

VILLA REPULSED WITH LOSS OF THOUSANDS

War Department at Mexico City Claims Rebels Have Been Routed With Great Slaughter and Are Still Retreating

VELASCO PLAYS AMBUSH TRICK

Allows Villa to Enter Lerdo, Suburb of Torreon, and Then Turns Heavy Artillery on Him With Deadly Effect

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] MEXICO CITY, March 25.—The war department claims the rebels under Villa were routed at Torreon with great slaughter. Eight hundred reinforcements under Generals Joaquin Mass and Javier De Nore, it is announced, arrived opportunely from Saltillo in time to aid greatly the federal victory.

The rebels are said to be retreating northward, the federals pounding their rear. It is admitted that Villa entered Lerdo, a suburb of Torreon, but, it is explained, this was a ruse on the part of General Velasco to ambush him.

The rebel losses are reported at two thousand. As soon as Villa was well into the suburb, the federal artillery shelled them, the cavalry charging as the retreat started. Generals Maas and De Moure, it is reported, made the distance between Hipolito and Torreon in fifty armored automobiles, the railroad having been cut at Hipolito.

Little Information
JUAREZ, March 25 (10 p.m.)—At this hour, officials are still without information as to the progress of the action at the front, save that they acknowledged it is a fact the fighting continues at Gomez Palacio. Whether the battle has continued or has been intermittent since Monday is not known. The mere cessation of firing, it is said, accounts for a premature report that the rebels had taken the town.

Foreigners Safe
EL PASO, March 25.—An authoritative telegram was received stating that all foreigners in the battle zone of Torreon are safe.

Reports Are Conflicting
EL PASO, March 25.—The meager advices from Torreon are of a mixed character. The conclusion of schooled observers is that the rebels were checked at the onset of the battle, at both Torreon and Gomez Palacio, and met an enemy no worse inferior. Dispatches from correspondents are held more reliable than the so-called official dispatches.

Colquitt Denies Demanded Return Of Horse Thieves

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] AUSTIN, March 25.—Governor Colquitt, commenting on the reported worry of Washington authorities over his attempts to recover Clemente Vergara's horses from horse thieves, said today: "The reported statement from Eagle Pass that my Adjutant General made a demand on the Commander of Mexican forces at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz to deliver Rodriguez and other fugitives from Texas Justice, is totally untrue. General Hutchings was not authorized by me to make any such demands. I made a requisition on General Maas, military commander in the north, in

TWO KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—Mrs. Jacob Scherer, wife of a wealthy Denver man and Robert Guard of Rivers, were killed when their automobile engine died on the track at Harbor and a freight crushed the machine against an embankment. Her husband was seriously injured. Her daughters, Leontine and Mrs. Marie Van Deventer of San Diego escaped injury.

Ainey Says Villa Is Brutal, Vulgar And Also Ignorant

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—"Villa is a vulgar, ignorant and brutal specimen of humanity, through whom the Standard Oil is advancing its interests," declared Representative Ainey, republican, today. Ainey brought up a resolution calling on the president to inform congress of the condition of foreigners in Mexico.

"If Huerta turns to Japan, the price is Magdalena bay. Dire result rests in the weak and obstinate policy pursued by this government."

"The glory with which the inspired press has sought to clothe Villa has been stripped by the Benton and other incidents of his career."

Ainey delivered an attack on "the watchful and waiting" policy.

"If war comes with Mexico and if citizens of Germany are murdered in Mexico and we are thereby involved, the responsibility lies with the policy which refused the pathway of sane and patriotic precedent," said Ainey in conclusion.

"Inasmuch as the administration pins its hope on the constitutionalists, General Villa without Villa is as useless as a locomotive without wheels," said Ainey.

"One asks, 'Who is Villa?'" "Villa neither reads or writes, except as in jail he learned to write his first name, 'Francisco.' To those who knew him as a vulgar, ignorant and brutal specimen of humanity, the high sounding phrases contained in dispatches purporting to repeat his words carry their own refutation."

