

LAST EDITION.

FREE FROM CITY

Rush Across Boundary Follows Opening of Battle.

Rebels Retreat Under Hot Fire From Federals.

GUNS ARE NOW SILENCED

Mexican Government Reported to Be Bankrupt.

Representatives of France Arranging Big Loan.

Laredo, Tex., March 17.—The streets of Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican town opposite this city, were the scene of a battle this afternoon in which twenty Carranzistas and fifteen federals were killed. Nearly fifty soldiers were wounded. The Carranzistas retreated to the hills about two miles from Laredo, where they appeared to be preparing for a fresh assault.

The street fighting continued for an hour and a half. An Associated Press correspondent, walking through the battlefield, saw bodies of dead rebels with eyes apparently kicked out. Several had been shot through the head after being otherwise wounded.

The rebels this afternoon held a position near the city and were continuing preparations to renew the fight. Laredo, Tex., March 17.—A battle unexpectedly began in Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican town opposite Laredo, at daylight. Carranzistas, reported to number 200, during the night had forced their way into the city and occupied a large factory. At dawn a salvo of rifle firing aroused Americans in Laredo.

The first sight that greeted them was a rush of refugees across the bridge to the American side. About 8 o'clock the rebels fell back from a land in front of which they had taken position. Under a hot federal rifle fire and retreated slowly, pushed hard by government troops.

Men and women carrying their children jammed the streets with hurried wagon traffic. A number of officials of Nuevo Laredo were among the refugees. The officers carried books of records by the armful. The Carranzistas within 3 o'clock this morning arrived through four miles of Nuevo Laredo and opened a light rifle fire. The distance was too great, however, for this preliminary firing to arouse the sleeping American townsfolk to disturb Nuevo Laredo seriously. The Carranzistas under cover of darkness advanced cautiously until they were within the city limits. They rushed into the land factory, barricaded windows, then constructed effective looking entrenchments for skirmish lines with the aid of outlying fences and sheds.

At 6:30 their rifles awoke the town with a sudden fusillade. This was followed by an hour's silence. Then the firing was renewed for a few minutes only to be succeeded by another silence. Colonel Brewer, commanding officer of the Fourteenth United States cavalry, on patrol duty here, sent word in the day that there must be no firing in a direction which would endanger border points.

It was reported many persons had been wounded in the fighting in Nuevo Laredo. Mexican Government Bankrupt. St. Louis, March 17.—The Mexican government is bankrupt and all the purported wealth of Madero has vanished, according to official information from the state of Yucatan. A French banker, says he has received. Count de Boigne, who departed last night for Mexico City, said he was on his way to the Mexican capital to confer with Provisional President Huerta and Gen. Felix Diaz in regard to a \$200,000,000 loan the Mexican government has been negotiating with France. He said as a representative of France he expected to supply Mexican arms, munitions, rifles and ammunition. The count declared the Mexican government would be given the money, guns and ammunition as soon as security which it had offered to provide was all right.

General Carter Protests. Washington, March 17.—Major General William H. Carter, commanding the central division on the Mexican border, has strongly represented to the department the numerous efforts alleged to be made to secure removal of the troops of the Second brigade from Texas City, Tex. In an official report, General Carter assumes full responsibility for the removal of the troops, which he considers a healthful spot, and intimates that statements to the contrary are from sources commercially interested in the transfer of the troops to Guaymas.

Reports at Variance. Mexico City, March 17.—There is wide variance between official and unofficial reports of the magnitude of Mexico's latest revolution. Information from sources heretofore reliable makes it appear that Carranza's revolt is far more formidable than government reports indicate. According to the government, the rebel governor holds no towns, commands not more than 400 men and is chiefly occupied in running away from the government troops.

Private advisers to hold Lampazos and Bustamante. In the state of Nuevo Leon, and Ciudad Portillo Diaz, in the state of Coahuila, and that he has at least 1,000 men. It is reported that Carranza practically is in control of the Mexican international railroad and is operating portions thereof. He has removed the National railroad between Monterey and Laredo that to repair it will require a considerable time, even when the management is given an opportunity.

