

RELIEF COMES TO TORREON

Federal Reinforcements Have Reached the beleaguered City

SAYS A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON

It Is Believed There Is Little Danger of City's Capture by Villa

VILLA'S PRISONER HAS ESCAPED

Luis Terrazas, Jr., Said to Have Fled Through Assistance of an Old Family Servant.

RUMORS OF DEFEAT

Have Been Heard in Mexico City, But Government Is Silent.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CANYON.

Villa Admits That He Has Not Captured Torreon.

Juarez, April 2.—Heavy fighting was in progress at Torreon yesterday, according to a 1,000-word report received by General Carranza from General Villa last night.

The gist of the information was given out through General Carranza's secretary, Alfredo Breda, to the effect that the heaviest fighting was proceeding in a so-called canyon named Huacaca, the southern railroad exit from the city.

Whether the rebel force under General Huacaca sent out to intercept him has been engaged, is not known, according to Senator Breda. The rebels have cut the railroad between San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes. This is 200 miles south of Torreon and is said to indicate the activity of another column of rebels intent on hindering the movement of the federals.

Reports that Torreon had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa yesterday afternoon. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations on the "fall" of Torreon dispatched to him Tuesday by Col. Fidel Avila, chief of arms of the garrison here.

General Villa replied as follows: "Gomez Palacio, April 1, 1914. "Col Fidel Avila, "efe de las Armas, Juarez. "In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the city of Torreon, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph of which I will advise you."

Details of the struggle were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

Whether the forces of Gen. Joaquin Maas, marching to the relief of the federals at Torreon, has yet engaged that of the rebel general, Monclova Herrera, sent to meet him, was not known. No confirmation was received of the rumor that a trainload of the soldiers of General Maas were blown up by dynamite.

HERD OF BUFFALOES WRECKED TRAIN

Causing 20 Deaths and Injuries to 50 Others Near Batavia, Java, To-day.

Batavia, Java, April 2.—Twenty natives were killed and fifty others injured to-day by the derailment of a train while crossing a bridge six miles from here. The accident was caused by a herd of buffalo, into which the locomotive ran.

WINS AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

John P. Paradis Threw Tremblay Two Out of Three Times at Montreal.

Montreal, April 2.—John P. Paradis of Manchester, N. H., defeated Eugene Tremblay of this city, two out of three falls, in a wrestling match here last night for the lightweight championship of America. Tremblay secured the first fall with a double bar and face hold in 47 minutes, but was never in the running thereafter.

YALE MAN IS ACCUSED.

Stanhope Nixon Charged with Assault at New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., April 2.—Stanhope Wood Nixon of New York City, a prominent junior in the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale, was arrested by detectives last night, charged with assaulting Edward M. Everett, chief engineer of the Southern New England Telephone company, October 22 last.

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Pittsburg, Pa., April 2.—Two policemen were seriously burned and an entire family, consisting of the father, the mother and three children are reported missing in a fire this morning in four frame tenement houses which were destroyed with a loss of \$50,000.

STRUCK AN OFFICER.

Frederick Camp, Soldier, Sent to Prison for Six Months.

Burlington, April 2.—Frederick Camp, a soldier, was sentenced to not less than six months and not more than 12 months at hard labor in the state prison at Windsor to-day, having pleaded guilty to striking an officer. Chittenden county court adjourned until a later day, there being no cases ready.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cross of Northfield returned to their home last night, after a short visit with friends in Barre.

Because of poor health Clifford C. Peake of Pearl street has resigned his position as a barber at the Ross shop on Depot square. At the instance of physicians, Mr. Peake went yesterday to Underhill, where he will pass a year on his uncle's farm. Latterly he has been having trouble with his left eye and it is believed that a year away from the barber shop life will completely restore his vision.

Nearly 150 people gathered in the Knights of Columbus hall Tuesday evening for the Italian Fancy Work club's first appearance in the field of amateur dramatics. "Popping the Question" was the title of the piece in which twelve young women members of the club appeared to excellent advantage.

