

## Gomez to Halt Rebellion Split On

Arranging at Washington Truce  
to be Declared  
in Mexico.HALT FIGHTING TO  
NEGOTIATE PEACE.Anxiety in Washington Over Con-  
dition Across Boundary  
Line in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Anxiety over developments in Mexico endangering the lives and property of Americans near the boundary line was plainly evident in official circles here to-night. President Taft, until nearly midnight to-night received bulletins at the White House from the War Department regarding the advance of the Federalists upon the insurgent forces at Agua Prieta, but retired confident that an attack would not be made before to-morrow.

Dr. Vasquez Gomez was in constant communication with the insurgent junta at El Paso, Texas, who transmitted to him messages from the insurgent army advancing on Juarez. Mindful of the incidents of last week around Agua Prieta, Dr. Gomez telegraphed a message of warning to his constituents to avoid injury to American lives or property. He was advised that the insurgents had mobilized practically their entire army in Chihuahua, under Francisco I. Madero, Jr., to within striking distance of Juarez.

The messages that Dr. Gomez sent to the insurgent forces, in a manner unexplained here, prevented the attack to-night on Juarez. He attached much importance to the pause of the insurgents, and other Mexicans drew much hope from the occurrence. Dr. Gomez, however, was unable to say whether it was caused by his long message of last Tuesday, addressed to Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and explaining conditions under which peace could be arranged, or his message of last night advising the insurgent forces to defer their attack pending the receipt of certain messages from Mexico.

Dr. Gomez was said to be arranging for an armistice, to take effect immediately, by which peace negotiations might be instituted near Juarez.

U. S. Message for Federalists.  
AGUA PRIETA, Mex., April 16.—Insurgent leaders here report that a battle was begun this morning, east of Cabullona, fifteen miles south of this city. The federal troops engaged are said to have been caught between two bodies of rebels, who far outnumbered the federalists.

After a conference with Colonel Shunk, commander of the American troops here, Colonel Medina, the insurgent jefe of Agua Prieta, permitted an automobile carrying two Americans to pass through the rebel lines toward the federal camp. The Americans in the automobile, which flies the American flag, are James T. Williams of Tucson, formerly United States civil service commissioner, and Charles McKean, formerly of the United States army.

McKean, it was learned, has been officially commissioned by Colonel Shunk to carry a written message to Reynaldo Diaz, in command of the federal force. McKean and Williams proceeded directly to the camp of the federalists and delivered the message to Diaz. Diaz received the message and assured McKean that every precaution would be observed to prevent firing into Douglas. Diaz was attended by the rurales, Chief Barron, Colonel Chlapa and other staff officers. The Americans returned safely to Douglas.

## Iowa Troops Go to Front.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 16.—Colonel Charles M. McConner and the sixth cavalry stationed at Fort Des Moines, will leave Des Moines Tuesday morning for Arizona, pursuant to orders received from the war department late last night.

## Hostilities Halted.

AGUA PRIETA, April 16.—After a number of small skirmishes between the rebels and the advancing Federalists to-day, in which it was learned that there were any fatalities, the opposing forces to-night were awaiting another day. The Federalists were weary from their long march and at dusk halted. The rebels to-night were busy fortifying at Agua Prieta and vicinity.

## MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

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Do these purposes appeal to you? Will you become a member and help your city and yourself? We can do little or nothing without the help of every good citizen.

## U. S. TROOPS NOT TO ENTER MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—"Don't cross the American-Mexican border line under any circumstances; if necessary to communicate across the line do it by civilians," was the purport of instructions telegraphed today by Major General Wood, commanding the army, to the army command in Texas. This explains the use of two civilians in carrying a message to the Mexican federal commander from Colonel Shunk, commanding the United States troops at Agua Prieta.

Juarez Safe  
From RebelsInsurgents Unexpectedly Retire From  
Attack on the Federal Strong-  
hold.PEACE MOVE MAY  
HAVE CAUSED ACTION.Second Attack Made on Town, and  
Both Were Repulsed by  
Mexicans.

EL PASO, April 16.—The second battle of Baucha has resulted as the first, fought on February 4. The insurgents left the field, and the Federalists have come back to Juarez.

Whether the insurgents retired because of lack of water as on the former occasion, or the result of a message from Dr. Gomez in Washington relative to peace, is not known.