The oil and water tanks and stations have been destroyed. In addition to destroying the bridges, miles of tracks literally has been removed by the rebels using a crane and a locomotive. Huerta Makes Statement. President Huerta, in an interview with a correspondent said: "I take great pleasure in stating to you, so that you may convey it to your numerous readers, that my personal opinion regarding President Woodrow Wilson's statements regarding the at-

titude of his government toward the Latin-American republics is one of sincere admiration. His statements are highly satisfactory because they are valuable proof that good relations will continue between our country and your great republic. Such harmony has a strong basis of political solidarity, common interests and ideals. Such sentiments as President Wilson expresses are to be expected from the intellectual and moral personality who has as commander in chief the destinies of the powerful American union."

Rebels Captured and Shot. Puebla, Mexico, March 17.—A detachment of 22 adherents of the rebel Zapata was captured by federal troops near here yesterday taken to a neighboring farm, lined up and shot without trial. The action of the federal troops means the approval of the inhabitants of the district.

BANK LAW UPHELD

Kansas Guaranty Act of 1909 Is Constitutional.

Formal Decision Rendered by U. S. Supreme Court.

Washington, March 17.—The supreme court today formally upheld as constitutional the Kansas bank guaranty deposit act of 1909. The court held constitutional about two years ago, after objection by state banks, but national banks of Kansas still persisted in their fight against the law.

Other Decisions Rendered. The supreme court today granted a restraining order to prevent Postmaster General Burleson from enforcing the newspaper publicity law while the court has under consideration the question of its constitutionality. The court announced it would recess from next Monday until April 7. The court announced no decision in the state rate cases or other important cases today.

LAST MESSAGE

Gov. Hodges Narrates Accomplishments Legislature.

Comprehensive List Beneficial Laws Passed.

In a final farewell message sent to the legislature just before final adjournment of the session at noon today, Governor George H. Hodges proudly calls attention to the many good laws enacted in the two months that the members have been in Topeka. He declares that more platform promises have been redeemed and more important laws written than in the record of any previous legislature in this state.

The governor points to 13 platform pledges that were safely protected by the first Democratic legislature elected in Kansas. In addition to these important measures, the chief executive reviews several score laws written by the Democrats which he believes are both humane and of great benefit to the state and the people. He declares that the legislature was a progressive and constructive body. In his message, Governor Hodges says: Topeka, Kan., March 17, 1913.

To the Legislature: In this, the closing hour of the first and only Democratic legislature ever elected in our state, I must commend you for keeping the faith and for writing into law the pledges made by our party in our state platform. Your bills as they have come to me have shown that you have kept the faith and that you have written into law the pledges made by our party in our state platform. Ratified the constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote. (Senate concurrent resolution No. 3.) Repealed the inheritance tax law. (House bill 11.)

Provided for the educational institutions of the state under a single board of three members. (House bill 442.) Provided for the state publication of the laws. (Senate bill 51.) Adopted the Massachusetts form of ballot. (Senate bill 144.) Provided for a nonpartisan judiciary. (House bill 469.) Enlarged the scope of the workman's compensation law. (House bill 558.) Enlarged the powers of the bureau of labor. (House bill 183.) Provided for the working of convicts on the public roads and highways. (Senate bill 715.) Provided for the protection and safety of those who work in our mines. (Senate bills 464, 418, 230 and house bill 217.)

Provided for the granting of injunctions in labor disputes without notice. (House bill 767.) Given practical application to the principle that justice should be free by treating the small debtors court. (House bill 734.) Submitted to the people for their approval an amendment to the constitution providing for the recall of unfaithful officials. (House Concurrent resolution 4.) These things we promised in our platform and each pledge has been most faithfully kept. Had you stopped with this you would have earned for yourselves the proud distinction of progressive legislation on the statute books than any single legislature has ever enacted in the more than half century that has elapsed since Kansas became a state. But you did not stop with this. You sought to carry out the spirit of our platform and to make it a reality. This has been a constructive legislature and among the other meritorious things accomplished you have:

Prohibited the white slave traffic. (House bill 40.) Required that female prisoners in our county jails be placed in charge of a matron. (House bill 795.) Provided for the pensioning of disabled citizens. (House bill 179.) Provided for a divorce proctor. (Senate bill 177.) Increased the scope of the parole law. (House bill 166.) Provided for wage for convicts. (Senate bill 362.)

