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## MEXICANS FIRE ON U. S. TROOPS

### NEAR BATTLE TAKES PLACE CLOSE FUNSTON'S TENT AT VERA CRUZ

## NO AMERICANS HIT

### Secretary of War Garrison Is Inclined to Minimize Affair for the Present

(By Associated Press.)  
Vera Cruz, May 2.—At 11 o'clock this morning a Mexican force estimated at from 300 to 500 men appeared a mile beyond the waterworks station. As Major John H. Russell, of the marines, had received orders not to assume the offensive he and his men watched the Mexicans with much interest.

### Mexicans Demand Surrender.

Suddenly a Mexican lieutenant and non-commissioned officer bearing a white flag advanced and presented a demand for the Americans to surrender within ten minutes.

### Major Russell's reply was:

"Hurry right back and do not waste any of the time your commanding officer has stipulated."

Major Russell then made preparations to resist any attack, at the same time sending a message to headquarters in Vera Cruz that his outpost was threatened.

Back at headquarters Brigadier General Funston and his staff had been mapping out the details of the new government when the wireless message from El Tejar brought about a quick change.

### Ready for the Field.

Within a few minutes headquarters had notified Major Russell that reinforcements were on the way to all him and in an hour instead of the 240 marines comprising the command of Major Russell at the outpost of El Tejar there were in position to support him more than 1,300 men, while the entire command of Vera Cruz was ready for any movement.

Seven companies of the Fourth Infantry Regiment were sent forward under Colonel Robert C. Van Vleet as well as two battalions and three companies of marines commanded by Colonel John Archer Leffingwell.

All these troops had been taken from stations in the interior of Mexico and were en route to Vera Cruz by the men of the infantry regiment en training for the short run to El Tejar from Los Coes, the first station on the Vera Cruz railway. The battalions were commanded by Major Charles C. French and Major Wolf.

From Major Russell's line only one shot was fired.

The water works station at El Tejar forms the most advanced post in the American lines and is placed there because the authorities regarded it as essential to protect the city's water supply.

### Mass Not Expected.

General orders had been given for the American troops not to assume the offensive and no massing of troops was expected. It is not regarded here as at all probable that General Gustavo Maza, former president of Mexico, would attempt to take the city, but he is fighting his long, internal lines about the city, apparently in an effort to prevent the entrance from the country of supplies.

It is generally assumed that the Mexican threat today to take El Tejar was little more than a bluff and it is thought the Mexican forces hoped the American outpost at that station which was only five more than half their number might surrender or that they might demand the Americans to surrender before reinforcements could arrive.

The Mexican troops were in uniform and equipped mostly of quality, but there was cavalrymen evidently belonging to the regular establishment. While army officers here do not fear that the Mexican troops will make a serious attack, it is felt that considerable inconvenience soon will be caused unless something is done to stop roads into divisions which supply them with supplies.

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## DORSEY PROBES FRANK SLUETHS

### Detective Agency Head Says His Phagan Report Had Nothing To Do With Fee

(By Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, May 2.—Representatives of a national detective agency which recently investigated the murder of Mary Phagan were questioned in superior court here today at a hearing on a motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frack, under death sentence for the crime.

The witnesses were summoned at the instance of Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey, who questioned them in regard to their connection with the case. The head of the agency, who recently submitted a report exonerating Frack, was first called to the stand. In reply to the solicitor's questions he said he had been employed to investigate the murder by two attorneys who have been connected with the Frack defense since his arrest more than a year ago.

The witness said his remuneration for such services would not be under his contract, in any way affected by the nature of his report.

## AS TEDDY COMES MARCHING HOME

### Colonel Formally Thanks Him

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 2.—The three South American envoys who have undertaken the task of pacifying Mexico by diplomacy today made another decisive move in their plan, by requesting the United States government, General Huerta and General Carranza to appoint representatives to confer with them in Washington.

### Ask For Representatives.

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No announcement of the subjects to be considered by representatives of the three parties to the mediation, or of the nature of the mission of the envoys was made except for the following brief statement issued through the state department on the authority of the three diplomats:

"The mediators have delivered to this government and are sending out to General Huerta and General Carranza requests that representatives be appointed to confer with the mediators."

