

TAMPICO DOOMED; BATTLE NOW RAGING

REBELS GAINING INFURIOUS FIGHT ABOUT TAMPICO

Battle Waged Over Railroad Embankment, Which Is Only Entrance to City—Sharpshooters Pick Off Gunners on Federal Gunboats.

Foreign Warships Off Shore Ready to Land Marines if Necessary—About 700 Foreigners at Consulate

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—That Tampico was doomed was the tenor of private advices received here this afternoon. It was expected to fall into the rebels' hands before night.

The rebels had captured the causeway, which is the only means of entering the city from the land side, it was stated, and were already in the outskirts.

The federalists, outnumbered three to one, were massed in the plaza for a last stand.

Foreigners Still Safe

Foreigners were reported safe. It was said many of those who had not already taken refuge on the harbor shipping were hurried by the German consul this afternoon on board the German cruiser Bremen and the steamship Kron Prinzessin Cecilie.

The big exodus of foreigners occurred at noon when rebel shells demolished several buildings surrounding the plaza in the heart of the city, where the consulates are situated.

The federal defense was crippled because the gunboats could not fire among the rebels without shooting into the town.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 11.—Fighting was furious at Tampico today, wireless messages from Admiral Fletcher said. The rebels were reported gaining ground. Their sharpshooters were picking off the gunners on the federal gunboats at the river's mouth.

American, English, French and German warships lay five miles off shore, ready to land marines or to take foreigners on board if necessary.

Yesterday's fighting, the wireless said, was split into two separate attacks, the first at 11 a. m. and the second at 3 p. m.

Embarkment Attacked

Fronting on one side on the harbor and on the other three by almost bottomless swamps, the town can be entered only by the railroad embankment and it was this which the rebels tried to take. The federalists were entrenched about the railroad station and beat off both assaults.

Yesterday, as today, the struggle was of the bloodiest, and it was believed the number of killed must have been very large.

Darkness alone forced a lull in the battle, but at 2 a. m. the rifles again began to crack and the rebel

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FOREIGNERS UNHURT IN TAMPICO BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Wireless messages received today from Admiral Fletcher, off Tampico, told of the fight in progress there between Mexican federalists and rebels.

Some foreigners, he said, had taken refuge on ships in the harbor and others on the neutral zone in the city, but none, he stated, had been injured, nor was any foreign property destroyed.

The English, who thought it best to take to the harbor shipping, were accommodated on the British steamship Logician, Germans on the steamship Cecilia and Americans on the warships Chester and Tacoma.

It was understood that Admiral Fletcher would land marines if the battle shifted in the direction of the British oil concessions.

Only part of his messages was made public.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS OF REPUBLICAN STATES



GOV. FIELDER OF NEW JERSEY
GOV. ELECT DAVID J. WALSH OF MASSACHUSETTS

POLICE SHAKE-UP FOLLOWS INQUIRY GAMBLING CASES

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—As a result of the recent municipal civil service investigation into charges that the members of the police department were gambling for high stakes and that certain high police officials had protested underworld characters, Mayor Albee today dismissed two captains, three sergeants and seven patrolmen for "conduct unbecoming an officer and for the good of the service."

The commanding officers dismissed were Captain E. A. Slover, former chief of police; Captain Harry Riley, Sergeant T. J. Casey, A. L. Pressey and C. J. Rapert.

The charges against Slover, said Mayor Albee, are based on testimony given at the public hearings of the civil service commission, in which he was accused by a subordinate of granting immunity from arrest to a woman well known in underworld circles.

LITTLE BABY CAUSE OF 700,000 WORDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Attendants at the British consulate here were packing 700,000 words of manuscript today for shipment to the high court of chancery in London.

It consisted of depositions taken by Vice-Consul Douglas Young in connection with the attempt by sons of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby of Yorkshire to prove that the three-year-old child said by their brother, Lieutenant C. H. R. Slingsby, and his wife, to be their own child, really was adopted by Mrs. Slingsby, and that the \$1,000,000 estate now held by Lieutenant Slingsby ought to go to them when the lieutenant dies, rather than to the baby.

The taking of depositions was finished yesterday with Lieutenant Slingsby still convinced that the child was his own and his wife's, and his opponents equally positive that it was a "changeling" foisted on him by Mrs. Slingsby.

FORCE HUERTA TO BACK DOWN ON CONFISCATION

O'Shaughnessy and Spanish Minister Squelch Threat of Dictator to Confiscate Property of Foreigners at Mazatlan for Nonpayment Taxes.

Congress to Promptly Reinvest Huerta With Full Executive Powers—Approve Series of Loans Proposed.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—Vigorously squelched by American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy and Spanish Minister Caligon, President Huerta today unqualifiedly withdrew his threat to confiscate the property of foreigners at Mazatlan for nonpayment of a five per cent tax arbitrarily imposed on them by the governor of Sinaloa state.