Mrs. O. D. Shurtleff and Miss Cassie M. McDonald of 329 North Main street left this forenoon for a week's visit in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. During her absence, Mrs. Shurtleff will go to Nashua to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cate, former residents of this city. Dwight Granger of Park street left on the late forenoon train for Randolph, where he will pass a week with his grandparents. John A. Ruddy, who has been visiting his son, T. J. Ruddy, for a few days, returned this morning to Manchester, N. H., from which point he will accompany Mrs. Ruddy and Mrs. W. H. Snow to Hardwick, where they are to reside. Miss Caroline Anderson of Merchant street went this morning to Waterbury, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie for the remainder of the week. C. A. Neveau left at 11:25 o'clock on a short trip through northern Vermont.

FIVE HOTELS DESTROYED

Great Damage Done at St. Augustine, Florida, To-day

GUESTS WERE SAVED WITH DIFFICULTY

Property Loss Is Estimated Between \$500,000 and \$750,000

St. Augustine, Fla., April 2.—Five early this morning destroyed five hotels, the business section of the city was endangered. No lives were lost although many guests at the Florida house, the Munson house, the Clairmont, the Atlantic and Central hotels, which were burned, escaped in their night clothes, leaving their personal belongings behind and two were injured.

Nearly two blocks near the water front were destroyed and for a time the business section of the city was endangered. The flames were checked along toward noon after the arrival of firemen from Jacksonville on a special train. The fire started in the kitchen of the Florida house, and the firemen gave their attention first to saving the guests, many of whom were carried down ladders.

An unidentified woman was probably fatally hurt when she plunged from the third story window of a burning residence. In addition, one guest at the Florida house broke a leg in jumping from a window on the second story. The Vedder house, a famous landmark, was among the buildings destroyed. A company of militia is guarding the burned section to prevent looting.

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CARRIED WOMAN THROUGH FIRE

Arthur F. Taylor of Brockton Performed Deed of Heroism.

Haverhill, Mass., April 2.—With flames scorching his face and hands, Arthur F. Taylor carried his servant, Mary Murphy, from her room on the third floor of the old Johnson Naves mansion, where Taylor lives, to the street, during a fire that swept through the rear of the building last night. Miss Murphy was asleep when Taylor reached her room. He huddled her in the bed clothes and carried her out unharmed, although he suffered severe burns. Through a defect in the fire alarm signal the firemen were delayed in reaching the fire and the flames for a time were beyond the control of the single company that had responded in answer to a telephone call.

The mansion is a three-story wooden building on Main street, and is occupied by four families. The Taylor family occupied the second and part of the third floors. Taylor was working in his garage in the rear of the house when he saw the flames. Crying to a neighbor to telephone to the fire department, he rushed into the building and rescued Miss Murphy. The other occupants heard his cries and escaped without assistance.

The fire started in the second floor of the ell of the house in the rear. It spread through the rear of the second and third floors. The damage amounts to \$1,000.

THREE CHILDREN BADLY BURNED.

They Found a Can of Gunpowder in a Rubbish Pile.

Sanford, Me., April 2.—Three children were seriously burned by the explosion of a can of gunpowder found by them in a rubbish pile yesterday. They were Oscar Matthews, Jr., and Owen S. Matthews, sons of Oscar Matthews, and Paul Sawyer. The clothing of all three was ignited. They are expected to recover.

ARBITRATION IN SIGHT.

As Means to Ending Strike in West Virginia's Mines.

CONDITION IS IMPROVED.

James Gordon Bennett Passed a Good Night.

SOLDIER WAS ACQUITTED.

Was Charged with Another of Robbing Man.

Burlington, April 2.—When county court resumed yesterday morning the state took up its rebuttal in the case against Sergeant Stanley Nowicki charged with robbing Zeb Cornell last January. Lorretta Hawkins was recalled and testified that at the time of the robbery she did not hear anyone say: "My God, what are you doing?" as respondent had testified he had said.