"The effort to depict him as a hero, driven to the hills by great wrongs inflicted upon him have failed in the light of truth."

"The cry of suffering coming up from Mexico uttered by American citizens whose lives have been sacrificed, whose wives and daughters rashed and whose property has been confiscated, have not reached a sympathetic or responsive ear of the chief executive."

Just before Ainey took the floor to make the speech the foreign affairs committee met, and by an overwhelming vote decided not to report the Ainey resolution to the house.

These infer the attack on Torreon has only begun. They say: "Villa says the wires will be open when he reaches Torreon."

Rebel advices say that Villa is attacking the outskirts, and that two-thirds of his army is engaged there. An unconfirmed rumor says that Villa executed 200 federal prisoners. In one assault 58 federals were killed and 200 wounded. "Constitutionalist sympathizers are gloomy over the failure of detailed newspaper dispatches to get through."

Whether the threat to execute Luis Terrazas, Jr., today, has been carried out by the rebels is not known here tonight, but the absence of affirmative information led General Luis Terrazas, father of the threatened man, to believe that his son had been granted further lease of life. General Terrazas said he placed great confidence in the fact that Marion Lecher, United States consul at Chihuahua, had interceded for his son.

Won't Execute Terrazas
DOUGLAS, March 25.—Luis Terrazas, Jr., held a captive by the constitutionalists at Chihuahua, will not be executed under any circumstances, according to a statement by Roberto V. Pasquira, Washington representative of the insurgents, who is in (Continued on Page Three.)

HAD PLANNED DEMONSTRATION UPON ULSTER

British Government Publishes Promised Statement Dealing With Revolting Officers of Third Cavalry

SERIOUS ERRORS ARE REVEALED

Report is Confirmed That Third Battalion and Torpedo Flotilla Were Ordered to Irish Waters, But Recalled

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] LONDON, March 25.—The government published today its promised statement dealing with the revolting officers of the third cavalry brigade.

The house of commons held a heated and disorderly meeting. Vital facts reveal a tragedy of errors by Colonel Seely, secretary of war and Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the Ireland troops. Col. Seely frankly admitted he had made a great mistake and tendered his resignation to Premier Asquith, but acceptance was refused.

Important revelations are to the effect that the government did not plan important military and naval demonstrations upon Ulster. The report is confirmed that the third battalion and a squadron of the torpedo flotilla were ordered to Irish waters, but was countermanded when military arrangements were proven successful.

The government has withdrawn Col. Seely's guarantees, according to a statement by Viscount Morley, Sir Edward Grey told the house of commons that the government's decision would be made known to General Gough tomorrow, leaving the situation in respect to Gough and fifty-nine comrades still in a state of suspense. Sir Grey declared the government was prepared to use force to whatever extent was required. All talk of compromise on the home rule bill at present is suspended. Conservatives hold recent events show no compromise is possible except on the unconditional exclusion of Ulster. Liberals say that would not be a compromise, but a surrender.

Premier Asquith's statements that officers would return to duty unconditionally was made in good faith, since he learned of Col. Seely's amendments to the cabinet memorandum only yesterday afternoon. The prime minister made plain the government's position regarding the army to the house of commons, declaring he did not assent to claim of any body of men in the service or the crown to demand assurance of what they would be required to do in circumstances which had not yet arisen.

Much of the oratory of the debate in the house of commons tonight consisted of fiery denunciations of the military aristocracy. Government members were placated by today's revelations, but there remains a strong outspoken dissatisfaction with the affair among radicals and laborites. Many think the subject would have been allowed to rest except for the almost unanimous attack by the liberal press and the hoisting of the conservative flag by the rebels.

Col. Seely's transfer to another cabinet post is predicted and the announcement, accepting the resignations of General Paget and General Gough would be no surprise.

LOW EXPO FARES
Railroads Fixing Rates for 1915 Travel

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Virtually one way fare for the round trip to the exhibitions at San Diego and San Francisco from points west of Chicago were agreed upon by the trans-continental passenger association.

