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Thousands Fall in Furious Battle at Torreon

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4,000 KILLED IN BATTLE STILL RAGING IN TORREON, FEDERALS AT LAST STAND

Slaughter as Mines Are Exploded Under Feet of Troops and Guns Rake Ranks.
VILLA PUSHES ATTACK.
Huerta Troops, in Terror, Fast Deserting and Others Captured Are Put to Death.

SUSPICIOUS STAINS FOUND ON SUSPECT IN CELLAR MURDER

Saloon Porter Admits He Saw Athlete Lying Helpless for Hours.

(By United Press.)
TORREON, Mexico, March 30 (1 A. M.)—Fighting for the possession of Torreon is still in progress. While Gen. Francisco Villa's Constitutional forces are gradually taking all the important positions of the city, they are meeting a resistance they did not anticipate. The loss of life on both sides will be enormous—much greater than in any other battle ever fought on the soil of Mexico. Fully 2,500 Federal soldiers are dead, according to Rebel leaders, and it is believed as many more have been wounded. The Rebel losses are estimated to be at least 1,500 killed.

Gen. Villa's subordinates do not believe Gen. Refugio Velasco, Federal commander, has more than 3,000 able-bodied men now in action.
When the Constitutionalists captured Cerro de la Cruz early Sunday the most crushing blow of the whole campaign was delivered against the Federals. The latter abandoned all of their artillery and great stores of ammunition there. Some guns had been disabled before the Federals retreated and much ammunition destroyed, but the rebels found many guns still fit for use. Those were turned upon the small section of the city still held by the Huertistas, the rebel gunners using Federal ammunition, just captured.

With the loss of Cerro de la Cruz the power of the Federals to delay approaching Constitutional forces was reduced to a minimum. Hundreds of Federals have deserted to the rebel cause, Villa's officers say, joining the Constitutional forces on taking the oath of allegiance.
The Federal officers captured were disarmed and sent to the rear as prisoners. Some reports say all have been put to death.

HOSPITALS ARE FILLED WITH THE WOUNDED.
EL PASO, TEX., March 30.—Harrowing stories of the seven-day battle in and around Torreon were told here today by passengers from Chihuahua, who have their descriptions on the reports made by wounded Mexicans. Federal and rebel soldiers brought from the front to hospitals in Chihuahua.
More than 600 wounded Constitutionalists are in Chihuahua hospitals and more are arriving daily. Besides

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PREMIER ASQUITH IS ALSO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

Col. Seely Resigns and the Prime Minister Performs Clever Coup.

HOUSE GIVES OVATION.

Sir John French and Gen. Ewart Formally Give Up Their Commissions.

LONDON, March 30.—Premier Asquith performed a clever political coup to-day when he accepted the resignation of Col. J. E. B. Seely, Secretary of War, appointed himself to the position made vacant by Col. Seely, and then resigned from the House of Commons. While acting as Secretary of War he will continue to act as Premier.

The full significance of the move did not occur to the opposition until the Premier had left the House of Commons after making his announcement. He will now seek re-election to the House from East Fife, his constituency in Scotland.

If he is returned by his own people—as doubtless he will be—it will be taken as an indication that the cause of the Government has the sanction of the people. Instead of the whole ministry resigning and going before the country the Premier, representing the ministry, goes before his constituency alone and asks for endorsement.

PREMIER'S ACTION MET WITH WILD APPROVAL.

The unexpected manner in which the Premier met the opposition's attempts to overthrow his government as a result of the army tangle threw the coalition forces into a frenzy of excited approval, even though Asquith did announce that Field Marshal Sir John French and Gen. John Spencer Ewart had stood firm in their intention to resign.

Failure to placate these officers following the repudiation of the War Council note to Gen. Gough giving a guarantee that his troops would not be expected to fight Ulster made drastic action to save the Cabinet necessary.

In announcing that King George had signed his approval of his assumption of the War portfolio, Premier Asquith concluded:
"I have taken the law to the highest legal authorities to obtain their opinion, and all the lawyers are agreed that I must resign from the House of Commons. I therefore, in accordance with the law, retire from the House until my constituents shall have given their approval of my acceptance of this office."

