

## VILLA ASKS UNITED STATES TO ALLOW HIM AMMUNITION TO FINISH WAR

### MAYO AIDING WOUNDED AT FALLEN PORT

United States Hospital Ship Placed at Disposal of Tampico Officials.

### NO FORCES ARE TO LAND

Federals Driven From City by Rebels After a Battle Costly to Both Sides.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Further confirmation of the fall of Tampico to the hands of the constitutionalists was received today from Admiral Mayo, transmitted through Admiral Badger. The report says the Mexican federal gunboat Vera Cruz still was up the river at the railway bridge. Mayo further reported that the federal troops blew up the barracks before retreating from the city. By 4 yesterday afternoon firing practically had ceased. Secretary Daniels has given Mayo full power to send American warships back up Panuco river to Tampico if in his judgment conditions warrant. One reason for sending the American ships back into the Panuco river was because of the hurricane season, which is setting in on the coast. This makes it hazardous, particularly for small boats in the torpedo flotilla, and shelter will be afforded in the river. Captains of the federal gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza, which came down Panuco river from Tampico yesterday afternoon, have asked Mayo for an interview. He will receive them on board the Connecticut. Rough weather prevented the interview which Mayo was to have had yesterday aboard the Connecticut with captains of the Mexican gunboats. The interview was postponed until this morning. According to later dispatches from Badger up to midnight everything in Tampico was "fairly quiet."

Not to Land Soldiers. Daniels explained that Mayo would not land any forces at Tampico except in case of gravest emergency, without specific orders from the department. He explained that he probably would place his hospital ships at the disposal of the authorities at Tampico to care for the wounded, regardless of their allegiance. With the transfer of Tampico from the federals to the rebels, President Wilson now feels it will be possible for the oil interests of the Tampico district to be protected, Villa and Carranza having notified the American government of their willingness to have expert civilians return to the fields and take charge of the flowing wells. Practically all men who were operating American oil properties as well as German and English properties were driven out by the fighting federals and constitutionalists. It is now believed that all oil operators will be able to return and protect their properties against fire and other losses.

United States Protects Federals. Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 14.—Three American gunboats crowded with federal soldiers who escaped from Tampico yesterday rode the anchors today under the protecting guns of admiral Mayo's squadron. It is probable that among the federal officers on the Mexican warships is the commander whose refusal to comply with Mayo's demand for a salute to the stars and stripes Americans precipitated the occupation of Vera Cruz. With the fall of Tampico the constitutionalists now control more than half of Mexico. Observers have expressed the opinion that the taking of Tampico by the constitutionalists forms one of the closing scenes of the dictatorship of Huerta. They believe his downfall is a question only of weeks, perhaps days while some give him only a few hours before his control of the capital will result in possible riot or bloodshed. They think Villa's guns will soon be thundering in the suburbs of the capital, and that Huerta will be fleeing with the remnants of his army to Puebla to make his last stand.

Hemmed On All Sides. Huerta is hemmed in by constitutionalists on the north, Zapata revolutionists on the north, Zapata revolutionists on the south, while his most important support is in the hands of Americans and United States ships patrol both coasts to see no arms or ammunition reach his harried forces. In Mexico City itself revolt against Huerta's rule is a thing coming soon. Constitutional agents work openly with hand bills, while their orators inflame the citizens against the dictator. Huerta is believed to be in constant danger of assassination, while the city is liable at any moment to an outbreak of anarchy. This is confirmed by refugees.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity. Fair tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature, probably frost tonight in the lowlands. Moderate winds, mostly northerly. Temperature at 7 a. m., 50. Highest yesterday, 63. Lowest last night, 46. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 39; at 7 a. m., 59. Stage of water, 8.3, a rise of .1 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter. Constellation Auriga, in the northwest, is distinguishable by the first magnitude star Capella, creamy white on the eastern rim of the Milky way, about 8.30 p. m.