The government, moreover, reduced the tax by half, and it was not certain that it would get that.

Communications relative to the controversy were conducted between here and Mazatlan by means of the government's wireless station here and the wireless on the American warships at the west coast city.

Congress was expected to pass promptly the bill passed yesterday reinvesting Huerta with full executive powers in matters of finance, war and the interior—that is, officially confirming him in his dictatorial authority. The lawmakers showed a few flashes of independence early in the session, but more recently the president appeared to have brought them fully under his control.

The deputies' approval yesterday of the first of a proposed series of 5 per cent interior loans of 100,000 pesos each was considered of less importance, since it was strongly doubted if Huerta could squeeze the money out.

The report continued to circulate that Huerta had sent his family away from the capital for safety, that his members were on their way to Manzanillo and that the United States intended to let them take refuge on an American vessel if their lives should be threatened.

FLOODS CAUSE \$7,000,000 LOSS

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 11.—Damage by the now subsiding floods in the Brazos, Trinity and Colorado river valleys was estimated today at \$7,000,000. Losses were much the heaviest in the Brazos valley. At Roseburg were 1000 refugees, shelterless, without food and still unrelieved, owing to the railroad tieup incidental to the flood. Missing individuals and families continued to be heard from, but so many remained unaccounted for that guesses as to the number of dead varied all the way from 250 to 1000. Bodies recovered numbered 190.

KINNEY ASK BOARD FOR ABSENCE LEAVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—M. I. Kinney, of Portland, the alleged cause of the resignation of three members of the state fish and game commission and who refused to resign under fire, today asked the reorganized body for a two months' leave of absence, which was granted. Kinney explained that he contemplates a trip to California.

Floyd Bilyeu of Portland was elected chairman of the re-organized board, and H. H. Clifford was elected secretary at a meeting held here today behind closed doors. Both Bilyeu and Clifford are newly appointed members of the board.

SHE THINKS THAT UNITED STATES INCOME TAX IS HORRIBLY UNFAIR



ELSIE DE WOLFE LOSES SUIT FILED ON INCOME TAX

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—United States Judge Landis this afternoon sustained the demurrer filed by the Continental and Commercial bank against an attempt by Elsie De Wolfe to collect \$750 alleged due as interest on bonds issued against the institution and threw the suit out of court. The court did not rule directly on the constitutionality of the income tax law as advanced by Attorney Bourke Cockran, but held that the amount involved was too small for the court to take cognizance of.

The constitutionality of the income tax law was attacked by Cockran while arguing the demurrer. Miss De Wolfe is suing for \$750 interest on bonds issued by the bank, but it refused payment until she presented a certificate of ownership, as required by the institution.

"Taxation without representation" is the text of Miss Elsie De Wolfe's views on the income tax. Miss De Wolfe made the first legal move against the validity of the income tax law. She is described as a "citizen of New York and a resident of Versailles, France."

Miss de Wolfe has long been a prominent figure in New York society. For many years she was on the stage and achieved the distinction of "stardom." Her success there did not satisfy her, however, so she took up "house decoration" as a profession. She had shown artistic ability all her life and while on the stage designed her own dresses.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER BRANDED AS OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, today commenced a war against the creameries that sell under the Oregon state brand, butter imported from New Zealand and the east. Mickle claims to have evidence that thousands of pounds of New Zealand butter has been sold here under the state brand as made in Oregon. The grand jury is expected to begin investigating Mickle's allegations tomorrow.

DRUMGOOLE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Jack Drumgoole, prizefighter, on trial here for the murder of Cherry de St. Maurice, queen of the tenderloin here, withdrew his plea of not guilty and immediately pleaded guilty, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

LYMAN CONVICTED OF USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD PEOPLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 11.—Dr. John Grant Lyman of Pasadena was found guilty today of using the mails to defraud, by a jury in the federal district court here. The charge covered the first count in a federal indictment. He was found not guilty on five other charges contained in the same bill.

The jury considered the evidence twenty-four hours before it arrived at a verdict. Lyman, under the conviction, may be fined \$1000 and be sentenced to five years imprisonment. Federal Judge Wellborn set December 29 to pronounce the penalty.

Each count in the indictment covered one letter alleged to have been written by Lyman misrepresenting the possibilities of profit in the Panama company. On the count of which he was found guilty, the defendant will ask a new trial.

Lyman's career here was spectacular. While he did not appear in the directorate of the company he promoted, it was understood that he was the prime mover of the organization. The government asserted that he told prospective investors that he owned valuable Panama lands, and basked in the light of warm Panamanian government approval. Hundreds of persons answered circulars sent out by the concern.