It is probable, according to an official statement, that tourists will be routed so as to be able to take in both exhibitions on one ticket.

NEW EXPRESS BUILDING.
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] NEW YORK, March 25.—The popular belief that the parcels post has placed express companies in hard straits is contradicted by the news that the American Express company will erect a \$2,000,000 office building at lower Broadway. It will be thirty-two stories in height, with a frontage of eighty feet on Broadway, adjoining the new building of the Adams Express company. The company will reserve ten floors for its use.

ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON.

By John T. McCutcheon.



William G. McAdoo, the well known Sec. of Treasury, is said to have matrimonial intentions. A little bird says that he has been dropping in at one of his neighbor's homes quite frequently. The neighbor has a charming daughter. Selah!



Uncle Sam, our well known and usually genial relative, reports that suspicious tracks have been seen around the public crib. He allows it's some of them Trustees trying to rob him again.



The Immigration Bill, with its companion, the Literacy Test, is still in our midst. Mr. Wilson, our learned President, objects to the dog, but the Senate seems to like the dog, and trouble is predicted ere long.

CALL TO ARMS IN CAMPAIGN FOR MONEY

Over Half of Deficit Wiped Out With Two-thirds of Business Men Not Yet Approached — Committees Work Today

In two working days of the Y. M. C. A. financial campaign, the appointed contributors and have collected over half of the amount required to put the institution on a solid basis for the coming year.

First day \$2,842.50
Second day 2,078.50
\$4,921.00

Deduct this from the total amount and the sum remaining to be collected is found to be \$3,877.50.

There were but 220 out of the 625 business men seen by the committee in the first two days. Of these 220, 145 have contributed the sums which add up to that pleasing total of \$4,921.00.

The average contribution was therefore about \$34. By averaging \$20 on the remaining contributors, who can be seen, the committee will be able to close the campaign with the entire amount stowed away in the bank.

The results of the campaign so far are all the more pleasing to the workers because they show that it only takes a minute's conversation to bring results. The only lack is in workers. Contributors are entirely willing to come across, if only they can be approached by the proper committees.

CHOYNSKI'S KINDNESS NETS HIM \$10,000

CHICAGO, March 25.—Called upon by Bert and Ned Ying to help open the safe of their father, Jim Pon, a Chinese restaurant owner, who died recently, Joe Choynski, the former noted pugilist, swung open the door and found a bill leaving him \$10,000. It was a reward for Choynski's kindness in helping Pon at San Francisco.

District Attorney Says Impossible Convict Women

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] OAKLAND, Cal., March 25.—"It is almost impossible to convict a woman of any crime nowadays," asserted W. H. L. Hayes, district attorney of Alameda county, in a statement, and his opinion is concurred in by five other county prosecutors in the bay district.

"When a woman is involved in a case," says Hayes, "everything written or spoken is in her interest, without regard to the facts in the matter, and when testimony is given, it's main object is to create popular sympathy for the woman. The result is that public opinion begins to cut a big figure. A woman in nine cases out of ten pleads that she is insane; then everybody gets kind-hearted, and turns her loose upon the community to commit another crime, and again put up an insanity defense, 'ad lib'."

J. B. Mackenzie, district attorney of Contra Costa county, says he has never been able to convict a woman of crime.

"In misdemeanor cases," he says, "it is absolutely impossible, no matter how flagrant the offense may be, to attribute this circumstance to the inherent attitude of chivalry on the part of the men award women."

MARRIED: DIDN'T KNOW IT

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] SAN BERNARDINO, March 25.—John E. Dickson, a former solicitor, married Mary Moffatt at Norwich, Conn., but knew nothing of the marriage until one year after, according to a sworn declaration in a suit for annulment filed here. Dickson said he must have had a lapse of memory and did not regain his faculties until arrested at Redlands for bigamy. He was paroled and is now trying to untangle affairs.