### POST MONEY MAY GO TO DAUGHTER

Will to Be Read Next Week in Washington, Chief of His Counsel Announces.

Battle Creek, Mich., May 14.—Not until next week will it be known how the vast fortune of Charles W. Post, estimated anywhere from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000, will be distributed. As Washington, D. C., was the legal residence of Mr. Post, the reading of the will will take place there, and the relatives now gathering here for the funeral Friday will not reach Washington before Sunday. This is the gist of an authoritative statement made by Attorney A. B. Williams, chief of Mr. Post's counsel. It seems to be the general impression here that Mr. Post, either at the time of his second marriage (to Miss Lelia Young, his stenographer) or soon afterward made a settlement on his bride by which she waived her dower rights. It is known that clauses mentioning Mrs. Post's waiving these rights have been read by attorneys here at one time or another. Attorney Williams, however, would neither affirm nor deny this fact. If Mrs. Post is thus provided for, it is safe to say that the only daughter of Mr. Post, Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, wife of Edward B. Close of New York City and Greenwich, Conn., will be the largest individual legatee. Mrs. Close, it is generally understood, has received an income of \$25,000 a year from her father for some time, which is indicative of what he would do for her. Several millions probably will fall to her share in the estate, as well as additional millions to her two children, both girls, of whom "Grandpa" Post was very fond. The attitude of the will toward Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Post, aged parents of the deceased manufacturer, is problematical, but as he wrote a check for \$50,000 for them shortly before he took his life, many believe that he intended this to represent what he would have them receive.

There are two brothers, Carroll L. of Battle Creek, and Orrie, of Fort Worth, Texas, and they will, of course, be handsomely remembered. Carroll L. is vice chairman of a number of C. W. Post's industrial institutions, including the big Postum Cereal plant, the Central National bank, Post Theater company, etc.

### MELLEN WILLING TO TALK TO DEVIL

Former New Haven Chief Not Particular So That Desired Ends Are Attained.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Details of the financial methods of the New Haven railroad in the acquisition of subsidiaries, particularly the New York, Westchester & Boston, were disclosed today to the commerce commission by former President Mellen of the New Haven. He told of negotiations with former Police Inspector Byrnes of New York for the exchange of 5,000 New Haven shares for 24,000 shares of Westchester stock because he thought Byrnes had influence with the people. "It was necessary to reach," Mellen bluntly said he would have been willing to deal with the "devil or anybody else" in the transaction.

### BURKE INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

New York, May 14.—John Burke, former manager of the commissary department in the Panama canal zone, was indicted today by the federal grand jury for conspiracy to defraud and other offenses. He was dismissed from the government service some time ago.

### HOMEHONORS TO 9 FALLING AT VERACRUZ

State and City Officials Join in Tribute to Sam- my Meisenberg.

### ALL CHICAGO MOURNS

Similar Ceremonies Held in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Vermont, Etc.

Nine of the American seamen whose lives were ended by Mexican bullets in the occupation of Vera Cruz were buried today. They were Samuel Meisenberg, Chicago; Francis Delowry, Pittsburgh; Daniel Haggerty, Cambridge, Mass.; Walter Watson, Eastham, Mass.; and Rufus Percy, Highgate, Vt., and Frank Devoracek, Blakesburg, Iowa. Hundreds of sailors and soldiers with bands headed the Meisenberg cortege, while Governor Dunne, Senators Lewis and Sherman, Mayor Harrison, scores of fraternal organizations and hundreds of citizens and public officials marched in the procession. Ten thousand men, women and children packed sidewalks, roofs and windows of buildings on West side streets through which the Meisenberg funeral passed.

The crowd around the synagogue where the Meisenberg procession formed numbered thousands. Conspicuous among the flowers was a wreath from President Wilson. At Pittsburgh business was suspended until 11. Uncovered thousands lined the streets as the funeral of Delowry, escorted by national guard, passed. Cambridge honored Haggerty with a military ceremony in which thousands participated. A company naval militia gave only a touch of official display to the service at Eastham, where the men, women and children who live beside the sea gathered to pay tribute to Watson.