James Campbell testified that while in Seymour's saloon he saw the respondent go and whisper to his companion Jeager. Officers Barber and Horton were recalled to contradict statements of the respondent made after the arrest. The testimony was closed at 10 a. m. and Judge Fish finished his charge to the jury at 2:35. After being out one hour the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

SUICIDE IN BOSTON HOTEL.

Ralph G. Whitney Was Commission Merchant of Harvard, Mass.

Boston, April 2.—Despondent because of poor health, Ralph G. Whitney, a commission merchant of Harvard, Mass., shot himself in the forehead in Hurlburt's hotel, formerly the Boston Tavern, some time Tuesday afternoon. The body was found yesterday. He had undergone an operation for appendicitis about two years ago and had never fully recovered.

Whitney was 35 years old and was in business with his father, H. F. Whitney, of Harvard. He came to the city with his father Monday, with the intention of going to a sanitarium. He remained in the sanitarium over night Monday, but left early Tuesday morning and registered as C. L. Smith, Boston, at the hotel.

Medical Examiner Magrath, who viewed the body yesterday afternoon, said that Whitney had been dead about 24 hours, so that the shot was probably fired about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

DEATH OF MIDDLEBURY WOMAN.

Mrs. B. F. Wales Had Been Taken to Hospital in Rutland.

Middlebury, April 2.—Word was received Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. B. F. Wales at the Rutland city hospital, where she was taken Saturday for treatment. Mrs. Wales, who was stricken with a shock about a year ago and who had been gradually failing Tuesday evening at that institution at the age of 54 years. She is survived by a husband; one daughter, Miss Mabel Wales; and a brother, John H. Westfall of Boston. Mrs. Wales was a member of the Congregational church of this village and was also a member of several different societies in which she has held various offices. The remains were brought here yesterday and taken to the undertaking rooms of A. J. Blackmer. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the Congregational church.

'PHONE APPRAISAL REDUCED \$50,300

From the Figures of the State Tax Commissioner—Public Service Commission Appraisal for Rate Making Was Not Considered.

Burlington, April 2.—The board of appeals in the telephone tax valuation cases, composed of Lieutenant-Governor Howe, Secretary of State Bailey and State Auditor Graham, made public its report last evening. The valuations fixed by the board are slightly lower than those of Tax Commissioner Plumley's appraisal, but the changes principally affect the smaller companies save for a reduction of the appraisal of the New England company, in which an agreement was not reached until late last evening.

The changes in the appraisal of the smaller companies result in a net reduction of \$50,300, but of this sum almost one-half was by agreement of the attorneys for the state after a hearing at Montpelier. The appraisal of the New England company is fixed at \$1,250,000, while the value was placed by the tax commissioner at \$2,025,000. The four New England subsidiaries, the Franklin county, and the Champlain valley, the Passumpsic and the Vermont companies, are not greatly changed from the figures given by the tax commissioner, except the Franklin county company, which is reduced from \$110,000 to \$86,000.

After looking up authorities, the board of appeals held that the appraisal for purposes of taxation was not on the same basis as an appraisal for rate making and therefore did not take into consideration the value placed on the property of the New England and its subsidiaries by the public service commission following the three months' hearing, which recently closed, and as a result of which the public service commission ordered a reduction of rates on multi-party and farmers' lines.

As a result of the appraisal and the new basis of taxation fixed by the legislature of 1912, the telephone companies of the state will pay more than double the taxes that they have previously paid.

The old basis of taxation was on gross earnings, while the new system calls for a tax of \$12.50 per thousand on the value of the property.

There are 88 telephone companies in the state and the state took an appeal in every case, while a considerable number of the companies also appealed. The hearings were begun at Montpelier March 5 and were completed March 20. The board of appeals had been in session at the Van Ness house since last Friday morning to fix valuations, and since Tuesday morning the session has been almost continuous.

Below is a complete list of the companies and the valuation. The first column of figures is the valuation made

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WATCH SELLER WAS ARRESTED

Man Said to Be George Bailey of St. Albans Taken at West Lebanon

ON SUSPICION IN CHIN KIM CASE

The Police Want to Question Him About the Watches He Was Selling

St. Albans, April 2.—George Bailey of St. Albans was brought to the Franklin county jail last night by Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney of St. Albans from West Lebanon, N. H., where he was arrested yesterday by that officer. The arrest was made on suspicion that he was in some way connected with the Chin Kim murder case and that he might possibly know of the whereabouts of the watches taken at the time Kim was killed.