In a brief personal statement Col. Seely told the House there was no difference between himself and his colleagues in the Cabinet on any point of policy or principle. He said he had pressed his resignation because there appeared, although such was not his intention, to have been a bargain with the army officers regarding the service they would render to the Crown. Neither had Sir John French nor Sir John Ewart the intention of making such a bargain. **FRENCH AND EWART FELT IT**

NEEDFUL TO RESIGN.
Col. Seely said he did not wonder, however, that the House had resented the idea that there should have been such a bargain. These two officers had in these peculiarly ironical circumstances felt it to be their duty to resign and it was clearly the duty of the Secretary of War to do the same in order that it might never appear that a Minister of the Crown had made a bargain with Crown servants regarding what should be done.

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, thought it would be impossible to proceed with the Irish Home Rule bill in the absence of the Premier, but Premier Asquith remarked that he would be at hand if

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Rapid Fire Gun on Train Car Used by Rebels at Torreon



COUNSEL FOR GUNMEN ASKS FOR A REPRIEVE

Calls at Executive Mansion With Application When Governor Is Not at Home.

ALBANY, March 30.—Formal application for commutation of the death sentences or a reprieve of the four gunmen was filed at the Executive Chamber to-day by their counsel, H. L. Kringle.
The Governor was not present when Mr. Kringle called.
With the application was the petition of ten jurors asking that the stay be granted until the outcome of former Police Lieutenant Beck's second trial.

I. W. W. "RAID" A BOOMERANG.

After they had consumed \$10 worth of food in the Lafayette restaurant, No. 111 Lafayette street, today four men tendered a meal ticket to Abraham Leemann, the proprietor. Leemann refused to accept the ticket, declaring they had no right to it, although it bore no name. He called the men "I. W. W." and the quartet was arrested. The men gave their names as Marshall Martin, Joseph Brown and William Simpson, all of No. 31 Grand street, and William Rossmann of No. 123 Eldridge street.

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AUTO, WITH HURT CHILD, WRECKED BY TROLLEY CAR

Owner Taking Little One, Who Was Struck, to Hospital When New Accident Occurred.

Albert J. Schwarzwiler, a wealthy Bronx contractor, came near losing his life to-day, and did lose his big touring car while speeding with little Genevieve Miller, ten years old, of No. 403 East One Hundred and Fifty-third street, to Lebanon Hospital.
The child had been struck by a mud guard of the automobile at Melrose avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street. Mr. Schwarzwiler pleaded let up, placed her in the machine and started for the hospital with her. On the way he stopped to inform Patrolman Malone of the accident. The policeman got in the car and held the little girl in his arms.

Darting into a cross street, Mr. Schwarzwiler put on full speed, and then tried to cut in ahead of a trolley car in Third avenue. He did not quite make it and the car smashed into the machine, crushing it against the elevated pillars. At first it was thought that every one in the machine was badly hurt or killed, and an ambulance was summoned from Lebanon Hospital. Both the owner of the machine and the policeman escaped without a scratch. Poor little Genevieve was the only one to be hurt, but an examination showed that she had shared in the general bad luck. Her injuries were merely bruises. These hurts were dressed and the child was taken home by her mother.

"All right," said the I. W. W., "send the bill for the meals to Mayor Mitchell."

WILSON REJECTS DUDLEY F. MALONE AS HIS SPOKESMAN

"My Own Tongue Is My Mouthpiece," His Comment on Attack on Glynn.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—President Wilson was asked to-



day if Dudley Field Malone had spoken for the Administration when he expressed opposition to Gov. Glynn's recent appointments in New York. The President replied that the only "mouthpiece" of the Administration was his own tongue, and that he did not intend to reflect on Mr. Malone's utterances, but merely wished to indicate that the views expressed were individual and not inspired.
Mayor Mitchell to-day condemned the action of Gov. Glynn for giving the major portion of his State appointments to men affiliated with Tammany Hall.
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CONCEDES RIGHT OF GLYNN TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

"Of course, Mr. Glynn is the Governor of the State and he has a right to make whatever appointments he sees fit. I do not even question his motives in making those appointments. But those appointments do not represent the best interests of the progressive Democracy of New York."
"What do you think of Gov. Glynn as the leader of the Democratic party in the State?" the Mayor was asked.
Mr. Mitchell laughed.
"I want to be excused from answering that question—just now," said the Mayor.
"You have said that you are grieved over the major portion of Gov. Glynn's appointments. Can you specify one appointee and give your reasons for opposition to him?" the Mayor was asked.
"I have said I am opposed to most of the appointments," said the Mayor "but at the same time I cannot take any of them up and state my opposition. It seems to me that no particular purpose would be served by my doing so, at this time at least."
It is said the Mayor partly blames Gov. Glynn for the failure of the passage of the Police bill.