Farmers of the rugged north country honored Percy at Highgate. The national guard and veterans of the civil and Spanish-American war escorted the body on its last journey. At Blakesburg, Iowa, townspeople joined the family of Frank Devoracek in ceremonies, an important part of which was taken by the Navy club of Des Moines and a company of national guard. Congressman Kirkpatrick delivered the eulogy. Mobile paid tribute to the memory of Esau Froleichstein. Governor O'Neill and staff accompanied the body to the cemetery. Georgia's 17 year mariner, Rudolph Summerline, was buried at Villachee, Ga., with military honors.

Boswell Buried at Coulterville. Coulterville, Ill., May 14.—Louis Boswell, one of the Americans killed at Vera Cruz, was buried today after funeral services in a park attended by thousands. There was no naval or military escort, but a brother, Francis Boswell, recently discharged from the navy after five years' service, dressed himself in his uniform and stood at the foot of the coffin and received all who called at the home. There was a wreath from President Wilson. Many Injured at Marines Bier. Cambridge, Mass., May 14.—Scenes of disorder last night attended the effort of thousands to view the body of Corporal Daniel A. Haggerty, one of the first to fall at Vera Cruz. An immense crowd had gathered about the militia armory, where the body lay in state, and as only 12 officers had been furnished for police duty the result was confusion as the throng pressed forward to the doors, intent on paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the hero. Women, children, and men were knocked down and trampled upon. Many fainted and were taken into the armory. There were so many that a sick bay was established, and this was found inadequate. Soon nearly every room contained some who had been hurt or overcome. A hurry call was sent for police and for doctors. The latter worked for several hours over the numerous patients. The 20 additional police who responded proved insufficient and militia officers organized a provisional company, the members of which were sent out armed with rifles to keep the crowd in check. They were kept on guard until a late hour, although the crowd thinned out as the night went on. Seaman Dies on Way Home. New York, May 14.—The hospital ship Solace docked with 101 patients from Vera Cruz. There are 31 wounded and the remainder are suffering with disease contracted in Mexico.

### PREPARING FOR HIS CRITICS



Colonel Roosevelt has been accused by English geographers as not having discovered a new river in South America.

### WOMAN GIVEN 20 YEARS AS SLAYER

Dubuque, Iowa, May 14.—Mrs. Dorcas Brazzell was today sentenced to 20 years in the state reformatory for the murder of her husband, who was a street car man.

Many of the latter are convalescent and will be sent back to Mexico. Hunter Dobson, a seaman on the battleship Wyoming, died of appendicitis on the voyage up.

### SPRINKLER PUTS OUT A BAD FIRE

Blaze in Paint Shop of Rock Island Plow Company Is Promptly Squelched.

A serious fire was averted by the sprinkler system at the Rock Island Plow company plant at 2:10 this afternoon, when a can of benzine exploded on the third floor of the paint shop. One of the employees had just drawn a can of the oil at the large tank and after walking several yards cause the can exploded. The burning fluid was thrown in every direction and the flames crept along the wall to the ventilators in the ceiling and onto the roof. The sprinkler system soon started working from the heat however, and quickly extinguished the fire. The blaze on the roof was put out with a small hose which is part of the company's equipment. The damage may amount to several hundred dollars as the water poured through the first and second floors below, damaging some of the tools. Some plow beams near the fire were badly scorched.

### Knox Wins Spelling Match.

Galesburg, Ill., May 14.—Knox college won the spelling match with Lombard college last night.

### Columbia Wins in Twelfth.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 14.—A base on balls, two errors, a sacrifice, and two hits in the twelfth inning gave Columbia three runs and the game against Pennsylvania, 8 to 5. Pennsylvania made five runs and tied the score in the ninth inning by bunched hits, an error, and two bases on balls.