For several days it has been rumored about the streets that Bailey has been selling watches and that he had sold some to railroad men at West Lebanon.

WOMAN WAS MURDERED.

Mrs. Sadie Chick's Slayer Turned Weapon on Himself.

Worcester, Mass., April 2.—Mrs. Sadie Chick, an attractive young woman of about 30, who, the police say, is the wife of Lewis Chick of Boston, was shot and killed last night by an unknown man who turned the revolver on himself a moment later and is now dying at the Worcester City hospital.

The shooting occurred in a house at 31 Green street where Mrs. Chick has been staying, and where her assailant came, apparently to call, shortly after 8 o'clock. Another couple was in the house at the time. They were closely questioned by detectives but professed to know little about Mrs. Chick and nothing about her murderer.

According to the story told to the officials by Mrs. Ruth A. Sheppard, who gives 456 Columbus avenue, Boston, as her address, and William A. Reynolds, Mrs. Chick's assailant knocked on the door and was admitted by her.

While Mrs. Sheppard and Reynolds remained in the sitting room, Mrs. Chick and her caller went to the kitchen as if for something to eat. The two rooms are so far away that no sounds could be heard in case any quarrel took place.

Suddenly, however, they heard two shots and a cry, "I'm shot," ring out, and they rushed to the kitchen. Mrs. Chick was lying on the floor, unconscious, and the man had fallen against a set tub that braced him up. He, too, was unconscious.

The police were called and the two were placed in an ambulance, that started on a race with death to the City hospital. Before it had gone many blocks, however, the woman died. The man did not regain consciousness, and the hospital authorities declared that he would not survive the night.

Mrs. Chick suffered an attack of the bullet containing through her body until it lodged in the spinal column. The man pressed the muzzle of his revolver against his side, and the bullet passed through his kidneys.

DIED AT LONDON, ONT.

John Marr, Twin Brother of William Marr of Barre.

William Marr of the firm of Marr & Gordon received a telegram late last night telling of the death of his twin brother, John Marr, a prominent wholesale grocer dealer, of London, Ont. From the message it was learned that death was due to heart trouble, although there were few other details. A few weeks ago Mr. Marr suffered an attack of heart failure. For a short time his condition was serious, but he rallied later and the end yesterday afternoon is believed to have been sudden. He had been subject to heart disease for some years.

Besides his twin brother, he leaves his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Alex. Wright, wife of a prominent London physician, and their two children. A brother, Robert Marr, lives in London; a second brother, Alex. Marr, lives in Scotland; and two sisters, Mrs. Cruikshank and Mrs. Clark, also live in Scotland. The deceased was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, 60 years ago. More than 30 years ago he came to America and settled soon afterwards in London. In the Ontario city he established a wholesale grocery business that grew to be one of the largest of its kind in the province. His warehouses were located in London, although his business extended over a considerable radius.

KILLED BY STREET CAR.

John F. Byrne Was Victim at Providence, R. I.

Providence, R. I., April 2.—John F. Byrne, 47, who recently came here from Lowell, Mass., was struck and almost instantly killed by a city-bound electric car at Trinity square last night. Byrne was deaf, and it was thought that he did not hear the car. The car crew, believing that the man was not hurt, continued on their way to the city, but Byrne died almost before the car was out of sight. No arrests have been made.

PROPOSE TO ABOLISH WORKINGMEN'S FARES

Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. Files Notice With Vermont Public Service Commission.

The Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. has filed with the Vermont public service commission a new rate schedule which it proposes to put into effect on May 1, 1914. The new schedule abolishes the so-called "workingmen's tickets," which have been sold at the rate of 40 for \$1.

A copy of the notice to the public service commission is as follows: "We beg to hand you herewith a new rate schedule, to become effective May 1, 1914: "Regular fare, 5 cents. "Twenty-one ride ticket books, \$1.00. "School children's tickets, 80 rides, \$2.00.

