

## VILLA'S GUNS ROAR ALL DAY AT GATES OF GARRISONED CITY

Associated Press Dispatches State That Fighting Still Continues Despite Rumors of Rebels' Clean Sweep

### REPORTED CHAO HAS SURRENDERED

News from Scene of Battle is Necessarily Slow Being Received and the Outcome is Largely Matter of Conjecture

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] JUAREZ, March 24.—Associated Press dispatches saying that fighting still continues, dampened the spirits of Constitutionalists here, who received rumors that Villa made a clean sweep, Colonel Trevino, of General Benavide's staff, wired his brother here that two federal cañuels, or barracks, are captured in Torreon itself. Then General Chao here, received a private report that Velasco, Federal commander at Torreon has surrendered. No confirmation could be received from Villa.

Roseate stories kept this city in a fever of gratified excitement all day. It was announced as official this morning, that Gomez Palacio, three miles from Torreon was taken last night at nine o'clock, that Villa had ordered supplies sent direct to that city. An Associated Press dispatch, the first direct news telegram of the day, gave rise to all manner of conjectures. It was argued that the official report quoted therein did not disprove necessarily the previous reports of fighting in Torreon, or even that Villa actually did have possession of Gomez Palacio last night. The report might mean, it was conjectured, that the federals, as a part of the general battle, might have returned to Gomez Palacio and renewed the fight, while other forces were engaged in Torreon, three miles away.

**Fighting Still Continues**  
CHIHUAHUA, March 24.—An official dispatch received at five o'clock, says that fighting continues fiercely at Gomez Palacio. The rebels are said to have captured a stone railroad round-house and are fighting from that. The rebels claim seven hundred federals are dead.

**Both Sides Victorious**  
LAREDO, March 24.—Constitutionalists and federals both claim victory, according to reports from the isolated scene of yesterday's fighting, at Guerrero, sixty miles south. Heavy losses on both sides are indicated. The federals claim General Guardiola repulsed the rebels. There was nine hours of fighting. The rebels are said to be retreating with many dead, and five wagons of wounded. The Constitutionalists claim the capture of Guerrero, and a substantial victory. It is regarded as probable that both retreated with no advantage.

About 1,500 were engaged on both sides. General Jesus Carranza, and Antonio Villarreal commanded the Constitutionalists, many of whom it is declared, deserted and fled to the United States. It is admitted that Guardiola withdrew to San Ignacio after the reported retreat of the rebels. His losses are given as 60.

**For Patrol Duty**  
MARE ISLAND, March 24.—Orders to proceed to Mexican waters for patrol duty immediately upon the completion of repairs, were received today by the cruiser Annapolis from the Navy Department. The Annapolis, which has been under repairs here since her return from Mexico a couple of months ago, is expected to be ready to leave the navy yard on March 28.

**New Financing Plan**  
MEXICO CITY, March 24.—Adherents of President Huerta believe that the financial stress will be relieved by a plan adopted to bring into the treasury 100,000,000 pesos at the present exchange of practically three to one. Fifty million pesos are available at once and the balance as required. The plan involves the issuance of treasury notes against 50,000,000 in unsold balance of bonds authorized last May.

These bonds will be placed in Mexican banks at thirty per cent of their face value, the banks to issue them at a legal rate of three to one. The bonds will be secured by a pledge of sixteen per cent of the

## If You Go To Mexico You Must Stay, Says Lecturer

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL., March 24.—"It has been said that you can do almost anything with a bayonet, except sit on it, and that is exactly true of Mexico," remarked Dr. Norian Angell, the author, in lecturing today before the Stanford under-graduates on various aspects of the war.

### FIVE THOUSAND AT "MUNICIPAL RAG"

SAN BERNARDINO, March 24.—Five thousand people attended the municipal "rag" dance in the city streets tonight. The program opened with the "Mayor's Wash Rag," so-called because Mayor Catlick boasts he does the family washing to prove his belief in woman suffrage.

## "Constitution Must Be Saved"—Mother Jones

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WALENBURG, Colo., March 24.—"Some one must save the constitution" declared Mother Jones in her prison cell tonight, where she is incarcerated because she insisted on returning to the strike zone. The militia denied her the privilege of being transferred to better quarters. "I will stay where I am until the law sets me free."

## Mine Workers Refuse Terms Of Mine Owners

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] CHICAGO, March 24.—The final refusal of the United Mine Workers of America, to accept the terms offered the bituminous coal mine owners in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, brought an end to the joint wage scale conference of the men and employes. The union leaders assert a strike is not imminent. They expect to decide upon a line of action to prevent a labor crisis in the mines tomorrow.

### GOVERNOR IN BAD

**Convict Gets Alabama Executive Before Grand Jury Investigation**  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 24.—The grand jury began the investigation of charges preferred last week against Governor Bennett O'Neil by Theodore Lacy, former chief clerk of the state convict department, and now serving a ten-year sentence in prison for the embezzlement of \$50,000 of state funds.