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

THIEVES ROB SAFE

Haul of \$300,000 Made From New York Pawnshop.

Daring Robbers Tunnel Their Way Into Building.

CASH IN AMOUNT OF \$8,000

Clever Work Shown in Avoiding Burglar Alarms.

Woman Gives Police Description of Burglars.

New York, March 17.—The cracksmen who tunneled their way through brick and concrete walls, avoiding a \$300,000 worth of diamonds, and the safe of the Martin Simons & Sons pawnshop, on the lower east side, were seen in flight with their booty by a woman, the police announced today.

This woman, whose name the police withheld, lives in the five-story tenement adjoining the pawnshop. She told the detectives that she was coming down stairs about 10 o'clock yesterday morning when a strange man came up from the cellar and turned on the light. She followed him to the street and saw another man drive up in a light wagon. Into the wagon the first man placed the lamp. They then went back to the cellar and returned in a few moments with another lamp and a parcel done up in manila paper. He placed these in the wagon and both men drove away.

The police are certain that these are the men who chiseled through the wall of the cellar of the pawnshop. The brown parcel, they believe, contained the fortune in gems. The woman who hid the diamonds in the safe, they believe, obtained good descriptions. Later they took her to the rogue's gallery to identify the men, if possible, from the pictures of criminals on file. The police believe that the robbers are at work on the case. It was one of the most daring and successful robberies committed in this city within the memory of the present generation of police.

Series of Robberies. It comes as a climax to a series of safebreaking robberies which for more than nine months has engaged the attention of a special "safe squad" of detectives organized by Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty. Since January 13, more than 20 safes have been cracked and robbed in the lower East side section, where yesterday's big haul was made. The police believe that the robbers are the same as those connected with many of the previous burglaries and in one instance they have a clue to the identity of the men who broke into the pawnshop on the Bowery last Thursday night, the robbers left behind a pair of cotton gloves which they had used to avoid finger prints.

Left Gloves Behind. The robbers of the Simons shop left behind them two pairs of gloves like these. This vague clue, however, is the only one the detectives are known to have. The care with which the burglars cut their way by a devious route from an adjoining cellar to the safe, they were familiar with the premises. They had carefully avoided using the basement stairway, which was open to them, but had sawed their way through two floors, appearing to know the building was wired with burglar alarms. In like manner when they reached the big vault in the pawnshop, they did not touch the great steel doors or their locks. They stacked the walls—two feet thick.

They were rewarded by access to such riches that the robbers must have been stunned. The cases contained valuable worth \$800,000, according to Simons, \$600,000 in jewelry and watches upon which money had been loaned, \$120,000 in negotiable securities and \$80,000 in notes, as well as \$8,000 in cash and checks. The thieves took the bonds and notes, but threw them away in the basement before leaving the building. They took nothing but diamonds and light jewelry contained in 24 drawers. Watches and other jewelry of less value, packed in 260 small drawers, were not taken, although the drawers had been pulled from their places and the jewelry and watches dropped on the floor until they were a foot deep.

THEATER SAFE BLOWN

Daring Robbery in Downtown District of Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., March 17.—Two men entered the Garden theater, at McGee and Thirteenth streets, here early yesterday, bound the watchman, Jerry Trahey, and placed him where for five hours he was forced to sit and watch them as they worked to open the safe in the theater office. At 5 o'clock they blew the safe and escaped with the money it held. The management of the theater said the robbers had taken \$2,500. Trahey's cries, after the robbers had gone, attracted the attention of Chas. Stevens, a newboy, who climbed into the window, through which it is believed the safe blowers entered, and released the watchman from the chair where he was tied.

