

HUERTA AGAIN QUIBBLING OVER THE FIRING OF SALUTE; WANTS U. S. WAR SHIPS TO ANSWER GUN FOR GUN; WILSON STICKS TO DEMAND

Mexican Dictator Makes an Unusual Proposition and Is Turned Down

BATTLE FLEET IS STILL MOVING ON

Provisional President Is Afraid of Being Given the "Double Cro"

Mexico City, April 17.—Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas, Mexican foreign minister said at noon today he believed the controversy between the United States and Mexico would be arranged before tonight.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Huerta has parleyed again. He demands that his salute to the United States flag shall be returned simultaneously gun for gun. President Wilson is practically certain not to agree to this.

This latest hitch at the eleventh hour when officials here expected the situation was as good as closed up, was disclosed in the dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy. President Wilson discussed it with the cabinet. Administration officials said privately Huerta's counter proposition would not be accepted.

The development confirmed the fear of those officials who expected Huerta would equivocate again. Any intention of recalling any ships of the fleet now bound to Tampico was abandoned and those close to the administration expected to see President Wilson's demand for an unqualified apology backed up.

Huerta Plan Rejected.

Secretary Bryan left the cabinet while it still was in session to go to the state department and send some dispatches. He was silent as to their nature but it was understood that the word had gone back to Huerta that a simultaneous salute would not be accepted and that Charge O'Shaughnessy was advised that the United States would insist on its demand.

Officials expressed the view that Huerta has listened "to bad advice" since he promised Mr. O'Shaughnessy yesterday that he would give the apology.

Meanwhile it was emphasized that no counter orders had been issued to the battleships speeding to the Mexican coast. A blockade of Mexico and other drastic measures were discussed in official circles. Those well informed declared that if within the next few hours Huerta did not comply entirely, some announcement of what definite steps would be taken to compel his apology would be made in Washington.

Other members of the cabinet said Huerta had been informed that no simultaneous salute would be acceptable to this government.

To Back Up Demand.

Secretary Bryan announced that later today he would make public the text of Rear Admiral Mayo's original demand in which he agreed to return the salute of the Mexican commander at Tampico.

With the sending of the message to Huerta, stating emphatically that the United States would not accept his counter proposal for a simultaneous salute, the Mexican discussion at the cabinet meeting ended and attention was given to other affairs. It was apparent that the cabinet officials believed that Huerta would yield all points demanded by the United States but that they were ready to back up every demand.

Fears Humiliation.

It was learned that one of the causes of Huerta's latest plan was a fear that should he give the salute demanded the American ships might not return it and thus leave him in a humiliated position. It was said that he would order salute if assured that the United States would comply with the international amenities and acknowledge it. Word that the United States would acknowledge his salute according to custom and precedent went forward to Mexico City.

Secretary Bryan instructed Charge O'Shaughnessy to inform Huerta finally that the United States will accept nothing less than a salute of 21 guns and that the American ships will reply after the salute has been fired.

JAIL HELD UNFIT.

Cedar Rapids, April 17.—The Linn county grand jury today in a report condemned the Linn county jail as "unfit for prisoners" because of its unsanitary conditions.

School Children Plant 12,000 Trees in Illinois Town

Rockford, Ill., April 17.—More than 12,000 trees were planted by the children of Winnebago county today. This extensive observance of Arbor day was made possible by a gift from G. J. Boehland, a merchant of Rockford, of a tree to every public school pupil and a tree to every school in the county.

Most of the pupils planted their trees at their homes, but a number were planted at the schools. Rock River school, near this city, received 124 trees for its pupils, who planted them today after a design laid out by Paul Rlis, superintendent of Rockford parks.

American elms were given by Mr. Boehland to the children and hard maples to the schools. Each pupil received with his tree a pamphlet with directions for planting and care. The children will keep a record of trees and report in October.

Three Year Old Child Testifies in Mother's Favor

St. Louis, Mo., April 17.—The story of a 3 year old determined the coroner's jury to return a verdict of justifiable homicide at the inquest here today into the death of Harry G. Schuermann, who was shot by his wife last Tuesday. The boy, Charles Schuermann, the son of the slain man, told his story of the tragedy, of which he was a witness, as follows:

"Papa came to the house and started a fight with mamma. Mamma says, 'Stay back, stay back,' and then mamma shot papa."

"Did your papa have anything in his hands?" asked the deputy coroner.

"Yes, a butcher knife," the boy replied.

All the witnesses have been summoned to testify before the grand jury next Tuesday.