### METHODISTS FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

Bishop Cranston Requests Prayers in All Churches in Land Next Sunday.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Prayers for the success of the mediators composing the Mexican situation have been requested in all Methodist churches Sunday, May 17, by Earl Cranston, senior bishop of the church.

### ROSE TESTIMONY BECKER'S TARGET

Lawyer Tries to Prove Accuser of Ex-Policeman Caused Rosenthal's Murder.

New York, May 14.—The real defense of Charles Becker, the story relied upon to save him from a second conviction, ran through the cross examination of Jack Rose yesterday as a brook wanders through a forest, sometimes revealed, sometimes concealed. It was lost sight of now and then in an underbrush, whole thickets of words, but in open spaces it was as clear as sunlight. That defense which Attorney Manton labored for five hours to establish from Rose's own statements and admissions, who could not tell the truth to save his life and who, therefore, cannot be believed when he accuses Becker of ordering the murder of Rosenthal; that Rose himself caused the murder of Rosenthal because Rosenthal had spread the rumor that Rose had framed Selig, the gang leader, and put Selig in peril or 14 years in Sing Sing, gossip which would have caused Selig's gunmen to shoot Rose if Rosenthal had lived to spread such talk, and that the interlocking stories of the four informers, Rose, Webber, Vallon and Schepps, was a mass of perjury concocted in the west side prison in weeks of communication provided by the district attorney himself. None can say if Mr. Manton failed or succeeded except the 12 men who must decide Becker's guilt or innocence. Becker's lawyer is confident that he puzzled the eyes of the jurors to the guide picture in Rose's testimony, the picture of Rose's guilt hidden in the maze of accusations against Becker. Mr. Whitman is equally confident that Rose's testimony about every essential point of Becker's connection with the murder was unshaken, and that Mr. Manton was able to get before the jury only such things as the prosecution would have conceded, that Rose was a gambler, a perjurer, a blackmailer, and a murderer. Had he not been all of these things, Whitman says, Rose could not have done Becker's work. It cannot be said that Rose faltered or broke under Mr. Manton's attack. In not dozens but scores of particulars the cross examiner brought out variances from the testimony in the former trial, but Rose's reply was always ready; he was giving the substance, not the details of his former story. Rose maintained his composure even under Manton's merciless analysis of his past life. Men of less hardihood than Rose would have collapsed from shame. But this extraordinary person met Mr. Manton's glance, and without a blush or a grimace endured the lawyers' indictment, that he had done about all of the bad things a man could do. Rose was alert, crafty, resourceful. For example, he took advantage of a slip by Mr. Manton and got into his testimony, like a flash, the statement that he had sent Sam Schepps to Becker's house the night after the murder. All of Manton's objections and protests couldn't get that out of the record.

### LIMITED TRAIN IN WRECK; NONE DIE

Detroit, Mich., May 14.—The Wolverine Limited on the Michigan Central, New York to Chicago, jumped the track early today near Buxton, Ontario.

### WILLIAM BROWN HEAD OF KNIGHTS

State Convention of Catholic Society Comes to End at Quincy—Decatur Next.

Quincy, Ill., May 14.—After selecting Decatur as the next meeting place this afternoon and electing officers, the state convention of the Knights of Columbus adjourned at 9:30 last night. The following officers were elected: Deputy—William H. Brown, Chicago. Past deputy—J. Le Roy Hackett, Chicago. Secretary—Edward Houlihan, Chicago. Treasurer—J. F. Keshner, Edwardsville. Advocate—W. D. Rose, Springfield. Warden—R. E. Davies, East St. Louis.