SOCIALIST TEACHER BLAMED FOR DISORDER

CLATSKANIE, Ore., Dec. 11.—Pointing to the destruction of windows and other property about the Methodist chapel at Quincy, near here, as but the natural sequence of the socialist beliefs of Mrs. Flora Foreman, teacher of the Quincy school, women of the church today launched a new demand for the dismissal of the school teacher whose political faith has caused a commotion there and in Clatskanie.

The chapel is just across the fence from the little school house where Mrs. Foreman teaches. Recently when placed on trial as a socialist by the school board, Mrs. Foreman termed her trial a religious persecution. Her critics are quick to see in the smashing of the chapel windows what they term "the inevitable result of that kind of teaching to school children."

The real name of Emmy Destinn, the singer, is Emilie Kittel.

POLITICS FORCES ELLA FLAGG YOUNG OUT OF SCHOOLS

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mayor Harrison in particular and Chicago's city government in general were denounced in unmeasured terms today at a meeting of the Chicago Women's club, called to protest against conditions which compelled the resignation yesterday of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of the city's public schools.

"Mrs. Young is one of America's leading educators," said Jane Adams, "and yet she was sacrificed, evidently to satisfy a clique of petty politicians. It is too early to discuss the possibility that she will be the women's candidate for mayor at the next city election but there is no telling what may develop from this situation."

Mrs. Young, the first woman to become school superintendent in a city of Chicago's importance, was generally considered to have performed her duties with an efficiency never known in a local school superintendent.

She was so hampered in her policies, however, by members of the board of education, all of whom are chosen by the mayor, that she offered her resignation a few months ago. There was such an outcry against its acceptance that Mayor Harrison prevailed on her to withdraw it, promising her a free hand in future.

Last evening, when the board took up the matter of her re-election for another term, the vote was a tie. Saying she could not permit her name to be voted again unless assured of unanimous support, Mrs. Young immediately resigned.

CURRENCY QUESTION DEBATED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The currency question was a topic of discussion in the senate this afternoon. Senator Burton was one of those who took part in the debate. The regional plan, Senator Borah asserted, would gradually work into a central bank.

BATTLE RAGES WHEN ALLIANCE ATTACK MINERS

Barricaded in Federation Hall, Calumet Strikers Resist Attempt to Arrest Them—Rain of Bullets Keeps Attackers Off—Citizens Assemble.

Wholesale Arrests Threatened as Result of Injunction Granted Strikers Preventing Interference.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 11.—The defenders of the Miners' Federation hall at South Range surrendered to the Citizens' Alliance today after a ten hours' resistance. The miners were all arrested and thirty rifles and a quantity of ammunition found in the hall was thrown into Portage lake. Deputy Driscoll was the only participant in the battle who was fatally hurt.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 11.—Barricaded in their federation hall at South Range, a strong party of striking miners was resisting an attempt today by a small army of deputies and members of the Citizens' Alliance to break in and arrest them. The battle began at 2 a. m. and was still raging at noon. The miners believed to number about forty, and heavily armed, were making so effective a defense that the attacking party had to call for reinforcements and at 5 a. m. a special trainload of members of the Citizens' Alliance left Houghton for the scene of the engagement, followed by another trainload at 9.

Hall Is Besieged
The federation hall was surrounded but the rain of bullets from within kept the besiegers at a distance. Deputy Tom Driscoll of Houghton was fatally shot in an attempt at a rush and it was reported here that others were wounded.

At noon a hurry call was received for still more reinforcements and a third special trainload of members of the Citizens' Alliance was despatched in hot haste.

The firebells were rung here and at Houghton, summoning all members of the alliance together, and several thousand were held in readiness to respond to the next call.

Fifty Strikers Arrested
Arrests were being made at South Range while the battle raged, and by noon fifty strikers had been locked up, including Victor Valtimaki, an organizer for the miners' federation. Members of the Citizens' Alliance declared he had confessed to shooting Driscoll.

An outbreak also occurred at Quincy during the forenoon, in which three deputies were shot, two of them fatally.

Members of the miners' federation declared they would cause wholesale arrests of members of the Citizens' Alliance on a charge of violating an injunction granted by Judge O'Brien yesterday restraining them from interfering with the federationists.

FEDERALS LIKELY TO JOIN REBELS

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 11.—That General Mercedo and his federal force at Ojinaga must either fight or surrender within the next few days seemed certain today.

Already at the border, they can go no farther and on its way to capture or exterminate them a rebel force of about their own strength—approximately 4000 men—is marching across the desert from Chihuahua City.

The belief here was that Mercedo would have hard work to make his troops fight. They have been long unpaid and are half starved, ragged and hopeless. If most of them should go over to the rebels in a body no one here would be surprised.