeal to you to influence them." "You are entirely too fair and intelligent," she said, "not to know what is going on in the world. In many cases with the

COAL SHIPPERS ARE HEARD

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Shippers of bituminous coal had their say before the Interstate Commerce Commission opposing the 5 per cent increase in freight rates being sought by the eastern railroads. The commission has set aside three days for hearing the coal shippers.

GIRL ASSAULTED AND ROBBED

New York, Feb. 2.—Ethel Commons, a girl of 18, was found unconscious in her home here to-day, her face covered by an ether-soaked towel, her jaw broken, her features bruised and her skull possibly fractured. Jewels and money were missing.

11 COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

Boston, Feb. 2.—Clues given by newsboys resulted last night in the seizure of a counterfeiting plant in a West End bedroom and the arrest of eleven men on charges of making and passing spurious money. In the last seventeen days, according to the police, six thousand had half dollars have been circulated.

FLAGS OF CAPITAL AT HALF MAST FOR GENERAL BEAVER

Governor Tener Orders Official Mourning For the Former State Executive

ALL DEPARTMENTS TO CLOSE

The Governor and State Officials Will Attend the Funeral at Bellefonte

Flags on the State Capitol and arsenal were placed at half mast to-day in memory of ex-Governor James A. Beaver and Governor Tener issued a proclamation announcing the death of the former executive, resuming his services to the State and directing that all departments of the State Government under executive control be closed to-morrow, the day of the funeral. Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young announced that they would close the hour of the services.

The Governor will attend the funeral services at Bellefonte to-morrow morning, accompanied by Secretary of the Commonwealth Robert McAfee, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, heads of departments of the State Government and members of the Governor's staff.

The death of General Beaver is the first of a former Governor since the death of Robert E. Pattison and unusual notice will be taken in official circles in this city.

The proclamation of the Governor is as follows: "It is with a sense of profound sorrow that I announce to the people of Pennsylvania the death of James Adams Beaver, former Governor of this Commonwealth, which occurred at his home at Bellefonte, this 31st day of January, 1914.

"At the outbreak of the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, (Continued on Page 13)

PINDELL DECLINES ST. PETERSBURG POST OFFERED BY WILSON

In Letter to President, Illinois Man Gives Investigation as Reason

DECLINATION IS ACCEPTED

Wilson Says Action Increases His Admiration For Man He Appointed

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., who was recently nominated and confirmed as Ambassador to Russia, has declined the appointment, according to a letter to the President, made public at the White House to-day.

Mr. Pindell wrote President Wilson that, although the Senate had investigated accusations in connection with his appointment, he felt, nevertheless, that no controversy of any kind should surround the appointment of any ambassador, as it was liable to be misunderstood abroad.

The President, in a letter of regret, accepted Mr. Pindell's declination.

Mr Pindell's Letter

The correspondence made public at the White House follows: "Peoria, Ill., Jan. 28. "Dear Mr. President:

"I deeply appreciate the honor you have done me in nominating me Ambassador to Russia and the very great compliment paid me by the Senate in confirming the nomination by unanimous vote. I had hoped and confidently expected when you asked me to accept the post that I could do so at once to take up the work at a very early date. I am, therefore, the more embarrassed to find that circumstances have arisen which will render it impossible for me to undertake the mission.

"I have, as you know, been put in (Continued on Page 7)

SEES HIS SHADOW—THEN HIS FINISH

JACOB HUMMEL CAUGHT HIS GROUNDHOOGSHIP

NOT TO COME UP IN COUNCIL TOMORROW

Councilmen Discuss New Measure at Conference Saturday Evening

Harrisburg's proposed new license ordinance will not be prepared in time, it is expected, for presentation to City Council to-morrow afternoon.

At an informal conference Saturday evening with City Solicitor Seitz the plans for the new measure were discussed at length although nothing definite relative to fees for the various branches of mercantile assessments was decided upon pending the acquiring of additional information on the subject.

The councilmen will probably discuss the question of fees with the merchants of the city and the rates will be fixed accordingly.

City to Sell Rubbish to the Highest Bidder

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Estimating that the city will be able to secure an additional income of \$100,000 from the sale of rags, bottles, paper and other waste material collected with a campaign to eliminate the familiar ragpickers who have been accustomed to delving into receptacles left on the curbs by householders. Policemen in every district were ordered to warn away the ragpickers under threat of arrest.