SUFFRAGETTES TO DODGE JEALOUSY

Great Parade in Chicago to Be Made Up in Order to Avoid All Friction

Chicago, April 17.—No political, social, church or other women's organization will be represented as such in the suffrage parade here the evening of May 2, it was announced from suffrage headquarters here today. It was decided to avoid at the outset any of the antagonisms and jealousies as to precedence that might be aroused by the women's clubs parading as organizations. The order was given that the women should assemble by wards and that no club insignia should be carried among the marchers. The only regalia required in the parade will be the Illinois suffrage cap and American flags. Club banners may be carried by representatives among the marshal's staff but may not be displayed elsewhere.

Every woman in Chicago was urged to march by literature sent out today. Ministers received requests to urge their parishioners to take part in the nation wide demonstration. It is expected that the parade will be two miles long. Permission has been obtained to use Michigan boulevard and to erect stands along the lake front park. Governor Dunne, Mayor Harrison and other prominent persons will review the parade which will be headed by a detail of mounted police and a squadron of cavalry.

ILLINOIS MINERS NEAR AN AGREEMENT

Danville, Ill., April 17.—On behalf of the executive board of the Illinois United Mine Workers, a statement was made public here today calling attention to a misapprehension in published reports of the negotiations at Peoria between miners and operators. The executive board's statement denied there had been any disagreement in subcommittee and added:

"The negotiations are progressing as fast as possible with prospects of a settlement in the near future which will give the miners of Illinois a better agreement than they had previously."

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR CHINESE BANDIT

Peking, China, April 17.—"White Wolf," the notorious brigand, lost 2,000 of his followers in killed and wounded in yesterday's battle at Li Chuan-Hsien, according to official report. The crushing defeat of the brigands occurred after they had captured and looted the town of San Yuan-Hsien.

ANGRY HUSBAND SLAYS HIS WIFE

Bellaire, O., April 17.—Angry because his wife refused to pay half the costs of a divorce action he had instituted against her, John Lugzi early today shot her four times, inflicting probably fatal wounds. He then killed himself. Two of their young children witnessed the tragedy.

DOUBLE MURDER IS DONE

Search in Fire Ruins Reveals the Dead Bodies of Lumber Manager and Bookkeeper.

Geddes, S. O., April 17.—A double murder was disclosed here today when the bodies of W. H. Menzie, manager of the Farmers' lumber yard here which was burned last night, and his bookkeeper, Miss Blanche Signal, were found in the ruins, side by side, face downward. Both bodies were badly charred.

The feet of Miss Signal were tied with a wire and her hands were wired behind her. Her skull had been crushed with a hammer, which was found near by. Mr. Menzie's feet also were wired together and a wire was found on one wrist. His skull also had been fractured.

There is no clue to the murderer or the motive for the crime. Mr. Menzie and Miss Signal were last seen alive when they went to the office about 8:30 last night to do some extra work. The fire was discovered about 11:30. It started just back of the office.

WEDDING DATE IS FIXED

Fourteenth White House Bride to be Married to Cabinet Minister May 7.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The president and Mrs. Wilson announce today that the wedding of their youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson and Secretary McAdoo would take place on Thursday, May 7. The announcement from the white house giving the date of the wedding also said:

"In accordance with the wishes of Miss Wilson and Mr. McAdoo, the wedding will be very small, only the vice president and Mrs. Marshall, the cabinet and the immediate members of the two families are to be present."

BODIES FLOAT ASHORE

Monmouth Beach, N. J., April 17.—The body of Mrs. H. G. Hardy, wife of the captain of the wrecked schooner Charles K. Buckley, floated ashore today, as did the bodies of three members of the crew. Ten persons perished in the wreck. One sailor was rescued.

SUMMON GOETHALS ON CANAL MATTER

GOVERNOR OF ZONE IS EXPECTED TO FAVOR REPEAL OF TOLLS EXEMPTION.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Col. George Goethals has been summoned before the senate canal committee to testify on the economic feature of the Panama tolls exemption for coastwise vessels. He is expected to favor repeal.

The colonel was asked to come at the request of Senator Simmons, but may not reach here before April 24, the day set for the closing of the hearings. In that event Senator Simmons will not ask for an extension of the hearings but will either request that Col. Goethals' testimony be incorporated in the record or presented on the floor of the senate.

Sentiment was said to be crystallized in the committee today for an amendment to the Sims repeal bill stipulating that the United States will give up no rights of sovereignty over the canal by the repeal of the exemption.