LANE APPROVES DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHWEST

Authorizes Construction of Railroad South of Yuma and Favors Bill Leasing Public Domain With Natural Resources

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary Lane today announced he has authorized the construction of a railroad twenty miles long south of Yuma to provide transportation facilities for settlers under an irrigation project that will be ready in sixty days.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 25.—Arrangements will be presented by a huge delegation of Californians tomorrow favoring an administration bill designed to develop, through the leasing system, the great resources in coal, oil, gas, phosphate, sodium, potash on 225,000,000 acres of public domain in the west. A hearing on the bill began before the house public lands committee today.

While the California delegation favors the bill in general, they will assert the measure does not give (Continued on Page Five.)

Another Precedent Is Shattered By Wilson

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Wilson kept pace with his precedent-shattering reputation and exemplified the human side of himself which he described in a talk with newspaper men recently, by motorizing to the home of Senator Stone of Missouri, and having a chat about official business. Stone, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has been ill for several weeks.

He sought a conference with the President who suggested that he visit the Senator rather than have him go

MADISON ST. RIGHT OF WAY UNDER FIRE

Protestants in Large Numbers Gather Before Joint Committee of Board of Trade and M. & M. Association

VIGOROUS ATTACK ON FRANCHISE

Adoption of Resolutions—Committee Taking No Part, Asking Council to Grant Right of Way on Jackson Street

A joint committee of the board of trade and the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association heard protests yesterday afternoon at the board of trade rooms against the granting to the Tucson, Phoenix & Tidewater Railroad company a right of way along Madison Street. It was expected that there would be a thorough discussion of the pending ordinance presented a week ago, at the time of the filing of the articles of the company with the corporation commission. But no one representing the company was present at the meeting. There was a misapprehension also as to the functions assumed by the joint committee. Some thought that it would reach a decision either for or against the Madison Street franchise when, in fact, the committee understood itself to be only a vehicle of expression for both sides and an intermediary between them.

Dr. Ancil Martin presided over the meeting. Attorney O. T. Richey, representing himself and several other residents along West Madison Street was the first speaker. Armed with a map showing Madison and Jackson Streets through the city, as well as Harrison, in the western part of the town, Mr. Richey showed that it would be as convenient, if not more convenient, for the railroad company to use a right of way along Jackson street which had already been devoted to railroad purposes.

If the Madison street right of way were granted, he said, \$50,000 worth of improvements in West Capitol addition would be wiped out. That district would be converted into a residence section which would not be a credit to the city, the handsome cottages and bungalows which had been erected would soon turn to shacks.

The company, Mr. Richey said, had offered no reason why it should be allowed to occupy Madison rather than Jackson street except that it wanted it. As to the statement that it had acquired, or that there had been acquired for the El Paso and Southwestern, property along Madison west of Third Avenue, Mr. Richey said that it could make us of that property, if its tracks were on Jackson street.

Sid Henry said that as a real estate man, he would do nothing to throw an obstacle in the way of the coming of the railroad but he would like to be informed wherein the purpose of the company would be better served by a right of way on Madison instead of Jackson. After speaking of the damage to property along Jackson, he said that one thing should be considered, the future need of a subway on Central Avenue. It would be much easier to construct a subway under Jackson and Buchanan than one underlying three streets.

Among the protesters was Rev. Seaborn Crutchfield who rather humorously described the ruin that would overwhelm him if the company should run its line on Madison where he had erected a \$3000 home where he had expected to pass the remainder of his life in peace, and not among the turmoil of locomotive whistles and the rumble of passing trains. His property by that proximity to the railroad might sometime be enhanced in value as warehouse property but at his time of life he could not expect to live until the unearned increment would be available.

Mrs. Ham, the owner of a home on West Madison, made a strong appeal (Continued on Page Five.)

to the trouble of visiting the White House. Stone was eager to discuss the Mexican situation and the pending controversy relating to the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption for American ships. "The President," Stone said, "merely dropped in on his way to the golf links. I have been laid up for a long time and was eager to hear what is going on. The President told me about Mexico, and we talked also about the canal matter. It was mighty fine of him to suggest coming here."