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VILLA GIVES UP HIS PURSUIT OF VELASCO FORCE

Halted by Garrison of San Pedro, Only 28 Miles from Torreon.

FEDERALS MOVING TOWARD SALTILLO

Rebels Facing a Hard Task to Prevent Outbreak of Epidemic.

FOOD SCARCE IN CITY

General Orders Merchants to Sell at Reasonable Prices Under Penalty of Confiscation.

Torreon, Mexico, April 6.—Rebel pursuit of the Federal army of General Refugio Velasco and of the large number of Federal sympathizers who accompanied it on its flight from Torreon has ceased at San Pedro, twenty-eight miles from Torreon.

The Federal force, with the exception of a small command sent back by Velasco to halt the rebel pursuit, has moved on toward Saltillo. Velasco, it is believed, had left San Pedro, but finding the route difficult adopted the expedient of sending back a force to hold the rebels in check until he could put a greater distance between his main force and General Rosallo Hernandez's rebel cavalry.

General Villa ordered reinforcements to San Pedro to-day, and unless the karrison left there by Velasco surrenders the rebels will try to exterminate it. The town is well fortified and the small Federal garrison probably could hold out for a time against a much larger force.

A big task still confronts Villa in Torreon where conditions are desperate. The city must be made sanitary at once, wholesale deaths will result, epidemics already having started as a result of the many bodies which were left lying long in the tropical sun before they could be gathered up and buried.

Food, too, is scarce in Torreon and among the inhabitants there is acute suffering. Villa is trying to alleviate this by having large shipments sent in and forbidding the merchants to charge exorbitant prices for foodstuffs under penalty of arrest and having their stocks confiscated.

Drug stores have been stripped of their stocks of disinfectants and rush orders have been sent for new supplies. Prominent persons are doing heroic work among the sick and wounded, and while there is a scarcity of surgeons others are coming, two being on the way from El Paso and several from Juarez and Chihuahua.

Juarez, Mexico, April 6.—General Venustiano Carranza indorsed to-day appointments made in Torreon by General Pancho Villa. These are Andreas Ferreras to be President Municipal, and Jesus Acuna to supervise the appointment of minor officials.

Ferreras as the chief witness, it is said, before the Carranza commission in the Beaton case, and his testimony was largely responsible for the exoneration of Villa by the commission. His appointment was made by Villa in gratitude and without consultation with Carranza, it is said.

The following message from General Villa at Torreon was received this afternoon by General Carranza, who was addressed as "Supreme Chief": "I have the honor to acknowledge

This Morning's News.

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TUG ADRIFT IN HELL GATE

City Boat Saves Craft Sweeping Toward Rocks.

Her engines "going dead" as she passed 40th st. early this morning, the tug John Daly, with a loaded scow of the Street Cleaning Department in tow, floated helplessly into Hell Gate before help came.

Captain Peter Leonard, of the Charities Department boat Hart's Island, was making his last trip when he heard distress signals from up river. He turned his craft and gave chase. He overtook the tug and tow just as she raced on the flood tide into Hell Gate.

For some time Leonard could not get near enough to get a line aboard the helpless craft. He finally worked in close and got a hitch on the Daly and drew her out of the raging waters of the Gate.

The Daly's captain said that after the engines failed he found it impossible to get loose from his tow. The tug was then at the mercy of the tide.

BLEASE PARDONS 14 MORE

South Carolina Executive Vouches Clemency Score to 1,190.

Columbia, S. C., April 6.—As a step toward fulfillment of his promise to empty the state penitentiary by August 1, Governor Cole N. Blease to-day liberated fourteen prisoners, making 1,190 since he assumed office three years ago.

There are still 188 prisoners left in the penitentiary, as new inmates are received nearly every month.

LIGHT EVOLVES A NEW MICROBE

Discovery of French Bacteriologist May Give Clue to Variety of Diseases.

Paris, April 6.—Mme. Victor Henri, a bacteriologist, has succeeded in creating a new species of microbe, the action of which has developed a new form of disease. She subjected the bacilli of anthrax to ultra-violet rays, which changed them from rod shape to spherical. The transformed bacilli were injected into guinea pigs, the result being a slowly developing disease of a totally different character from that of anthrax.

Mme. Henri deduces from her discovery the possibility of evolution in the bacterial world, as in the animal world, and expresses the opinion that the multitude of existing species come from a few primitive forms, which have undergone transformations under the action of light and have engendered the varieties of germs responsible for the diseases known to science.