Supporters of that idea hope to win the president to it.

ELEVEN BURNED IN BIG TENEMENT

Five Story Apartment House in New York Destroyed in Early Morning

BODIES ARE CHARRED BEYOND RECOGNITION

Only Five of Victims Are Identified; Coroner Is Conducting Probe

New York, April 17.—A fire that swept through a five story apartment house at 741 Eighth avenue early today claimed eleven victims and resulted in the serious injury of four others.

Only four of the ten bodies taken from a theatrical rooming house that occupied half of the building could be identified, the others being charred beyond recognition. The identified dead are:

WILLIAM WALLACE, 68 years old, MRS. NELLIE WALLACE, his wife, MRS. NELLIE SPENCER, a cloak model.

MURIEL DAVIS, three years old, MRS. GEORGE C. DAVIS.

The injured are Joseph Messer, Martin Welsh and Charles Burton. Mrs. Davis sustained internal injuries and died at the hospital without regaining consciousness. The others are less seriously injured.

Escape Cut Off.

The fire started in a pile of waste in the basement of a five and ten cent store which occupied the ground floor of the building. It spread rapidly up stairways and shut off escape by them. There were no fire escapes in the front of the building and the large number of dead and injured was due to the refusal of the panic stricken people to remain in the front windows where many were rescued by firemen. All of the dead and injured were taken from the rear rooms and halls, where they were caught while attempting to reach the roof and fire escapes.

One man was killed in trying to escape over roofs. The fire was under control, in less than an hour but in that time many thrilling rescues were made by the firemen working from ladders in front and from windows of a nearby tenement building. Captain Smith, who was suspended by his feet from a window prevented Louis Boylan from being dashed to death when a ladder on which he was crawling from the burning tenement broke. Captain Smith seized Boylan and held on to him until both could be dragged to safety.

The proprietor of the rooming house, a negro janitor and several of the rescued occupants of rooms in the building were summoned to appear today before Coroner Timothy Healy, who instituted an investigation.

Three More Identified.

Three of the victims were identified later as Michael Delaney and his wife, Della, and M. Scott, manager of the New York office of the Rosstier Music Publishing Co.

HORSE HAS INTELLIGENCE

Animal Stands For Hours Over Master With One Foot Elevated to Avoid Stepping on Him.

Owego, N. Y., April 17.—An instance of the intelligence and fidelity of a horse came to light today, when the body of Frank Hannon was found faced downward in a brook, near here. A blanket was so wrapped about him that he had been unable to save himself after falling. Over Hannon stood his team, one of the animals having remained for many hours without being able to place one of its feet to the ground, as Hannon's body was under the hoof and the horse was unable to move freely in the tangled harness.

HANGING IS POSTPONED

Convicted Murderer's Life is Spared Pending Attempt to Secure Another Trial.

Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—The execution of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan, which had been fixed for noon today, was stayed through action of attorneys yesterday in filing two motions in superior court. It was generally expected that the motion asking a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence would first be pressed for action. If after arguments on April 22, this motion is denied, appeal probably will be taken to the supreme court of Georgia, which already has affirmed the lower courts in denying a new trial on previously submitted evidence.

VETERAN ACTOR DIES

San Francisco, Cal., April 17.—Moe Koe Rankin, the veteran character actor who was identified with Nance O'Neill for years in Shakespearean productions, died here today.

Effort Made to Assassinate Mayor Mitchel of New York

SHOT FIRED AT EXECUTIVE BY OLD MAN BELIEVED TO BE INSANE.

New York, April 17.—As assassin's bullet aimed at Mayor Mitchel, as he was leaving the city hall in an automobile today for luncheon, missed him but badly wounded Frank Polk, corporation counsel. The man who fired the shot was instantly overpowered. His name is David Rose; his age nearly 70, and he gave evidence of being mentally unbalanced.

The bullet crashed through Mr. Polk's jaw knocking out nearly all his front teeth and inflicting a serious though not necessarily fatal wound. He was assisted into the city hall, then removed to a hospital.

"Mr. Polk was hit by the bullet, but the bullet was undoubtedly intended for me," was the mayor's comment.

Attaches at the city hall said that Rose had called to see the mayor several times lately but because of his queer actions had not been permitted to see him.

While an ambulance surgeon was dressing Mr. Polk's wound, Rose was questioned by the mayor and a score of detectives. He refused to answer any questions about himself. Two letters addressed to Mayor Mitchel were found in his clothing.