BOY KILLED TEACHER TO GET REVENGE FOR DISGRACE AT SCHOOL

17-Year-Old Pupil Tells, According to District-Attorney, How He Lured Young Woman to Scene of Murder.

FATHER OF VICTIM SHAKES PRISONER'S HAND IN CELL.

Gianini Tells Where He Threw Wrench With Which He Slew Miss Beecher on Lonely Road.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., March 30.—Jean Gianini, under arrest for the murder of Miss Lydia Beecher, the young school teacher who was found beaten and stabbed to death in the woods near Poland, has confessed his guilt, according to District-Attorney Farrell.

Gianini says in his confession, which was made Saturday and disclosed to-day, that he had asked Miss Beecher to go with him to see his parents in regard to his reinstatement in the Poland High School, from which he had been expelled at the young woman's instigation. He told her, he says, that they were at a farmhouse about half a mile beyond his home.

FACTORY FIRE DRIVES WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN PANIC FROM HOMES

Workers Also Escape Hurriedly From Blaze in the Gas House District.

Dense, stifling smoke from a fire in the factory of P. R. Mitchell Company at Nos. 609 and 611 East Seventeenth street, in the heart of the Gas House district, invaded the tenement houses in Avenue B between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets this afternoon and drove hundreds of women and children in panic to the street. The blaze was confined to the building in which it originated.

The P. R. Mitchell Company manufactures curled hair, pickings, feather down and materials for bedding and pillows. It occupies a four-story building at Seventeenth street address and a two-story building adjoining in the rear and facing on East Eighteenth street.

The fire started in a storage room on the third floor and spread so rapidly that the twenty-five girls and fifteen men employed in the place abandoned their coats and hats in a rush for safety. By the time the first engines arrived the lower three floors were ablaze and Capt. Morrison of Engine 16 turned in a second alarm.

This brought two fireboats and with their aid the fire was drowned out. The loss is estimated by Mr. Mitchell at \$15,000.

Directly to the east of the factory are big tanks of the Consolidated Gas Company which were filled with gas. The gas was quickly piped off to tanks in Eighteenth street and Nineteenth street to avoid the danger of an explosion.

STEAMSHIPS SAILING TO-DAY.

K. Wm. der Grosse, Bremen, 10 A. M.
Indian Prince, Brazil, 11 P. M.

Before their arrival Miss Beecher became frightened, he said, and insisted upon returning. Gianini declared he then hit her with a wrench which he had concealed in his pocket and knocked her down. Then he beat her, stabbed her several times with a knife, dragged her body into the bushes, went home and to bed.

The body of the murdered girl was to-day taken by her parents to their home in Bennett, Cayuga County, where funeral services will be held to-morrow. Before his departure her father, the Rev. A. W. Beecher, visited Gianini's father to offer him sympathy and consolation.
"I cannot believe my son is guilty," said the elder Gianini, "but if he is I'd rather be in your place than mine."

This morning Rev. A. W. Beecher, father of the murdered girl, called at the Herkimer jail to see the slayer of his daughter. The clergyman put out his hand and there was a warm, handclasp between the two.

"Jean, there is one question I want to ask you. Did Lida walk up the hill with you?" asked the preacher.
The boy quickly returned: "Yes, I told her that my father had built a new house up there. She said, 'Well, I will write your father.'"

The conversation ended abruptly. The boy showed absolutely no emotion.

The evidence against the youth was presented to the Grand Jury this afternoon.
District-Attorney Farrell and Coroner Huysck as a result of some time spent with the boy's companions have obtained from one of them an affidavit, sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, in which he asserts that Gianini attempted to have him assist in the murder of the school teacher and later the two boys were to blow the safe in the Union Store at Poland. This boy, Brainerd Whit, eighteen years old, absolutely refused to become a party to the plot, he swore.

Miss Beecher's effort to secure young Gianini from his path of incoercibility may have been the indirect cause of her murder, in the opinion of Herkimer County authorities. The young school teacher, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William A. Beecher of Bennett, Cayuga County, had for several years imbibed a deeply religious spirit and planned to quit school teaching this year and offer herself as a Presbyterian missionary in foreign

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