"Fare limits, within the city limits of Montpelier; within the city limits of Barre from any point in Montpelier to No. 1 switch, which is located in the city of Barre about 2,500 feet from the Berlin-Barre town line; from any point in Barre to Dewey park.

"Free transfers will be given to and from the Seminary hill line in Montpelier and Washington street line in Barre.

"The so-called 'workingmen's tickets,' which have been sold at the rate of 40 for \$1.00, will be discontinued. "Yours very truly, "Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company. H. D. Larrabee, manager."

Company Gives Reasons. The Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power Co. defends the proposed abolition of the "workingmen's tickets" in the following reasons: "(1) During the past year, the expenses exceeded the revenue by more than \$2,000, leaving nothing for the return on investment or salaries to officers.

"(2) In order to operate the road with proper regard to the safety and convenience of the public, it will be necessary to spend considerably more money in the near future.

"(3) Motormen and conductors have recently been awarded an increase in wages considerably in excess of their former wage schedule, which will, of course, increase the operating expenses of the road still further."

A GOOD EXHIBITION.

And Greatly Appreciated by a Large Audience Last Night.

Notwithstanding the rain of last evening when it was time to begin the program, there was a large audience that taxed the seating capacity of the large audience room of the Hedding M. E. church. The little men and women singers first marched in and took seats on the platform. They were dressed in the styles of yesteryear.

The little singers were under the direction of Deane Davis, who, with wig and long-tailed coat, white stockings and silver buckles on his shoes, beat the time according to ancient custom. The little folks did well in their one, two and many part tunes. Miss Patterson rendered a fine solo. Miss Mary Bishop, with clear voice and a very good interpretation of the selection, read "When the Domino's Wife Packed the Barrel."

Miss Ella Hoyt and Miss Mildred Higgs gave a pleasing duet. These young ladies were dressed in the styles of their grandmothers. George Troup, in his violin solos, showed that he knew how to draw the bow. Surely he is a skillful hand at that sort of music. The music from the victrola from Bailey's music rooms was greatly enjoyed.

At this point in the program the men and women singers took seats among the audience and the platform was prepared for the amateur ladies and the overall boys, who came next. This proved one of the most attractive features of the evening and they were recalled and were highly appreciated. Another part of the program that met with hearty approval was the well known "And Lang Syne" singers—John Sowles, E. M. Lyon, L. B. Dodge and C. S. Andrews. John Sowles was the leader and this quartet certainly showed themselves capable of doing most excellent work along their line. Dressed in ye olden time costumes they will long be remembered by those who saw them, and if their friends wish to preserve likenesses of them, H. W. Shores has most excellent pictures of the group, which can be obtained from C. S. Andrews.

The boy scouts were very well received and showed careful work under the efficient leadership of Emery Newhall. The program closed with a musical selection by Miss Hooker and a Dutch lullaby by little people dressed for bed time. Miss Beth Skinner very capably presided at the piano throughout the evening.

PENN. R. R. CUTS OFF 118 MORE TRAINS

Retrenchment Policy Will Save \$2,000,000 a Year on Lines East of Pittsburg and Erie.

Philadelphia, April 2.—In pursuance of the retrenchment plans made public last week, the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday annulled 118 passenger trains on lines east of Pittsburg and Erie, and a large number on the western lines. These are in addition to 26 discontinued some time ago. The financial savings on the eastern lines is estimated at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year and about a similar amount on western lines.

ST. JOHNSBURY MAN HURT.

John Ward Fractured One Ankle in Nashua Railroad Yard.

Nashua, N. H., April 2.—John Ward of St. Johnsbury, Vt., is at the Memorial hospital with a fractured left ankle. He was found in the west yard of the Boston & Maine railroad about midnight Tuesday. It is thought that he attempted to board a freight train.