### Rebels, Huerta and U. S.

The proposal to bring together specially designated representatives was the result of an all day session of the South American envoys. The suggestion had been made to them from various quarters that much time would be saved and the problem of exchanging views simplified by such a process.

While it is realized that representation of all parties probably will not be given authority to pass on points brought up in the discussion with the mediators, they could voice out their proposals, and actually made, the mediators would have an idea of their probable reception.

### Enjoy Confidence.

The envoys felt confident tonight that the step they had taken would meet with favor by all concerned, believing there could be no objection to a move calculated to facilitate the progress of the work.

Thus far responses from General Huerta and General Carranza have not been clear as to whether the difference between the United States and Mexico arising out of the Tampico incident alone would be considered from them or whether they would consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem by sending representatives here. It is pointed out, such difficulties would be bridged over for an internal conference with the mediators everything pertaining to Mexico would be discussed and even informally capitulated before the stage of formal proposals was reached.

### Wells Daily Mexico.

Incidentally it is known that the mediators intend to concentrate their attention on the question of pacifying Mexico, hoping that differences between the Huerta government and the United States might become secondary in view of the solution of the entire Mexican problem. Names of persons who might be acceptable to all factions in Mexico for the position of provisional president, pending a rehabilitation of the national government, by ease the negotiations reach that stage, are being suggested to the mediators.

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## PEACE MOVES MAKING SPEED

### MEDIATORS ASKS PARTIES AT ISSUE TO SUBMIT THEIR DEMANDS

## ATTORNEYS COMING

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## REMARKABLE PROGRESS SEEN ON EVERY HAND

### MUCH BUILDING GOING ON ALL OVER CITY

## TOWN IS GROWING

### New Storerooms and New Houses Are Seen In All Parts of the Building City

While Anderson is certainly not in the midst of a boom or anything approaching it, the city is making more rapid progress now than it has ever done before according to those Anderson people who have lived here for years. Never before has there been such a demand for houses. Store rooms in any part of the city are at a premium and it is said that houses for rent are hard to find. The city is hustling and business conditions here are vastly improved over a year ago.

Contractors of the city say that they have more work than they can do and that they cannot find the carpenters, brick masons and other artisans for the work. They have dozens of contracts pending in various portions of the city and more work is wanted each day.

At present there are 15 store rooms in Anderson, either in course of construction or to be begun within the next fortnight and it would be impossible for any man to estimate the number of dwelling houses going up.

A man came to Anderson yesterday on a visit for the first time since he left here six years ago and he could hardly believe that this was the town that he once knew. According to his story, Colage View was the hunting ground when he first left and North Anderson was entirely out in the country. When he saw the beautiful homes in College View and the handsome residences in North Anderson and Anderson's other beautiful suburban homes, he was astounded. He had heard that Anderson was making wonderful progress but he was not prepared for any such sight as greeted him when he first saw the city yesterday.

Many comments are heard on the splendid work being done by the city. The white water system has proved to be one of the most popular ideas Anderson has known in a long while and the people of all the cities are more than anxious to see the lights turned on for the first time. The reconstruction plan will be the city which she has never possessed before and Anderson will be even prouder by night time as it is by day, if such a thing be possible.

The new paved streets in various parts of the city come in for universal admiration on the part of the private owners and the city officials are highly praised for what they are doing in this direction.

The improvements being made by the railroad coming into the city excite the comment of every visitor standing in Anderson and this will be one of the most important features. The stranger naturally is looking for the money here if they did not believe that the city has a great future before it.

As a result value to the entire city is the work being done by the Blue Ridge railway across Main street. Even the people of the city cannot appreciate what this means until all the debris is removed from the street and they will be astonished by the remarkable change.

Anderson is enjoying more prosperity now than she has ever known before and her people are blessed as they have never been before. With business conditions such as we are enjoying here, Anderson is rapidly reaching the point where it will be recognized as the best of all the smaller cities in the state.

### Two Bars to Be Built.

Denver, May 2.—Two men, Robert Geesett and Jack Snow, were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed a rooming house, a saloon, and three of the buildings at Oak Creek mining camp in Rout county.