### FINDS MAN IN HER CABIN; PAYS HIS WAY TO AMERICA

New York, May 14.—When Miss Alice Brown of Logansport, Ind., came down the gangplank of the steamship Uranium yesterday her father, Joseph Brown, a harness manufacturer, who was at the Brooklyn pier to meet her, was surprised to see her have in tow a shabbily dressed young man with long hair and large "specs." Miss Brown had found the young man a stowaway in her stateroom and after hearing his romantic story had paid his way over rather than let him work an unromantic passage. "Why Alice," Mr. Brown asked, "who is this?" "This is Willard Brown, papa, and he is going to work in the harness factory," was the reply of the young woman, who spoke as one having authority. Then the manufacturer heard the story of the stowaway, but reserved comment. Miss Brown, who had been studying art in Munich, tired of Europe a few weeks ago.

### KING GUSTAVE IS WELL MAN AGAIN

Stockholm, Sweden, May 14.—King Gustave has completely recovered from an operation of ulceration of the stomach, and today resumed the conduct of affairs of state.

### SALTILLO TO FALL NEXT IS REBELS' PLAN

Army of 25,000 Men to Test Strength of Federal Stronghold.

### BULLET SUPPLY SHORT

Suggests Commission to Supervise Importation of Enough to Finish Campaign.

Tampico, Mexico, May 14.—Mobilization of rebel troops for the campaign against Saltillo came to a close last night when the last units left Torreon accompanied by Villa. This concentration has brought together 25,000 men to test the strength of the federal stronghold. Villa exacted a promise from newspaper men that nothing concerning the disposition of his troops would be sent out at present. Commenting on newspaper reports purporting to indicate President Wilson and others would be glad to see the rebels take Mexico City and end the present unrest in Mexico, Villa said: "To establish a constitutional government throughout Mexico we need more ammunition, and I am willing that the United States supervise importation of it."

For a Limited Supply. "How can we take Mexico City if we have no ammunition?" Villa asked. "After fighting at Saltillo our supply will be depleted. Of course the United States must keep in mind the possibility that some one might provoke war between the two countries. It would be injudicious, under such conditions, to permit unlimited importation of ammunition into the country with which battles might have to be fought. For that reason I am willing to have a commission ascertain the amount of ammunition we will need until Mexico City is taken, with a view to having the embargo lifted on the quantity we will require for that purpose. Ammunition admitted by the commission into Mexico will not be large enough to leave much, if any, after our operations, for war with the United States, which is the very last thing I think possible."

Rebels Drop Bombs. Mazatlan, May 14.—A rebel aeroplane dropped bombs into the federal fortifications yesterday. The bombs exploded directly within the federal lines. The casualties were not reported in the city.

### PANAMA CANAL IS CARRYING TRAFFIC

Washington, D. C., May 14.—For the first time in history water borne traffic is now passing through the Panama canal, according to reports received at the headquarters of the Panama railroad in New York, forwarded here today.

According to the Panama railroad reports service actually began last Saturday and steam barges, in tow, are now passing through the canal. Tremendous congestion in interoceanic commerce caused by suspension of the Tehantepec railway in southern Mexico incident to the rebellion, ought about rather premature opening of the canal to the trade. Several great freight liners recently appeared at Colon and Panama offering cargoes for transshipment overland far beyond the capacity of the Panama railroad. Finding Colonel Goethals willing to assist them by clearing an adequate channel for barges, at least through the Cucharacha slide, the company obtained a lot of barges that had been used for harbor purposes at Colon and Panama and established a service as an overflow to assist the railroad in meeting trade demands. Goethals has not yet reported when the canal will be opened to merchant shipping, but it is understood the waterway is practically finished and even now there is sufficient channel through Culebra cut for almost any warship or liner.

Married Fifty-Seven Years. Beloit, Wis., May 14.—Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary here yesterday. Mr. Thompson is a pioneer manufacturer of this city.

Another Black Hand Victim. Chicago, Ill., May 14.—While passing the mouth of an alley today Leonard France was shot and killed with a sawed-off shot gun which the murderer tossed into a garbage box and escaped. The police say it is another black hand murder.