The shooting occurred at the Park Row entrance to the city hall plaza, shortly after 1 o'clock. At that time of the day, Park Row is congested with hundreds of men and women on their way to and from luncheon.

Two thousand persons surrounded the city hall when Mr. Polk and Rose were inside. Several of the morbidly curious picked up teeth that had been knocked from Mr. Polk's mouth and had fallen on the running board of the machine.

At the New York hospital after a more detailed examination it was said

COXEY'S ARMY IS MELTING AWAY

ONLY FIFTEEN MEN IN THE RANK WHEN "BUGLE SOUNDS" FOR RESUMPTION OF HIKE.

Canton, O., April 17.—Fifteen marchers made up the rank and file of "General" Jacob S. Coxey's army of unemployed, when it fell into line at 9 o'clock this morning and set out for the village of Osnaburg, six miles away. A large crowd saw the marchers start today on the second leg of the pilgrimage to Washington.

Five fliers stood near the head of the procession and provided music at intervals.

Coxey's eleven year old son, David, riding a pony, headed the marchers. Chaplain Harry L. Wilson of Rockdale Pa., told Coxey he would take an interurban car and meet him in Alliance tonight. None of the sixty or more high school boys who marched from Massillon yesterday appeared this morning.

"Lieut." Anderson recruiting officer, worked late last night and early this morning, scouring the brick yards and railroad tracks near Canton in an effort to sign more recruits but only fifteen men presented themselves. While the men curled up on benches or on the floor of the socialist hall last night, Coxey and his little son were at one of the city's best hotels and Coxey's mule was in a livery barn. In spite of the meager proportions of his following, Coxey said he will continue the march.

GOES INSANE AND DEFIES CAPTORS

CENTERVILLE MAN IS SUDDENLY STRICKEN—SLASHES HIMSELF WITH KNIFE.

Centerville, April 17.—James Euwer of this city suddenly went insane here this morning and was captured by the police after a hard struggle. Euwer immediately took refuge in a woods near his home and defied all neighbors and friends who attempted to come near him.

He drew a large knife and for several hours kept all outside at bay by flourishing the weapon around his head. In his wild ravings with the knife he slashed himself a dozen times or more about his head and shoulders. He was only taken by the local police after a hard struggle from which all came out saturated with blood.

SAWDUST IN SAUSAGE

Boston, Mass., April 17.—Sawdust formed part of the filling of sausages offered for sale by a merchant here, according to a court finding today. Sentence was deferred.



MAYOR J. P. MITCHEL.

that Mr. Polk's injury would not prove fatal.

"Mr. Polk is conscious," said a bulletin given out at the hospital at 2:30 o'clock. "He is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances."

Frank W. Polk's appointment as corporation counsel was one of the first announced by Mayor Mitchel after his election last fall.

Mr. Polk is 43 years old. He is married. He was born in New York City and educated at Groton school and Yale.

The last previous attempt to assassinate a mayor of New York was made when James J. Gallagher shot Mayor Gaynor in August, 1910. Gallagher's bullet remained in the mayor's throat and many believe it hastened Gaynor's death.

TWO WOMEN ARE CLAIMING YOUTH

BOTH INSIST THEY ARE THE MOTHER OF CHILD BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPED.

Opelousas, La., April 17.—Scores of women were waiting today at the doors of the St. Landry parish court house, where the state will attempt to forge the last link in its chain of evidence against W. C. Walters, on trial on the charge of kidnaping Robert Dunbar, 5 years old, and claimed by two women as their son.

Walters, an itinerant, several months ago was arrested in Mississippi with the boy in his possession. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dunbar of Opelousas identified him as their son who had disappeared in 1912. Later Julia Anderson of North Carolina claimed him as her offspring and said that she had given him into Walters' possession. Among the witnesses called by the state is a Bertillon expert of the New Orleans police department, who is expected today to assist in unravelling by scientific methods the dual identification mystery.

Curious spectators daily crowd the court room, a majority of them women, who are permitted to sit within the bar and upon the rostrum.

WESTERN TEAMS OPEN LEAGUE TODAY

Des Moines, April 17.—Cloudy weather early today caused some apprehension but preparations here for the Western league season's opening went forward as if the sky was clear. The contest was between Omaha and Des Moines.

N. L. O'Neill, president of the Western league with Governor Clark and other prominent officials of the state, were in attendance and the governor was scheduled to pitch the first ball.