The safe blown open by the robbers after five hours' work was said to be guarded by a watchman and fire alarm by the efforts of the most expert cracksmen. Upon confronting the watchman after they entered, the robbers snapped a pair of steel handcuffs on his wrists and then bound him with a clothline. Rugs from the office were soaked with water and thrown over the safe to muffle the explosion fired to break the safe.

Confederates express the opinion that two confederates of the robbers were on watch outside the theater as the others worked.

COLD WEATHER.

Low Temperatures Predicted for Greater Part of Week.

Washington, March 17.—Low temperatures for the season will prevail over the greater part of the coming week over the country east of the Rocky mountains, with frost Monday and Tuesday in the southern states, except the central and southern portions of Florida according to the weekly weather bureau bulletin. "With the exception of light local snows along the northern border and rains in the north Pacific states," the bulletin says, "the weather will be generally fair during the next several days. The weather will be of importance to cross the country will appear in the far west Tuesday or Wednesday, prevail over the middle west and the north Pacific states, and the eastern states Friday or Saturday. This disturbance will be preceded by rising winds and be followed by local rains during its movement eastward over the United States."

Wind at 25 Miles Per Hour. This is a typical March day with the wind blowing at a velocity ranging from 20 to 30 miles an hour. Temperatures are averaging slightly above normal for this date. The forecast calls for continued fair weather.

7 o'clock 34 11 o'clock 50
8 o'clock 37 12 o'clock 53
9 o'clock 42 1 o'clock 56
10 o'clock 44 2 o'clock 61

BOY'S BODY FOUND

Son of Wm. King, Blue Rapids, Commits Suicide.

Fastens Garter to Gun Trigger and Trips It With Foot.

Marysville, Kan., March 17.—The body of the 13-year-old son of William King of Blue Rapids was found last night by some boys in a small stream at the rear of the King home, where he had committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. He had fastened his garter to the trigger and struck it with his foot. The boy left home a week ago and it was supposed he had run away to his sister's home in Nebraska. Nothing was heard of him until his body was found last night.

BALKS AT TERMS

No Prospect of Immediate Balkan Settlement.

Demands Upon Turkey Are Considered Extravagant.

London, March 17.—There is no prospect of the acceptance by Turkey of the peace terms as proposed by the allies, according to a dispatch from Constantinople that the leading members of the committee of Union and Progress have decided that the conditions could not be accepted and it understood that the council of ministers has adopted the same view.

The Greek and Bulgarian Red Crescent societies and begged the members to continue their efforts, as the government was resolved to continue the Balkan revision plan. At other capitals and among the ambassadors in London the allies' demands are considered extravagant. The Greek and Bulgarian Red Crescent societies and begged the members to continue their efforts, as the government was resolved to continue the Balkan revision plan.

Prepare Note to Allies. Berlin, March 17.—The European powers this week will inform the Balkan allies that their suggested terms for peace negotiations with Turkey are inadmissible. The powers will decline to submit them to Turkey. A carefully worded note to this effect was drawn up by the committee in London at their latest conference and is now being considered in the various European capitals. It is to be handed to the allies at the end of the week. The note will urge strongly the necessity for the conclusion of peace.

BUSINESS INCREASES.

Report Shows Gain in Parcel Post Department.

Washington, March 17.—Parcel post business last month was almost 40 per cent greater than January, as shown by reports to Postmaster General Burleson. In February fifty million parcels post packages were handled, an increase of ten million over the previous month; but as February contained three days less than January, the real gain in the business was almost forty per cent.

The largest parcel post business in February were Chicago, New York and Boston in the order named. Chicago sent and received 5,167,000 packages; New York 4,192,000 and Boston 3,329,000, most of them in each case being of the sent class. Cleveland moved from sixth place in January to fourth in February, while Philadelphia dropped from fourth to sixth. St. Louis remained fifth. Each of the six places named handled more than one million packages in February.