The particulars of the discovery were communicated to the Academy of Science to-night by Professor Roux, and aroused lively interest, it being regarded as of importance from a practical point of view, not only in showing the way for efficacious treatment, but in opening a new field for the investigation of the evolution of many species of bacteria and resultant diseases.

FAMOUS HOME A TEA ROOM

Commodore Vanderbilt House on Fifth Ave. Leased.

The home of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, at 279 Fifth ave., was leased yesterday by Mrs. Marie Torrence Hadden to Miss Ida L. Freese, who will use the building after it is altered for a tea room.

The house, which was occupied by Commodore Vanderbilt up to the time of his death, was purchased by him in 1875 for \$70,000. It is one of the few remaining private dwelling houses on Fifth ave. between 34th and 42d sts. The lease is for a term of years from June 1 for an aggregate rental of about \$500,000.

Mrs. Hadden, the present owner, is a granddaughter of the commodore. It was inherited by her from her mother. In the last few years many tempting offers for the sale or the lease of the property have been refused by Mrs. Hadden.

MRS. GUNNESS SEEN HERE

Indiana Police Chief Probing Report She Is Alive.

Chief Anstiss of the Laporte (Ind.) police is in this city investigating a report that Mrs. Belle Gunness, or "murder farm" fame, has been seen here. Anstiss and Inspector Faurot were working on the case last night.

Anstiss was deputy sheriff at the time of the disclosure of the tragedies by the burning of the Gunness house at Laporte. In the ruins and buried about the premises were the bodies of a girl and nine men, the latter supposed to be sailors who were decoyed to the place by Mrs. Gunness and murdered for their money.

Teeth found in the ruins were identified as those of Mrs. Gunness, and Anstiss always believed that the murderer met her fate in the fire. A letter, however, which he received a few days ago, said to have come from a Swede, brought Anstiss here.

LATEST FASHIONS

Approved by good taste. Described by word and picture EVERY DAY IN THE TRIBUNE By Bessie Ascough

WERNER HOME NOW A GUARDED CITADEL

Sleuths, Passwords and Guns "Protect" Woman from Husband.

EAT, DRINK AND BE GAY, SAY WATCHERS

They Miss Tango and Spurn Classic Music—Wires Into House Tapped.

"The whole proceeding reminds me of a comic opera. Why, all she needs is a battery of artillery and a troop of cavalry to make her defence of Elmhurst completely realistic."

This was the description of the situation at the Riverdale home of Mrs. Arthur M. Werner, formerly Miss Giulia Morosini, given by Henry S. Dottenheim, the ex-policeman's lawyer. One might almost expect, it was said, to see the chorus come marching in with its spears while the leader of the brave band of guards sang a duet to the heiress, whom he protected.

But if the precaution taken by the Burns Detective Agency to prevent some mysterious harm from coming to the heroine of the tangled matrimonial scrape, the seventeen detectives who are filling the leading parts do not find any humor in the situation. Their occupation is too enjoyable a one for any levity.

"What do you do from day to day?" one was asked. "What do we do? Oh, nothing except smoke the fine cigars, drink the wines and whiskeys and play cards all day," was the answer.

Classic Music Fails to Charm.

There is one jarring note to their occupancy of the extensive Riverdale estate. Surrounded by rows of classic books in rare bindings, paintings by famous artists on the walls and fabulously expensive Persian rugs, stands in the library a modern invention—a phonograph. The detectives tried some of the airs, but decided they did not like it.

The only records were those of Caruso, Melba, Paderewski and other interpreters of the finest music, and none of the latest tango syncopations could be found. A woman detective in the role of a maid and one of the leading sleuths tried to do the "hesitation" to the tune of "The Spring Song," by Mendelssohn, but the tempo wasn't right.

Aside from acting the part of country gentlemen, the detectives are taking the utmost precautions to prevent intrusion. Should any adventurer from the "enemy's" camp pass the guards at the gate, the sentry at the door and the detective disguised as a footman on the lower floor he would be met by another watchman if he attempted to ascend the stairs. He would be sternly asked for the password, and if the magic talisman were not supplied he would be summarily ejected.

A maid bringing a cup of coffee to one of the detectives nearly suffered heart failure from fright because she confused the password with another scientific term somewhat similar.

The efforts inside the mansion are more than equalled by the guards on the grounds. It was discovered yesterday morning that "the opposition" had also employed detectives, and several "spies" had been seen loitering in the street. An investigation of the telephone wires disclosed that the line from the trunk wire to the house had been scraped and tapped, and that the confidential reports of the detectives to Mrs. Morosini-Werner's agents had probably been overheard. Now a special watchman will be posted to watch the telephone wires.