LENIENCY OFTEN ASKED

For Liquor Sellers Arraigned in Washington County Court

SOME RESPONDENTS PLEADED GUILTY

Rapid Progress Made in Closing Up State Cases

State cases were begun in Washington county court yesterday afternoon, most of them having to do with alleged violation of the liquor law. In the case of State vs. Louisa Aja of Montpelier, the reading of the complaint was waived and a plea of guilty was entered.

In presenting the state's side of the case, State's Attorney Carver said he had told the Aja people that he would recommend a minimum fine of \$300, but that within three weeks of the filing of the information the place was raided and liquor was found. Hence he favored a fine of \$400 or \$500. Attorney Theriault for the respondent thought \$400 and costs would satisfy him.

In the case of State vs. Irene Aja examination was waived and a plea of guilty was entered. State's Attorney Carver thereupon declared they kept the most frequented liquor selling place in Montpelier, but that the sales were made by the wife, John Aja, the husband, paid a fine last year, the state's attorney told the court. He favored a substantial sentence. Attorney Theriault also represented Irene Aja. He said it was true the husband had been fined \$300 and costs last year; that he had suffered from tuberculosis for two years and was unable to work. He said the woman was arrested on an information; it was her first offense and she could only pay the minimum fine, or would have to go to jail.

Attorney Theriault also represented E. Ortiz Peres in a liquor case, and the reading of the complaint was waived and the respondent pleaded guilty. State's Attorney Carver said the case was like the previous one, and the only evidence was that the woman sold liquor when her husband was not present and that he did not think an extensive business was carried on. Attorney Theriault said he thought the prosecuting attorney's statement to the court was according to fact, that little liquor had been sold and that for the sake of her children the woman ought to be placed on probation.

Things took a different turn when the cases of State vs. Engarica Aja and State vs. Alessandra Canales were called, for the respondents pleaded not guilty to violation of the liquor law, and the cases probably will come to trial. The case of State vs. Valentine Ule was continued.

Entry of sentence of not less than four months in the case of Rufino Mier, selling was made. The case against E. Aja, selling, was not propped, as was the case of Thomas Cochran, intoxication.

In the cases of Arcesta Montevral and Luisa Montevral, selling, no case was entered. The case against Jose Peres, selling, was not propped. Similar cases against Louis and Jose Aja were not propped; also in the case of John Aja, James Sandron pleaded guilty to selling. Ernesto Peghini was fined \$5 and costs for breach of the peace, and George Donabue was fined \$15 and costs for second offense intoxication. Joseph Canales pleaded not guilty to selling.

In the case of Manuel Villa, the order for forfeiture of bail was stricken off, and the case was not propped.

The jury in the case of First National Bank of Montpelier vs. Maria Bertoli and trustees brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon for the defendant to recover costs.

DIVORCE CASES HEARD.

Field and Sylvester Suits Were Concluded in County Court.

The divorce cases of Ethel DeBoer Field vs. Edward D. Field and of Adeline Sylvester vs. Edward Sylvester were concluded in county court yesterday, after which the cases were taken under advisement.

In the former case Attorney F. L. Laird questioned several witnesses who testified that Mr. Field has no cause to find fault with his wife. Clarence H. Senter of Hartford, Conn., formerly of Montpelier, said that he had attended dances where Mrs. Field was and that she had always conducted herself properly. Mrs. DeBoer, mother of the petitioner, testified she thought Mr. Field had no right to talk to his wife as he did and that this talking damaged Mrs. Field's health. The petitioner's sister, Miss Minnie DeBoer, testified that she saw no reason for Mr. Field to find fault with his wife in the manner that he did.

In the Sylvester divorce case the grounds were desertion, and the petitioner testified that her husband was a carpenter for her father in Waterbury and that after their marriage they lived in Montpelier. A short time after they had lived together, her husband, she testified, took his trunk and went away to look for work and never came back to live with her, although she saw him several times after that. The wife testified that there was no trouble.

Mrs. Hasseltine, mother of the petitioner, testified that she knew of no trouble between her daughter and her husband, and Mr. Hasseltine said Sylvester had worked for him and that they never had any trouble.

Weather Forecast.

Cloudy to-night, with snow in Maine. Friday, fair, with strong west breezes.