

## ENORMOUS SLAUGHTER MARKS BATTLE DESTROYING CITY OF MEXICO

### BODIES BLOCK BATTLE ZONE MEXICO CITY

Dead Accumulate in All Thoroughfares—Cable Office Shelled by Diaz—Battle Began at 8 O'clock and Will Continue Through Night.

National Palace Battered and Likely to Crumble—Neither Side Weakens.—Slaughter Is Heavy.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13.—Enormous slaughter marks this afternoon's fighting here. The dead are accumulating in the streets and all thoroughfares in the battle zone are blocked with bodies both soldiers and civilians.

The Mexican cable company's office apparently is the center of fire for the Diaz guns. There is a hail of shrapnel about the building whence the newspaper dispatches are sent. The Jardin hotel has been hit many times by shell and many of the buildings surrounding it are damaged.

**Cannonading Increased**  
Cannonading increased this afternoon, the Diaz shells bursting over a large section of the city. The fighting was fiercest, however, in the vicinity of the national palace.

A messenger from the American embassy reached the telegraph office this afternoon and reported all foreigners there were safe. He came through bullet swept streets and his escape from death was considered miraculous.

The Mexican cable building, where newspaper correspondents were writing dispatches, was struck five times inside of two minutes this afternoon. The correspondents stuck to their desks, however, and the cable operators remained at their keys through the danger of destruction.

**Battle Begins Early**  
The battle between the Madero and Diaz forces for control of Mexico City was resumed at 8:10 a. m. today. Except for the fact that the belligerents had drawn some what closer, the position of the two forces were practically the same as yesterday.

Madero's forces assumed the aggressive today and supplied with additional ammunition pressed heavier guns into service. Diaz replied with cannoning and machine guns.

Diaz centered the fire of his guns on the national palace and portions of it soon were tottering. Great holes were torn in the walls by shot and shell and it was expected the position of the Maderist garrison soon would be untenable.

Today's change in the position of the cannon and machine guns subjected foreigners and public buildings to a racking cross fire. Government troops have seized and occupied many houses owned by foreign residents.

Some 205 cities in 23 states have thus far adopted commission government.

### COWARDICE CAUSED SCOTT'S DEATH

CHRISTIA CHURCH, N. Z., Feb. 13.—Suspicious that some story of cowardice or shame lies behind the deaths of Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his men on their south polar expedition are current here today as a consequence of the reticence of Commander Evans of the Terra Nova and other members of the Scott party.

Evans and the Scott survivors are still on the Terra Nova, which lies at Port Littleton, the seaport of Christia Church. Evans declares the records of the Scott expedition will not be published unless they are given to the world by the families of the victims and he also has laid the remainder of the Scott party under strict injunction not to talk.

### ALL RULES OF WAR IGNORED BY BOTH SIDES

Not Even Red Cross Protected by Belligerents—White Cross Slain—Americans Sleeping on Arms Prepared to Defend Their Lives.

Five European Nations Expect United States to Intervene and Protect Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Alarm reports from Ambassador Wilson of conditions today at Mexico City caused President Taft, at Secretary of State Knox's request to give Wilson permission to draw funds to any amount for the care of American and foreign refugees. These dispatches also told of vain appeals of Wilson and the German ambassador for cessation of hostilities and confirmed the killing of Mrs. W. H. Holmes and Mrs. Percy Griffiths, both Americans. "American residents," Wilson's dispatch said, "are sleeping on their arms prepared to defend their lives and property if necessity arises."

He also declared that the censorship of the Mexican government over all dispatches is increasing.

**Population Terror Stricken**  
Ambassador Wilson reports that the entire population of Mexico City is terror-stricken by rumors of attacks and massacres. Even the Red Cross society is not respected by the belligerents and in one of the skirmishes today the Red Cross president was slain. Members of the White Cross society who were detected by Diaz conveying ammunition were summarily executed. Wilson believes the fighting will continue throughout the afternoon and tonight.

Members of the White Cross society today estimated they had cared for 1200 wounded and the Red Cross 2000. Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson says that Ambassador Wilson has been authorized to call marines to guard the American embassy. As the battleship Georgan will arrive at Vera Cruz tomorrow it probably will not be necessary to call out the marines. If they are needed the landing of a force of marines would not be regarded as intervention but merely as a protective force.

**Europe Expects Action**  
Consul Bonney reports that hundreds of foreigners are flocking to San Luis Potosi for refuge and that the countryside is infested with outlaws.

President Taft is in constant touch with the situation, receiving hourly reports from the state department.