FLOATING THEATER DESTROYED BY BOMB

Great Yarmouth, April 17.—The theater on the Great Recreation pier here was destroyed today by a bomb caused by the explosion of a bomb left under a seat by a militant suffragette.

At 4 o'clock this morning a violent explosion woke the inhabitants of Great Yarmouth. A few moments later the theater at the end of the pier burst into flames. It was recently rebuilt at a cost of \$100,000. The usual suffrage literature was found strewn along the pier and on the beach.

FAMED FILIBUSTER LEADER VERY ILL

Newark, N. J., April 17.—"Dynamite Johnny" O'Brien, who gained fame as a filibuster and blockade runner in Cuba's revolutions is seriously ill at his home here.

O'Brien is 67 years old. For the past thirteen years he has served as chief government pilot of the Cuban republic, a position given him as a reward for his services to the Cuban people.

STRUCK BY TRAIN: DIES INSTANTLY

Jesse Thompson Is Killed By Milwaukee Passenger Train on Bridge

THOUGHT TO HAVE BECOME CONFUSED

Overtaken on the Structure; Is Believed He Was Thrown on Rocks

A man by the name of Jesse Thompson was struck by Milwaukee No. 3 about 10:30 this morning at the west end of the Des Moines river bridge and instantly killed.

Thompson had been associated with Ellisha Pownell, a resident of the west end, with whom he had worked at various occupations for the past eighteen years, and at whose home he stayed while in Ottumwa. Mr. Pownell had arranged to meet Thompson at the Market street bridge, from where they were to proceed by boat to Douds-Leando, where they were to work in a coal bank. Thompson had been out to see his sister near Bear Creek, who is the wife of one H. M. Jones, and was on his way back to town when the accident occurred.

James Durree, who was working on his farm which adjoins the railroad property at that point, stated that he saw the man crossing the bridge but at first paid little attention to him, as the bridge is used by pedestrians to a great extent. Shortly afterwards he again looked up, saw the passenger train coming and Thompson seemed to be hurrying in the effort to cross the bridge before he was overtaken. Seeing that he could not get clear of the structure in time, however, he sat down on the wooden sill which runs along at the side and a little below the rails. It is supposed that the unfortunate man considered himself safe in this position, but the train in passing struck him and knocked the body off into a pile of rocks some fourteen feet below.

Death resulted instantly, the skull being fractured. No other marks were found on the body.

Thompson was sixty-five years of age and was unmarried. Aside from his sister, Mrs. Jones, he had no other near relatives.

RELAY TEAMS FOR MEET ARRIVING

Des Moines, April 17.—Relay teams from the various university and colleges participating in the annual Drake relay athletic meet here tomorrow, began arriving today.

Eleven educational institutions of the middle west will be represented in the events, including the state universities of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota, and Northwestern, Chicago and Drake universities and Iowa state agricultural and Grinnell colleges.

In the college section teams will represent Cornell, Coe, Simpson, Highland Park, Des Moines, Hamline, Morning-side, Brookings and Yankton.

A new western record was predicted today in the mile event which the strong teams of Kansas, Northwestern, Chicago and Illinois are entered.

ASTOR'S WEDDING IS NOT POSTPONED

New York, April 17.—No arrangements for the postponement of the wedding of Vincent Astor and Miss Helen Huntington set for April 30, have been made, notwithstanding Mr. Astor's illness. This announcement was made at the Huntington country home today in contradiction of reports that the ceremony had been indefinitely postponed. A postponement may yet be found expedient, however. Mr. Astor spent a comfortable night, and was pronounced "about the same today."

ATTORNEY IS HELD.

Cedar Rapids, April 17.—W. E. Steele, former attorney for the Cedar Rapids and Marion Interurban railway company, was today indicted by the Linn county grand jury on a charge of cheating by false pretenses. It is charged that, in making settlements with claimants against the company, he held out portions of the claims for himself.

DISTRICT JUDGE QUITS.

Marshalltown, April 17.—Judge Clarence Nichols of the seventeenth Iowa judicial district, composing Marshall, Tama and Benton counties today announced his resignation, effective June 12. He will return to private practice. Judge Nichols has served since Jan. 1, 1911.

ACTRESS IS DEAD.

New York, April 17.—Mrs. Ethel May Katz, well known on the stage before her marriage, as Ethel Adams, is dead of cancer, at a private hospital here. Her husband, Herbert Katz, a brewer of Paterson, N. J., is said to have spent \$100,000 in radium treatment in an effort to save her life.