Neighbors Admire Vigilance.

The neighbors adjoining the Elmhurst grounds, among whom are George W. Perkins and the heirs of the late General Seward Webb, have admired the ingenuity of the detectives.

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EDMOND GRAY, missing boy, found dead.

CHILD FOUND DEAD BY GIRL AT PLAY

Chance Discovery Solved Disappearance Mystery—Body in Areaway.

The rolling of a marble into a round hole in the sidewalk grating in front of 300 St. Ann's ave., The Bronx, late yesterday afternoon, solved what promised to be a new police mystery. Little Edna Roseder, trying to pick the marble out of the grating, saw through one of the holes the body of three-year-old Edmond Gray, of 306 St. Ann's ave., for whom the police had been searching for hours.

The little boy went out to play early yesterday afternoon. His mother was detained indoors. When she came downstairs an hour later he had disappeared.

After two hours of searching Mrs. Gray went to the Alexander avenue police station. No child had been found, and Patrolman Ulrich was detailed to aid the mother. Together they went through St. Mary's Park, which skirts St. Ann's ave. There was no trace of the boy.

Exhausted from fright and fatigue the mother started home. As she came in sight of the house the Roseder child sprang up from the sidewalk in front of a delicatessen store at 306 St. Ann's ave. and shouted to some playmates.

"Oh, look at Buster!" she cried. "Buster's down in the hole under the sidewalk."

Mrs. Gray recognized the name by which Edmond was known in the neighborhood and ran. Kneeling on the sidewalk she peered through the grating. She saw Edmond lying dead in the dark areaway beneath her.

But for the little girl's discovery the body might have lain unnoticed under the sidewalk for weeks, according to detectives.

An autopsy last night by Coroner Flynn showed that one of the vertebrae of the child's neck had been dislocated, probably by a fall, and had pressed on the spinal cord, causing instant death.

TO BUY SIEGEL HOUSE

Nathan Straus, Jr., Will Purchase Driftwood.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase by Nathan Straus, Jr., of Driftwood, mentioned prominently in Mrs. Siegel's suit for divorce. This estate, at Orienta Point, Mamaroneck, it seems, has passed out of the hands of the indicted banker and merchant to the H. S. Realty Company, the stock of which L. A. Price first held as collateral, but now owns.

The value of the estate is about \$200,000, but it is not thought that Mr. Straus will have to pay anywhere near this figure. There are twelve acres of land and a house containing thirty rooms. There are conservatories, a garage, bathhouse and yacht pier. Mr. Straus lives when in the city at 27 West 72d st.

THREE KILLED AS ELEVATOR BREAKS

Women in Panic When Car Plunges Up and Down in Shaft.

GIRL TOSSED TO SAFETY BY AUNT

Two Women and Man Leap at Sixth Floor and Are Crushed at the Bottom.

Unmanageable in its shaft in the nine-story loft building at 129 and 128 Crosby st., a combination freight and passenger elevator rose and fell last night until its load was panicstricken, and stuck at the top of the shaft only after two women and a man had been killed.

About twenty persons were on the car when it began to wobble and refused to answer the guiding hand of Terence Clark, the runner, of 428 Columbus ave. He soon saw that the elevator had got away from him, but he believed that it was only a question of time when the engineer of the building would notice that the clutch was not doing its work and would fix it before there was any loss of life.

This was possible if he was able to make the passengers keep their heads. Unfortunately Clark failed in his efforts to do this, and the wonder is that more were not killed. The victims were:

Anselmo, Rosario, eighteen, 12 Delancey st.

Gabriana, S., thirty-five, address unknown, identification made from pay check in pocket.

Letina, Mrs. Coletta, forty-five, 54 Macdougall st.

It was about 5:45 o'clock that Clark started from the ground floor on the fatal trip. At the top he took on eight women, a child and two men, employees of Solomon Novac, a shirt manufacturer. At the seventh floor six women and two men were taken on.

Shouting "Car full," Clark let the elevator slide toward the ground floor. All went well for two floors, when the car began to wobble and jerk. The runner knew too well what was coming and shouted to his passengers to remain quiet and no harm would come to them.

Panic in Racing Lift.

The elevator jerked its way to the ground floor and below. Two or three feet it went and then reversed and shot upward. This was the signal for a wild outcry, which grew in volume as the car continued to the top of the shaft and then started to return to the bottom. Clark was fighting to quiet the panicstricken men and women, and they were equally determined that they would get off the car as soon as possible.