### THE SOUTHERN IS ASSURED FOR AN ENGAGEMENT IN 1915

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## JOHN D. TURNS A DEAF OPTIC

### REFUSES TO LISTEN TO AR-BETRATION OF MINE STRIKE IN COLO.

## FOSTER FLAYS HIM

### Representative in Congress Says Magnate Is To Blame For Bloodshed in West

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 2.—Messages following a futile effort this far at Washington to bring about a settlement of the Colorado coal mine strike, including a telegram from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., saying mining company officials in Colorado "were the only ones competent to deal with the question," were made public tonight.

Representative Foster, chairman of the house mines committee, who gave out the telegraphic correspondence, had been attempting to get Mr. Rockefeller, operators and officials of the mines which the Rockefeller family control, and the striking operatives to meet, following a White House conference.

### Rockefeller Is Flayed.

"In my conference with Mr. Rockefeller at his New York office," Mr. Foster announced, "I urged on him the importance of submitting the strike difficulties to a neutral board of arbitration, believing the trouble could be peacefully settled."

"I spent February in Colorado as chairman of the committee on mines and mining, investigating conditions. Mr. Rockefeller had not been there in ten years. I have been over the property and have examined men on both sides of the controversy. There is nothing in the differences which cannot be settled by arbitration."

### Union Not Prime Feature.

"I understood from the statement of William Green, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine Workers Union, that the union has not been recognized as a labor organization and that the great question is, will you agree to submit the matter to adjustment by arbitration? Mr. Rockefeller cannot evade his responsibility."

Mr. Foster telegraphed Mr. Rockefeller, last Wednesday, saying William Green, secretary-treasurer of the International Mine Workers Union, had made public a statement that mine workers would strike if recognition of the union or unionizing camps. He asked Mr. Rockefeller if he was willing to enter negotiations for settlement of the strike on that basis.

Mr. Rockefeller replied that he was forwarding the telegram to the office of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in Denver, which with the officials of the other mining companies in Colorado, he said, were the only ones competent to deal with that question.

### Sharp Report to John D.

Mr. Foster replied to this Thursday with a sharp message to Mr. Rockefeller, which the latter up to tonight has not acknowledged. Mr. Foster telegraphed:

"Your telegram somewhat disappointing, we were in hopes that you would deem the situation so grave and serious that you would give your personal efforts to prevent the further killing of men, women and children and we renew the hope that you will reconsider and resolve to use your personal influence and authority to this humane end."

### J. P. Morgan's Son to Marry

Position, May 2.—Announcement of the engagement of Julius Sprague Morgan, son of J. Pierpont Morgan of New York, to Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick Shepperd Converse of this city, was made today by the young woman's parents. The announcement was not unexpected, although a few days ago Mrs. Converse said that a report of the engagement was unauthorized. Mr. Morgan is a senior at Harvard.

### Two Candidates OUT FOR MAYOR

### E. E. Elmore Has Made Formal Declaration Of His Candidacy For City's Head

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## COURT WILL LAST ADDITIONAL WEEK

### Chances Are That Docket Cannot Be Cleared In The Usual Two Weeks

Heretofore there has been only one week of original court at the May term of the court of general sessions for Anderson county, and this has never been sufficient, but since the old circuit has been divided it is probable that three weeks of court will take place this month instead of one as heretofore. The clerk of court has already drawn two juries for the first and second week respectively and it is commonly believed that still a third week will be necessary. All told there are between 125 and 150 cases on the docket for this term. 10 or more of these cases being murder trials. Solicitor Smith said yesterday, however, that many of these are continued cases and that in some instances it will be necessary to not prosecute the cases.

Mr. Smith is of the opinion that not only the two weeks but all of the three weeks will be necessary for court at this time if the docket is to be cleared up.