Lacy charged that in 1911 he had given Governor O'Neil \$27,500, alleged to have been funds of the convict department.

The governor emphatically denied the charges, declaring they were made by Lacy at the instance of political opponents. He demanded a thorough investigation.

**ABOLISH SENATE**  
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] SALEM, Ore., March 24.—A constitutional amendment providing the abolition of the state senate and proportional representation in the house, will be voted on at the next general election. The Farmers' Union, and Federation of Labor initiated the measure.

**AEROBOAT RACE**  
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] NEW YORK, March 24.—A New York-Bermuda race for flying boats, and aeroplanes will be held this spring, according to the announcement of the Aero Club of America.

"You can't go there merely to straighten out the affairs of one side or the other. You've got to go there to stay or not at all."

## GRAFT CHARGES BRING RETORTS BY COUNCILMEN

Without Mining Words Councilmen Cisney and Warren Defend Their Position In Fire Apparatus Purchasing

### MAYOR CHRISTY ALSO AROUSED

City Executive Leaves Chair to Defend His Colleagues—The Lie Is Passed In At Least Two Instances

Had John J. Egan, representative of the Knox Automobile and Fire Apparatus Company of Los Angeles, and H. W. Daggert, representative of James Boyd & Brother, Inc., of San Francisco, been present at the meeting of the Common Council last evening, they would have heard things of particular interest to them. Wherever they were their ears must have burned, or there is no truth in the claim that such a phenomena occurs when a person is being talked about. That each, individually and collectively, is and are, various sorts of liars, actuated in charging Councilmen Cisney and Warren with graft in connection with the matter of the purchase of automobile fire fighting apparatus, by jealousy of competing companies, was the open and unqualified claim of the accused councilmen, who were supported in no mined words by Mayor Christy and Councilman McDermott.

Not within the councilmanic history of a single member of the municipal governing body has there been more straightforward talk by the individual members than was given last evening that followed City Attorney Tom Prescott's explanation of the reason the contracts for the automobile fire fighting apparatus, the purchase of which had been approved at the meeting on Monday evening, had not been executed.

The storm broke when after considering various matters that had come before the special session, Councilman Warren inquired what had been done about the contracts for the fire fighting apparatus. Prescott then explained that representatives of the companies whose bids had been favored Monday evening, brought contracts to his office yesterday morning for his approval. To them he explained that he had been given to understand that papers in an injunction suit were being prepared and would likely be filed in an effort to restrain the Common Council from executing the contracts for the apparatus and that some of the councilmen was willing these contracts should be executed while there was a semblance of a doubt as to every action taken in the matter having been open and above board.

"I understand that these papers were being prepared for these men in the office of Attorney Eugene Brady O'Neil," said Prescott.

"Who are these men?" asked Warren. "I don't know," replied Prescott. "In an instant Councilman Cisney was on his feet.

"I happen to be one of the men interested in this particular proposition," he said as soon as he gained recognition from the mayor. "I have spent some little time today in looking into this matter and I am going to give the names of two of them. John J. Egan is one of them. Mr. Egan made a statement that there was graft back of our action. I want to say that as far as I am concerned, he is a liar and I can prove it. And what I say about Egan, applies to the other man also. I think that as far as I am concerned, that a man with the standing of Eugene Brady O'Neil, that has known me as long as he has, in mighty small business to take the word of any stranger in a vilification of Mr. Warren or myself. The American Life France and the Seagraves Company have the very best possible rating with Dun and Bradstreet and I don't see how these other concerns can possibly charge them with even being a party to crooked work."



## STRENUOUS LEGISLATIVE STRUGGLE ON

Proposed Repeal of Canal Tolls Debate Promises Liveliest Times Seen In National Congress for Many Years

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 24.—Congress is on the verge of the most vigorous legislative struggle that has ever witnessed its proceedings in many years—the contest over the administration's proposal to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act granting toll exemption to American coastwise vessels. The plan for taking up the Sims bill was completed in the house, and democratic leaders aligned on both sides of the issue have marshaled their forces and prepared for arguments.

It is generally conceded the bill will be called for debate by Thursday, and might be reported tomorrow, when Representative Henry Fitzgerald, chairman of the rules committee, proposes to submit a rule limiting the debate on the measure to fifteen hours. The vote on this rule will test the strength of the opposing forces.

Preliminary to debate, which is certain to be spirited, special attention was given tonight by senators and representatives to the majority report on the Sims repeal bill submitted by Representative Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. This report points particularly to the fact that in reporting the Panama canal act during the last congress, the committee recommended uniform tolls, and that exemption for American coastwise shipping could be accomplished by amendment. The committee recognized, the report said, long before any foreign government voiced an opinion or complaint, that the treaty stipulations required uniform tolls.

### TO KEEP NEW REFUGEES APART

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Secretary of War Garrison today suggested to Brigadier General Hites, in answer to the latter's telegram respecting the disposition to be made of the score of Mexican constitutionalist soldiers who were driven across the Rio Grande by a superior force of federals yesterday near Del Rio, that it would be wise to keep this party separate from the federal soldiers now detained at Fort Bliss, near El Paso.