Investigate Corruption Charges. Concord, N. H., March 17.—A legislative committee appointed several weeks ago to investigate charges of corruption in the context for the United States senatorship in the legislature began its hearings here today. Summons have been served in Manchester upon several men prominent in state politics. Henry F. Hollis, Democrat, was elected last Thursday after a long struggle in which he had been within a few votes of success on many ballots.

CONGRESS APRIL 7

Formal Proclamation Issued by President Wilson.

Pronouncement Is Brief and Closely Follows Form.

MEASURES WILL BE READY

Tariff Bills in Preparation by Ways and Means Committee.

Thought Executive Will Take Up Currency Legislation.

Washington, March 17.—President Wilson today issued the formal proclamation convening congress in extra session at noon on April 7. The president's pronouncement today was brief and followed form closely. It stated that "whereas, public interests require," congress would be convened in extra session by order of the executive. Originally Mr. Wilson had fixed upon April 1 as the date, Representative Underhill declared that he would call an order, having informed him that tariff bills to which it was agreed congress should give immediate attention would be ready on that date. Mr. Underwood said, however, that the ways and means committee would need another week to draft the tariff schedules, and today's program is in the deference to the wishes of Leader Underwood and the house leaders.

The absence of any specific reason for the calling of the extra session is explained by the fact that Mr. Wilson's moment immediately after his election declared that he would call an extra session to revise the tariff. President Wilson plans to point out specifically his wishes for the session in his first message. It is known from this the president has had with members of congress that he will outline the administration's idea of how the tariff should be revised and just what schedules should be taken up. The belief is general that the entire message will be taken up with a discussion of the tariff, with the exception of the last paragraph or two, which will draw attention to the need of currency legislation and the need of a special message on that or other subjects, which he believes should be taken up by the new congress.

Tariff Plan to Caucuses. The tariff plan will be submitted first to a caucus and then directly to the house by the ways and means committee. "The committee will be ready to report by that time," said Democratic Leader Underwood today. "We have made headway and there will be no delay in the revision of the tariff when congress convenes." The majority of the ways and means committee today began taking up the administrative features of the new tariff. The revision plan will be in the form of a bill, which will be introduced by the committee on the floor of the house without delay.

There will be no attempt to name all or even the bulk of the house committee at the outset of the extra session, that being reserved under the present plan until toward the close of the extra session so as to obviate any unnecessary legislation until the regular session of congress convenes in December. The ways and means committee personnel already has been determined upon in the Democratic caucus of the Sixty-third congress and it will be the duty of the committee to select the chairman of the extra session, the committee on rules, mileage and accounts also will be named. Whether any other committees will be created for the extra session will depend upon developments between now and April 7.

President Wilson does not expect to announce any more appointments until the extra session of congress convenes. The president does not believe it necessary to make recess appointments with a session of congress only a few weeks off. Before April 7 he is expected to select for most of the important posts and their names will be put before the new senate then.

McCombs Will Accept. The nomination of Chairman William F. McCombs of the Democratic national committee to be ambassador to France was prepared at the White House today and as it was about to be transmitted to the senate it was withheld at Mr. McCombs' request. Mr. McCombs has decided to accept the post and it is said the delay does not mean a change in his intentions.

Appoints Commission. The president today appointed Senators Fletcher of Florida; Gore of Oklahoma; Representative Moses of Indiana; Colonel Harvey Jordan, of Georgia; Dr. John Lee Coulter, of Minnesota; Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts; and Clarence J. Owen, of Maryland, members of the commission authorized in the last agricultural appropriation bill to co-operate with the American commission, assemble under the auspices of the southern commercial congress, investigate and study in European countries co-operative rural credit unions and similar organization devoted to the promotion of rural conditions.

The same men also have been designated as delegates to the general assembly of the International institute of agriculture in Rome next August. Intentions Resolved at the White House today that National Chairman W. F. McCombs finally might accept to the president's request that he become ambassador to France. It was said Mr. McCombs was making such rapid progress with the organiza-

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