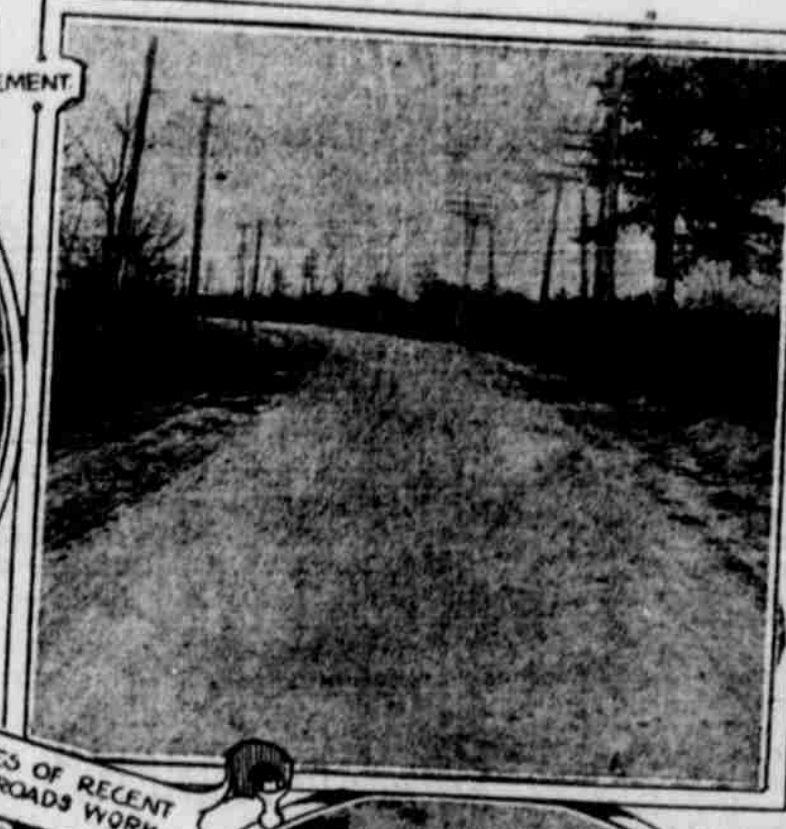
Within the last few days five European diplomats are reported to have unofficially indicated that they expected America to protect all foreigners in the Mexican capital.

It was reported the state department is preparing a comprehensive statement of outrages and conditions in Mexico to be incorporated in a special message by President Taft if America decides to bring the matter to the attention of the powers.

### GOOD ROADS ENTHUSIASTS PREPARE FOR SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION.



SECTION OF MILLTOWN ROAD, NEW JERSEY, BEFORE IMPROVEMENT.



SAME SECTION OF ROAD AFTER IMPROVEMENT.



SECTION OF RED BANK AND HOLMDEL ROAD, NEW JERSEY, BEFORE IMPROVEMENT.



SAME SECTION OF ROAD AFTER BEING STRAIGHTENED AND IMPROVED.

Marching under the banner of the American Automobile Association, the National Highways promoters of the country are preparing to descend upon Washington, March 27, to give the government roads propaganda another big "boost" all over the country.

The occasion is the Second National Federal Aid Good Roads Convention, and it is expected that more than one thousand delegates will be in attendance. Twenty-nine Governors have each appointed three or more delegates, and several of the Governors have expressed their intention of personally attending.

Greatest attention is given to working out the idea for the national roads. It is estimated that a complete system of national highways traversing the most populous sections of the country would include not to exceed 30,000 miles. It is further estimated that these roads could be built for about \$15,000 a mile, bringing the total cost of the national system up to \$450,000,000. The pivotal point, however, is the building of a co-ordinated system of trunk line roads by the federal government.

While no definite system of national roads has yet been established, several routes have been much discussed. Among these are the "Ocean to Ocean Stone Highway," the "Meridian Road" and the "Montreal to Miami Highway."

The "Meridian Road" is projected to run from Winnipeg, Canada, directly to Galveston, Texas, touching many of the large towns in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The proposed "Ocean to Ocean Stone Highway" it is roughly estimated, will cost \$25,000,000.

Many of the old historic pioneer trails, it is expected, will be included in the proposed system of national highways. These include the Santa Fe Trail Association, the National Old Trails Road Association, Inter Mountain Good Roads Association, San Diego-Arizona Auxiliary Highway Association, Pacific Highway Association and the Omaha-Denver Good Roads Association. Also Braddock's Road, from Washington to Cumberland, Md.; Boone's Lick Road, from St. Louis to Old Franklin; Kearny's trail, from Santa Fe to Montenegro; the Old Boston Post road and others.

The photographs shown herewith are excellent examples of what money will do to improve the old highways.

### APPEALS COURT REVERSES HANFORD IN OLSSON CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The United States circuit court of appeals sitting here today, reversed the decision of Judge Cornelius Hanford revoking the citizenship papers of Leonard Olsson of Seattle and remanded the case to the United States district court of western Washington for a new trial. Hanford disfranchised Olsson because he professed adherence to the principles of socialism. This action caused a wide protest and precipitated the congressional impeachment inquiry which terminated when Hanford resigned his office as United States district judge.