The make of it aided them in their purpose. The only guard gate was a sort of half gate affair, made of wood, and there was no side wall to the shaft. Down past the third floor went the elevator on its second descent. As it stopped a moment and then pushed upward again there was a rush from the rear and Clark went through the gate to the landing of the third floor. Two women and the little girl followed him.

Now with the gates open there was a renewed effort to jump to safety. Two men, Benjamin Sternberg, of 303 New Lots road, Brooklyn, and N. Levy, who is employed in the building, tried to guide them. They told the passengers when to jump in order to clear the ceilings and land safely. At the sixth floor, however, the crowd got away from them, and two women and a man went crashing to the bottom of the shaft, where they were later picked up, crushed almost beyond recognition.

This trip upward was the last for the unmanageable elevator. At the top it stuck, and Sternberg and Levy helped off those whom they had been able to control. The little girl who was saved was a niece of Mrs. Letina, who perished in the accident. She was found at the third floor, and when her aunt was not among those coming down the stairs became hysterical.

Girl Tossed to Safety.

She sobbed that her name was Jennie Elmonetti, of 25 Bedford st. She is fourteen years old and small for her age. She said that conditions on the car were terrible. "My aunt was trying to shield me from harm," she sobbed, "and all the time the others were fighting among themselves to see who should be saved. My aunt held me until she saw a chance to throw me off where I wouldn't be hurt."

The scenes at the ground floor and outside the building were pitiful. Report had gone forth that ten or fifteen persons had been killed, and from all over the East Side came relatives and friends of those who worked in the building. The police, under Lieutenant Ward, of the Mulberry st. station, had their work cut out for them to keep back hysterical persons who were sure that some one dear to them had been killed.

Finally as only three bodies were brought out from the bottom of the shaft there was a cry of relief from those who had feared the worst, but had found their fears groundless. The father of Rosario Anselmo stoically identified his dead and went sadly homeward when informed by Coroner Hellenstein that the body would be taken care of. Mrs. Letina's son

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ROSARIO ANSELMO, Killed in elevator accident.

SEVEN GUILTY IN \$10,000,000 FRAUD

Officials of Sterling Debenture Corporation Convicted in Court.

Seven officials of the Sterling Debenture Corporation, who were indicted nearly two years ago for using the mails to defraud investors in the Oxford Linnen Mills Company, were found guilty at 11:40 o'clock last night in the Federal District Court after a trial that lasted about a month. Postoffice inspectors alleged that the corporation mulcted investors to the tune of at least \$10,000,000.

Those found guilty were George H. Middlebrook, president of the corporation until 1911; Frank W. Schumaker, secretary; Captain W. S. Edwards, of the 22d Regiment, and a broker, who was treasurer; Harry H. Platt, known as the "Hermes" of the promoters; Elwyn A. Barron, dramatic critic and publicity agent for the Sterling Debenture Corporation; Wilbur M. Stone, patent expert, and Benjamin C. Mudge, inventor of the "process" by which the Oxford Linnen Mills Company was to utilize the waste straw of American flax in the manufacture of fine linen. All were remanded until to-day for sentence.

The Oxford company was capitalized in 1907 at \$200,000. A small dividend was declared, but to aid the sale of stock two subsidiary companies were formed, the Easterbrook company, capitalized at \$300,000, in 1910, to make woollens with Mudge's process, and the Oxford Linnen Mattress Company, capitalized in 1910 at \$800,000, to use by-products of the Mudge system for making mattresses. The Sterling Debenture Company sent out 8,500,000 letters to promote these companies.

Frank E. Winchell, brother of Benjamin L. Winchell, former president of the Rock Island system, and Samuel E. Findlay, other officers of the corporation, who were indicted, confessed. Winchell testified for the government to having altered the books of the Oxford company to create false assets.

The government contended that Mudge, the inventor, got \$500,000 worth of stock in the concern, of which only \$30,000 worth, now in possession of his wife, can be found. Mudge is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One of the witnesses testified that the chemist was invited to speak before a body of distinguished scientists in 1908, when the Oxford company was in its infancy. "The witness testified that he advised Mudge not to appear, as the Boston chemists would 'eat him up.'"

PAINLESS DENTISTRY? NO!

Four Lawyers' Fees Extracted to Fight \$98 Bill.