## Government To Lease The Coal Lands Of Alaska

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 24.—The senate lands committee today decided to report favorably on the bill providing for the opening of Alaska coal lands under a leasing system. The government is to reserve thirteen thousand acres of the best coal land for navy purposes. The limit to any one holding is fixed at twenty-five hundred acres. Railroads are limited to fuel needs. Royalties are fixed at two to five cents per ton.

The bill provides that present claimants of coal land shall be given first opportunity to make selection of leases. The measure seeks to prohibit interlocking of interests in leases by forbidding any person or interest from being a stockholder in more than one lease. Violations are made punishable by forfeiture of the lease, or fine of one thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than three years.

## NEW ENGLAND PROGRESSIVES IN CONVENTION

Maine Men Stand In Favor of Prohibition and Strict Enforcement of Law. Connecticut Flays Old Parties

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] BANGOR, March 24.—Two great parties, one conservative and the other liberal, will be the result of the political realignment now in progress in the United States, said Senator Clapp, at the progressive convention today.

"The progressives have only to stand firm. The democrats can no more outgrow their branches that could the republicans."

A strong stand for prohibition was taken by Maine progressives at their first state convention to nominate candidates. The platform advocated the submission of the question of national prohibition to the people of every state, and pledged the party to a strict state-wide enforcement of the prohibition liquor law.

## ULSTER ORANGE PLOT REVEALED SAYS REDMOND

Carson and Army Never Had Slightest Intention of Fighting Nor Ghost of Show Anyway Is Declaration of Irish Leader

### PARLIAMENT CHEERS SPEECH

Labor Leader In House Denounces Interference of King In Matter of Home Rule for Ireland While Commoners Cheer

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] LONDON, March 24.—The Ulster Orange plot has been revealed, John Redmond of the Irish Nationalist party, said in a statement to the Associated Press.

"Sir Edward Carson and his army have not, and never had the slightest intention of fighting, as fighting for or against the regular troops they could not hold out a week. The plan was to put up an appearance of fight and then by means of society to influence and seduce the officers of the British army. By this means it was intended to intimidate the government, and defeat the will of the British people. The action of the commanders of some crack cavalry regiments offered by aristocrats, has disclosed the plan of campaign."

"The issue now raised, is a wider one even than home rule for Ireland. It is whether the democratic government can be brow-beaten and dictated to by the drawing rooms of London, and by that section of the officers of the British army who are aristocrats, and violent Tory partisans. The cause of Irish freedom has in this fight become a cause of popular freedom, and ordered liberty throughout the world. It is impossible to doubt what the result of such a fight will be. A second reading of the home rule bill will be taken Monday and the bill will be proceeded with until it finds its place on the statute books."

LONDON, March 24.—The fact was established today that the army officers who refused to fight in Ulster would get written assurances that they would not be forced to, and these assurances were largely obtained through the personal intervention of the King. The Liberals speak of the "mutiny of armed aristocrats" against the democratic government.

The House of Commons witnessed a telling demonstration this afternoon of how the land lies. It showed where are not only the home rules and laborites, who made Premier Asquith's majority, and hold the balance of power in the House, stand, but that many Liberals are opposed to what, from their present information they consider the surrender of the army officers.

The Laborite, John Ward, who was a dock laborer at one time, and a private in the army, seconded the motion.

"The House," he said, "has to decide whether it is going to maintain the discipline of the army as a neutral force or whether the Parliament elected by the people should absolutely without interference from the King or army, make the laws of the realm."

When the speaker uttered in stentorian tones, "without interference from King or army," half the house rose on its feet cheering. All labor men, home rule Irishmen and many liberal members stood and shouted for a considerable space of time.

Parliament has not witnessed such an obviously hostile criticism of the throne in the memory of the oldest member, nor even in the past century.

The throne is involved in the question as never before since the time of Queen Victoria. Many Liberals are criticizing the King with the greatest freedom.

### GIBBONS WINS

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] HUDSON, Wis., March 24.—Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, outpointed Gus Christie, of Indianapolis, in ten rounds.

## Mme. Calliaux Says Didn't Intend To Kill Calmette

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] PARIS, March 24.—"I never intended to kill M. Calmette. I only wanted to give him a warning," asserted Mme. Calliaux as the climax of her dramatic story of the shooting and the events preceding the killing of the editor of Figaro.

Before going to the Figaro office, Mme. Calliaux left a note for her husband, stating: "France and the republic have need of you. I don't want you to sacrifice yourself."

"I shot because I was afraid Calmette might commit violence against me," she continued. "Frantic at finding myself in semi-obscurity, facing a man who maligned my husband, I drew my revolver and fired."

"That explains how two bullets lodged in the bookcase," replied the examining magistrate, "but how do you explain the wound in the chest of M. Calmette, who was behind the desk?"

"I do not know," replied witness. "I continued to fire without noticing."