It is declared that about 1,000 men, women and children have been engaged in this work. In the future the waste will be delivered to city dumps by the ash collectors and sold to the highest bidder.

1,000,000 ATTEND CHURCH

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Only \$100 was expended in the six weeks "Go-to-Church Sunday" campaign which reached a climax yesterday, when approximately 1,000,000 persons, nearly half the population of Chicago, went to church.

BALES OF COTTON BURN

Italy, Texas, Feb. 2.—Four thousand bales of cotton were burned here yesterday in a fire that destroyed a cotton warehouse and five cars. The loss was estimated at \$340,000, covered by insurance.

FORTY-NINER DIES ON COAST

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Thomas Doolan, aged 84 years, one of the old time bonanza kings and a picturesque figure of the days of '49, died here yesterday. He had been associate of James G. Fair, James L. Flood and William S. O'Brien.

MUTES "HEAR" SERMON

In Trinity Episcopal Church, Pine street, Steelton, yesterday, a religious service was held at which not a single word was spoken. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Franklin C. Smileau and his audience of twenty-one people "listened" to his discourse with intense interest. Yet he spoke not a single word. The audience was composed entirely of deaf mutes, residents of the borough and vicinity.

REBELS, MOBILIZED AT JIMINEZ, READY FOR ATTACK ON TORREON

Total Strength of Army Which Will Attempt to Rout Federals Is 16,000

VILLA WILL BE IN COMMAND

Federals to Put Forth as Strong a Defense as Means Will Permit

Jiminez, Mex., Feb. 2.—Uncertainty as to when they would be ordered to begin the attack on the Federal army at Torreon, the scene of the most important conflict in Mexico, 10,000 rebels mobilized here and along the railroad south of here, to-day awaited the coming of General Francisco Villa.

With their forces drawing in from the south, west and east of Torreon, and with the troops mobilized to the north, the rebel generals assert they will attack the city with a total strength of 16,000. The rebel army is divided into commands of five brigades each, including Monclova, Huerfano, Rosalia Hernandez and Toribio Ortega, with General Villa commanding the division, and while their main body is still more than a hundred miles north of Torreon, their advance guards extend to within a few miles of the city. About forty field pieces and great quantities of ammunition have been shipped southward in readiness for the attack.

Have Superior Artillery

Against the rebels the Federal garrison under General Refugio Velasco will put forth as formidable a defense as their means will permit. The Federal strength is estimated by the rebels at from 6,000 soldiers upward. It is expected that the rebels will outnumber the Federals at least two to one. General Velasco's soldiers, however, have the advantage of position and are said to be supplied with superior artillery.

Torreon, with 25,000 population, an important railroad center and the industrial seat of the Laguna cotton district, besides having the largest soap factory in Mexico, has a natural defense to the west by a series of hills and canon. On these hills, which have a sweeping command of the city over the river and over the flat district eastward, the Federals have planted their canon. One hill in particular, known as La Cruz, has been converted into a veritable fort, bristling with long range guns.

It will be for the possession of these hills that the preliminary battle will be fought, for, in the opinion of the rebels, neither side without the hills could hold the town.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday; lowest temperature, 31; highest, 47. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Tuesday, increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer; light north winds becoming variable.

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries above Harrisburg are falling. All the ice in the West Branch, in the Chemung below Corning and in the North Branch below Troupsburg, has melted. Harrisburg on stages well below the flood line without causing any damage of importance.

General Conditions The storm that was central over the Upper Ohio Valley Saturday morning has passed off northwesterly, the storm is passing by an area of high pressure, with lower temperature, that now covers the greater part of the eastern half of the country with its center over Pennsylvania.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 20; 2 p. m., 40. Sun: Rises, 7:15 a. m.; sets, 5:27 p. m. Moon: Full moon, February 10, at 12:35 p. m. River: 12.4 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 47. Lowest temperature, 36. Normal temperature, 28.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Isadore Goodman, city, and Frances C. Salkin, Saxton. Morris Charles, Allman, Brooklyn, and Reba Ursula Eppley, Marysville. William E. Auman and Mary E. Haas, Gratz.

The Great Home Month In the Stores

Merchandising custom has made February the great "Home Month."