## SCARED TO DEATH OVER PRICE SET

### Story Says That Negro Dropped To An Automobile

Much excitement was created in Anderson yesterday by a story going the rounds concerning a negro dropping dead. The tale went that the negro recently purchased an automobile from a local dealer, a second hand machine, and that he ran the engine for two days without any oil. Finally the engine could stand the strain no longer and the whole thing dropped out of the machine. The negro then went to the dealer from whom he had purchased the machine and asked as to how much the repairs would cost. The dealer thought over the situation for a few minutes and then told the negro that he could manage to fix it up for \$250. That was more money than the dealer had ever heard of and the minute the dealer pronounced the figure he looked over his shoulder and "scared to death" as the story goes.

The original story said that the negro actually died of fright but it was later related that he merely fainted and now it is said that he has recovered. At that time the negro is said to be excusable, because he had paid all the money he had for the purchase price of the automobile and he had only 11 cents when he had such a narrow escape.

### FEATHERSTONE FOR CONGRESS

### Well Known Citizen of Greenwood and Native of Anderson Being Urged to Run

(Greenwood, S. C., Feb. 25.—) Suggested certain things upon which to act. This was not an overstatement, as has been stated, erroneously, is the sense that the company was willing to compromise, the matter, but it is stated that the company insists upon protection of its right and was willing to submit the entire matter to the judges of this circuit, Judge Geo. E. Prince, the father of the graded schools in this city.

The suggestions offered by Capt. Watkins were not given upon minutes at the meeting of the trustees Friday and the following resolution was passed:

"That in the event that the water is cut off from the city schools that Messrs. J. A. Brock, J. M. Page and J. L. Sherrard be empowered to take such action as may seem necessary to protect the interests of the schools."

The plan offered by Capt. Watkins to set the matter settled by the court is as follows:

It is suggested that in order to settle the question of issue between the Southern Public Utilities Company and the Anderson School District as to charges for water since the new franchise was granted that the franchise be submitted to the presiding judge at the next term of the court, upon an agreed statement of facts, as follows:

1. Set out all franchises and contracts between the City of Anderson and Anderson Water, Light and Power Company.

2. Set out the date of expiration of each and every contract.

3. Set out a copy of correspondence from Anderson Water, Light and Power Company to the Southern Public Utilities Company.

4. Set out all franchises from city of Anderson to Southern Public Utilities Company and contract entered into between Anderson Water, Light and Power Company and the Southern Public Utilities Company.

5. Set out Act of Legislature creating original Anderson Graded School District.

6. Set out Act of Legislature creating present Anderson School District.

7. Set out statement of water rates (Continued on Page Eight)

## CUT OFF WATER FROM SCHOOLS

### SOUTHERN PUBLIC UTILITIES CO. WILL PROTECT ITS RIGHTS IN AFFAIR

## MATTERS TANGLED

### Company Claims That It Has a Valid Contract With City and Not School District

The Southern Public Utilities company Saturday cut off the water from the city schools, and unless there is some arrangement made the schools will probably be closed Monday. Sept. C. McCants stated yesterday that this was no reason why the children should not report for school, in some adjustment of the situation may be reached by that time, and every child should be on hand.

This unfortunate situation is due to the failure of the trustees of the school to pay the water bills for the last three months. The amount is not large, but the trustees contend that they are entitled to receive water free for the schools until the expiration of the old contract between the city and the water company. The water company claims to be an innocent bystander and that the trustees should pay the bill and go back to the city for a refund for it if the trustees really feel that the city should pay it and not the trustees.

Some time ago the bill for water was held up by the trustees, pending inquiry. So far as is known the trustees have never received a legal opinion on the matter, but on succeeding months have declined to pay the bills. On account of a certain glaring publication the president of the Southern Public Utilities company, Mr. E. V. Taylor, declared that the prospective bondholders of the company would demand a clear title and he wrote to the trustees a courteous and frank letter warning him that water supply was involved that the mere cutting off of water to the schools and that he wished to take no radical action until he had been consulted by the board of the water cut off on the 1st of May, unless the bill was paid.

The matter was held up pending a meeting of the board of trustees and took no action except to say that it believed that the schools were entitled to water under the old contract which would not have expired until one year from September 1st. The Southern Public Utilities company has offered to pay the water cut off unless the bill is paid by Monday.

At a meeting of the board of trustees at which the matter was discussed somewhat informally, it was said that the attorneys for the city and the trustees and the company might be able to untangle