Washington, April 6.—H. L. Herbert, of Hawaii and Australia, fought a \$98 dentist bill all the way from Honolulu courts and lost his case to-day in the Supreme Court of the United States. His contest, based on technical grounds, caused him to employ four attorneys and to undergo great expense.

HOLLAND SOCIETY RAISES STATUE FUND

Has \$8,000 Already for Monument to William the Silent Here.

The Holland Society received a report last night at its annual meeting at the Hotel Astor that its committee in charge of the plan to erect a monument to commemorate the Dutch influence in New York had raised \$8,000 and would erect a statue of William the Silent in Riverside Drive.

Tunis J. Bergen, chairman of the committee, made a special trip to Holland to avoid all mistakes in the selection of a statue. This memorial, as exclusively announced in The Tribune, will be rushed and should be erected within six months. It will be a reproduction of the statue placed in the center of the main square at The Hague, facing the Hall of Justice. Mr. Bergen found that Holland looks on William as a man first, then a fighter, a resemblance to George Washington being noted by the committee.

William Leverich Brower was elected president. He is the first re-elected president of the society.

ROCKEFELLER'S MILLIONS BACK THE OPEN SHOP

John D., Jr., Says Colorado Mines Would Be Lost for Principle.

WITNESS IN PROBE OF WESTERN STRIKE

Spokesman for Father at Hearing Before House Committee.

NOT DUMMY DIRECTOR

Explains How Social Uplift in Mines Is Left to Men He Employs.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, April 6.—That the Rockefeller interests would lose all the millions of dollars that they have invested in the Colorado coal fields to maintain the open shop was asserted to the House Mines Committee to-day by John D. Rockefeller Jr., who appeared as a witness in the investigation of the labor troubles of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

Mr. Rockefeller, who spoke for his father, who owns 40 per cent of the stock of the company, said that the fight was for the "principles of freedom of labor" and that he and his associates would rather that the present violence continue "and lose all of their millions invested in the coal fields than that American workmen should be deprived of the right under the Constitution to work for whom they pleased."

In support of this Mr. Rockefeller was kept busy for hours explaining, defending and arguing. He said that employer and employee were "fellows" and should treat each other as such, but he could see no analogy between the unionization of workmen and the combination of capital.

He told the committee that "his conscience acquitted him" of having done his full duty in regard to the striking coal diggers by placing competent men in authority over them and leaving responsibility to those men.

Members of the committee spoke of Mr. Rockefeller's interest and work in various "uplift movements," and asked why he had not gone about welfare work in the Colorado coal fields in a similar way.

"I did just exactly as I have done in all of my investigations," he said. "I picked out the best qualified man I could find, placed them in charge and trusted them to do their best."

No amount of cross-examination could shake this statement. As the hearing drew to a close Mr. Rockefeller said that he would consider arbitration of the dispute in the Colorado field if he could be assured that a fair and unbiased board of arbitration could be secured. He suggested federal judges as the best qualified to serve on such a board.

Mr. Rockefeller spent four hours on the witness stand and was constantly under the fire of questions not entirely complimentary. He was at ease throughout and declined to become ruffled. He was attired in a snug fitted, brown-striped worsted suit and resembled an ordinary young business man as he sat at the committee table and furnished prompt answers. He had an "I don't know" ready for many questions, but seemed anxious to avoid side-stepping.

At the outset of the hearing he said he held just enough stock of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to qualify him as a director.

Chairman Foster soon developed that he had not attended a directors' meeting in ten years, nor had he seen his Colorado properties within a decade. "Are you a dummy director?" asked Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina.

"I do not so regard myself," answered Mr. Rockefeller. After questions developing Mr. Rockefeller's unfamiliarity with the details of the mining business and his repeated declarations that these matters were left to the resident officers of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, including President J. F. Welborn and L. M. Bowers, chairman of the board, Chairman Foster said:

"Mr. Rockefeller, I believe you are affiliated with certain philanthropic and sociological organizations, including the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bureau of Physical Research?"

"Yes, we contribute to them," said Mr. Rockefeller.

"You were also interested, I believe, in the Chicago Vice Commission's work and were the foreman of a New York grand jury which investigated the white slave traffic," continued Chairman Foster. "Still, with 10,000 striking miners in Colorado, what have you done to look out after them?"

"I have done what I regard as the best thing I could have done in the interest of the employes and the large amount we have invested," said Mr. Rockefeller.

"What have you done personally to end this strike?" asked Mr. Foster. "I have done nothing personally. My only knowledge comes from the correspondence I have had with the men in charge there. So long as we have officials