Read the advertising of the merchants these days in the live daily newspapers like the Telegraph and you will see how vigorously the stores are pressing their offerings of goods that have to do with the furnishing of the home.

Wise homemakers have long since learned the advantage of planning their purchasing along with the tide of the season. It is the policy of "taking advantage of the market" applied to domestic affairs.

Every member of the family—big or little—is interested in the home. So at no season of the year is advertising of greater importance than right now.

Those who follow the mercantile announcements in their daily newspapers will be certain to buy to greater advantage than those who merely shop in a haphazard manner.

PRESIDENT DODGES WHEN WOMEN ASK FOR SUFFRAGE SUPPORT

Delegation of Twenty-five Fail to Get Declaration of Opinion From Him

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—President Wilson gave no encouragement to-day to a delegation of 300 working women who marched on the White House with a brass band and flying colors to ask his support for a constitutional amendment enfranchising women.

Twenty-five of the women were received by the President and five in short speeches presented their argument. The President reiterated that as leader of the Democratic party he was limited only to recommending things on which the party had made up its mind.

"We don't want you to break with your party, that would like you to influence them," said Mrs. Glendower Evans, of Boston, after the President had finished speaking.

"It isn't a question of breaking with the party," retorted the President, "it is a question of speaking for it."

"Well, why not speak for it?" rejoined Mrs. Evans as the women laughed. "That's what we want. You have such tremendous power and can work miracles with it."

Dr. Walker Argues Dr. Mary Walker, in male attire, argued for the women that suffrage was a state issue. She was not permitted to enter with the delegation. "Shaking and trembling," said Miss Margaret Hinney, of the laundry workers of New York, "we come to plead with you. You are so square and on the level and so much a real Democrat that I appeal to you to influence them." "You are entirely too fair and intelligent," she said, "not to know what is going on in the world. In many cases with the

That a marriage contract is after all just a contract and that both parties thereto must agree to its terms before it is a contract was the position taken by President Judge Kunkel this afternoon in February divorce court, when Michael Fure, Steelton, asked for a divorce from his wife, Louisa, on the grounds of desertion. Attorney William Houseman, the Dauphin county marriage license clerk, was Fure's counsel.

The Fure's wedding party has had been one of a double ceremony scheduled to be solemnized by the Rev. (Continued on Page 6)

Carlisle's "Pie Book" Is Found in Albany

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The "pie book" which ex-Congressman Theron Akin last week declared Highway Commissioner John M. Carlisle kept, has been found. It has been placed in the hands of James W. Osborne, who is investigating alleged graft in State departments, it was announced to-day.

According to Mr. Osborne, the book contains the names of State Senators, Assemblymen, Congressmen, county political leaders and a number of employees. Mr. Osborne will continue his investigation to-morrow.

TRAIN KILLS TRACK HAND

Cambert Rocco, an Austrian, employed on the Pennsylvania railroad as a track laborer, was struck by a train near Division street shortly before 7 o'clock this morning and instantly killed. The body was turned over to Rudolph K. Spicer, acting coroner, who found an ineffectual unnecessary. Rocco was 36 years of age. He lived at 1705 North Seventh street.

Municipal Swan Sets Hearts of Barnyard Hens A-Flutter

David Eats Naught But Meat and Bread and Ceases to Sorrow For Phyllis, His Lost Love

The barnyard of Sam Esslinger, Wildwood, is all-a-gog with the doings of David, Harrisburg's only municipally owned swan. Never have hens been so wrought up. Oh, my, such a scandal!

Several weeks ago David strolled into the barnyard, arched his neck, preened and promptly caused a sensation among the feminine hearts of the Esslinger coops and runways. Mere roosters they have with them already, but the swan is enough to set any poor hen's heart a-flutter. And David has a way with the ladies.

Then, too, the story of David's sorrow had been barnyard gossip for some time. The story was that David and his mate, Phyllis, went to live on Wildwood Lake. Phyllis strolled over to the outlet one day, slipped into the sewer and was last. David pined so for his lost wife that

MARRIAGE IS AFTER ALL ONLY CONTRACT, SAYS JUDGE KUNKEL

Peculiar Questions of Religious and Civil Rites Raised in Divorce Court

(This is the third and final article by Mrs. Wood on the immediate problem as it is being solved in Harrisburg schools.)