The court avoided going into the merits of the case by the simple process of having attorneys on both sides stipulate to a reversal on the ground that no record was kept of the proceedings before Judge Hanford when Olsson was deprived of citizenship. The decision states that there are "other reasons" but does not specify them.

St. Louis is said to profit \$5,000,000 annually by partial abatement of smoke nuisance.

### GOTHAM IN GRIP OF COLDEST WAVE OF THIS SEASON

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Gripped by the lowest temperature of this winter, ten degrees above zero, New York's poor are suffering terribly and are fearing the prospect of worse to come through the weather bureau's prediction of still colder weather.

All last night and today charity workers were busy on the lower East Side rushing fuel to the poorer quarters where many of the tenement dwellers were dismantling their homes to escape death by freezing.

The bread lines throughout the city today were longer than at any time this winter. Several deaths are reported and scores of the homeless have been rushed to Bellevue and other hospitals suffering from exposure.

### OREGON GUARDSMEN ARE READY TO GO TO MEXICO

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Although no word has been received indicating that their services will be needed in the Mexican crisis, the Oregon National Guard is in readiness to take the field.

"Should an army of occupation be called, the Oregon militiamen are ready and eager for service, said General Finzer. "Conditions are so chaotic in Mexico that it is impossible to foresee what a few days may bring forth. We may be called on at any time."

### VACAVILLE BANK DYNAMITED BUT NO LOOT TAKEN

VACAVILLE, Cal., Feb. 13.—Robbers who blew the vault of the Vacaville bank here early today and who were reported to have obtained \$10,000 had their trouble for their pains. They did not get a dollar.

The detonation from the explosion aroused the entire town and a posse under the direction of Sheriff J. J. McDonald was soon on the trail. Many of those aroused by the explosion were in time to see some of the bandits climb into an automobile they stole which they speeded up at breakneck flight.

When the robbers blew open the vault the safe containing all the banks funds fell face downward and before they had a chance to blow this they were frightened away. The bank building was almost completely wrecked.

### TURKS STILL LOSE ALL ALONG LINE TO BULGARIANS

SOFIA, Feb. 13.—Official statements by the war office here today declare that the Turkish defenders of Adrianople have lost more than 1000 men by sorties in the last two days. The claim is also made that the Bulgarian troops hold the whole coast of the Gallipoli peninsula from Bulair to Silivri.

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### INTERVENTION BY AMERICA IS NEAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Officials here believe that order will never be restored in the Mexican capital until President Taft orders intervention. High army officers declare, however, that the United States would not be prepared to adequately intervene within two weeks.

"President Taft" said an official here today, "will ask congress for permission to intervene in the following contingencies:

"If anarchy continues to spread; if the demands of ambassadors for cessation of hostilities continue to be ignored; if another power threatens to interfere; if the Madero govern-

### FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE FROM MACHINE GUNS

Night and Day of Terror in Mexico City—No Effort to Remove Dead and Wounded—Blood Bespattered Streets Choked With Dead Bodies.

Pleas of Foreign Ambassadors Disregarded—Odds of Battle Favor Diaz Forces—No Safety in City.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13.—The terrific struggle between the Madero and Diaz forces was renewed early at daylight, both factions moved to closer range and the execution wrought by the machine guns, cannon and rifle fire is certain to be even more deadly than in the preceding battles.

Practically no effort has been made to move the dead and wounded and the capital's blood bespattered streets are literally choked with torn and dismembered bodies. Many of the wounded have died from a lack of medical attention and the city is threatened with pestilence as a result of the presence everywhere in the business district of decomposing bodies.

**Spend Night of Terror**  
Americans and other foreign residents of the capital spent a night of terror. Maudsers, liberated convicts of Balen prison, roamed the residence district, pillaging, sacking and burning deserted houses. This continued until daylight.

Thousands of foreigners, representing all nationalities, flocked to the American quarter last night. Ambassador Wilson pressed 20 members into service and, before daylight, these had carried 700 Americans out of the danger zone. Despite the white flags the machines were fired on several times but no casualties resulted. After all American women had been conveyed to points of safety, the automobiles were turned over to the representatives of other countries.

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### ASK AMERICA TO INTERVENE

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Radical newspapers here are demanding today that the United States intervene to effect a settlement of the Mexican crisis. The Daily Standard declared in its issue today:

"The interest of America in securing the stability of the Central American states will grow too strong to be denied, and Mexico, like the rest, must contrive to get her affairs in proper order or accept supervision of her great neighbor."

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ment falls; if the rules of civilized warfare are ignored; if communication between Washington and Mexico City are severed and if anti-foreign riots cause death.

Secretary of State Knox was notified today that the Cuban battleship Cuba, with 200 troops will land a force at Vera Cruz which will go to Mexico City to protect the Cuban legation.

General E. Z. Steyer, commanding the American troops in Texas, wired the state department that all is quite at Jaurez, but added that:

"Jaurez is peaceful today but lightning generally strikes there from a clear sky."