By Mrs. Anna H. Wood Strange as it may appear there are very few Greek girls or women of the immigrant class sent to this country. As far as is known there is only one in Harrisburg to-day and she married a few weeks after coming here.

Of the Greek boys who are in our public schools, however, the teachers are loud in their praise. They are more adaptable and have keener, quicker brains than the children of any other foreign nation. In mathematics the Russian Jews, true to their natural

So Say Teachers; Training the Body as Well as the Mind a Public Duty

Reports from the south indicate serious disturbances there. Firing squads of government troops have executed a number of leading revolutionaries at the ports of Aux Cayes and Aquin. Among those killed was M. Lavieux, a former deputy and a prominent politician.

General Dardique, the military governor of the southern province, is acting with vigor and suppressing with a strong hand all attempts at a revolutionary outbreak.

GREEKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRIGHTEST OF ALL FOREIGNERS

So Say Teachers; Training the Body as Well as the Mind a Public Duty

Reports from the south indicate serious disturbances there. Firing squads of government troops have executed a number of leading revolutionaries at the ports of Aux Cayes and Aquin. Among those killed was M. Lavieux, a former deputy and a prominent politician.

General Dardique, the military governor of the southern province, is acting with vigor and suppressing with a strong hand all attempts at a revolutionary outbreak.

EXILES PROHIBITED FROM LANDING AT HAITIAN PORT

Port au Prince, Feb. 2.—The port authorities forbade the landing of a party of sixteen prominent exiles who arrived here yesterday on board the German steamer Sardinia. Among them were General Horelle Monplaisir, former minister of war, and H. Pauljeus Sannon, former Haitian minister at Washington. The Sardinia later left for Jamaica with the exiles still on board.

Reports from the south indicate serious disturbances there. Firing squads of government troops have executed a number of leading revolutionaries at the ports of Aux Cayes and Aquin. Among those killed was M. Lavieux, a former deputy and a prominent politician.

General Dardique, the military governor of the southern province, is acting with vigor and suppressing with a strong hand all attempts at a revolutionary outbreak.

TRAIN KILLS TRACK HAND

Cambert Rocco, an Austrian, employed on the Pennsylvania railroad as a track laborer, was struck by a train near Division street shortly before 7 o'clock this morning and instantly killed. The body was turned over to Rudolph K. Spicer, acting coroner, who found an ineffectual unnecessary. Rocco was 36 years of age. He lived at 1705 North Seventh street.

REBELS, MOBILIZED AT JIMINEZ, READY FOR ATTACK ON TORREON

Total Strength of Army Which Will Attempt to Rout Federals Is 16,000

VILLA WILL BE IN COMMAND

Federals to Put Forth as Strong a Defense as Means Will Permit

Jiminez, Mex., Feb. 2.—Uncertainty as to when they would be ordered to begin the attack on the Federal army at Torreon, the scene of the most important conflict in Mexico, 10,000 rebels mobilized here and along the railroad south of here, to-day awaited the coming of General Francisco Villa.

With their forces drawing in from the south, west and east of Torreon, and with the troops mobilized to the north, the rebel generals assert they will attack the city with a total strength of 16,000. The rebel army is divided into commands of five brigades each, including Monclova, Huerfano, Rosalia Hernandez and Toribio Ortega, with General Villa commanding the division, and while their main body is still more than a hundred miles north of Torreon, their advance guards extend to within a few miles of the city. About forty field pieces and great quantities of ammunition have been shipped southward in readiness for the attack.

Have Superior Artillery

Against the rebels the Federal garrison under General Refugio Velasco will put forth as formidable a defense as their means will permit. The Federal strength is estimated by the rebels at from 6,000 soldiers upward. It is expected that the rebels will outnumber the Federals at least two to one. General Velasco's soldiers, however, have the advantage of position and are said to be supplied with superior artillery.

Torreon, with 25,000 population, an important railroad center and the industrial seat of the Laguna cotton district, besides having the largest soap factory in Mexico, has a natural defense to the west by a series of hills and canon. On these hills, which have a sweeping command of the city over the river and over the flat district eastward, the Federals have planted their canon. One hill in particular, known as La Cruz, has been converted into a veritable fort, bristling with long range guns.</