The Federalists lost six dead, including Lieutenants Miguel Baturo and Abraham Jimenez, and six wounded, including Captain Porfirio Hernandez. The wounded were brought to Juarez during the night. The dead were brought in today.

The federalists had fired a bridge on the railroad between Baucha, where the fight occurred, and Juarez. There was no necessity for this in order to block the railroad, however, as the insurgent train had been wrecked in Baucha as it came from the south. Federalists on Thursday placed dynamite under the tracks, and the charge blew up the train. The insurgents had two cars loaded with railroad ties ahead of the locomotive, and when the dynamite exploded the ties were hurled over the bridge.

When the insurgents retired they took their locomotive and some of their cars with them, but left two cars loaded with dynamite. Beside the track were some bloody clothes, showing that they had some dead or wounded. None was left on the field, however. The Associated Press correspondent found two bodies. One was full of bullet holes. Another body had been killed by a bullet.

## HUBBY IGNORES THREAT.

Reward Offered by Him for Runaway  
Wife Despite Black Hand Letter.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 16.—An agitation in the Italian colony of Girard over the slaying of Carmelo Farar, 16-year-old wife of Philip Farar, with Salvador Belardo, a Niles shoemaker, has been increased by the receipt by the husband of an alleged black hand letter.

In it he is threatened with death if he attempts to find his wife. Despite this threat, Farar has offered a reward of \$25 for information regarding his wife's whereabouts.

BIG EASTER PARADE  
AT ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, April 16.—Nearly a quarter of a million visitors promenaded the boardwalk here to-day in the annual Easter parade. Every available rolling chair was in use during the entire day. A sharp northwest wind, which blew at the rate of 20 miles an hour, made the fun very much decidedly comfortable.

## Blow on Head Fatal.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—Jacob Sifer, aged 45, a miner, died today from injuries received last night when he was hit on the head with a chair during a quarrel at Imperial, Pa., near here. Frank Kreitz, Sifer's boarding house, is detained and the police are searching for a second man.

## DOUBLE DROWNING

Boys Hunting Fall in Stream—One  
Drowns Trying to Save  
the Other.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 16.—Alexander Doty, 16 years old, and Osborne Darby, 18 years old, were drowned while hunting on Lake Michigan today. Doty was drowned while trying to rescue his companion.

Darby was an athletic director of a high school in which Doty was a student.

## CHARLES BEKURS DEAD.

Prominent Parkersburg Man Is Called  
by Death.

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PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 16.—Charles Bekurs, one of the city's prominent men, died Saturday noon. Death was due to blood poisoning, caused by cutting a corn. Deceased was aged 72, and leaves a widow and two children, Mrs. Edward Nolly and Charles Bekurs, Jr. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

Women Die  
In BattleRebels Make Attack on Mexicans Con-  
veying Women and Children,  
Killing Many.RIDERLESS HORSES  
WARN OF FIGHTINGRebel Loss Heavy While Loss of Mexi-  
cans Are Minimized by  
Early Reports.

CHIHUAHUA, April 16.—Forty or more insurgents were killed and over 100 wounded in a battle fought between Saiz and Santa Clara canyon about fifty miles north of here, according to federal couriers who arrived today. The couriers brought orders to have hospitals ready for the federal wounded. The federal reports are expected to change the figures. A number of women and children are believed to be among the killed.

Coming across from Casas Grandes on their way to Chihuahua, with prisoners under General Luis Valdez, the federalists followed by about 160 refugees were attacked. Five hundred insurgents under Generals Orozco and Villa had been instructed by Francisco Madero to head off the Casas Grandes contingent and if possible capture and release the prisoners. The fight occurred on a Hacienda where the women and children refugees, weary from a long tramp were scattered in a long broken line. The federalists immediately responded with heavy firing and placed the prisoners and non-combatants under protection. The fighting continued for several hours and resulted in the sending north from here of General Rabago with 500 reinforcements. The extent of the fight became known when riderless horses arrived here with evidence of having left the front in a stampede. So far as is known, none of the prisoners among whom are believed to be many Americans, were wounded, and none escaped, although these statements are based on unofficial reports.

## Suicide Note

Endorse Socialism and Condemns the  
Business Men of  
America.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—Leaving an open letter addressed to the socialist party, in which he condemned the business men of this country and urged that the work for socialism be continued, Daniel Kisan, a well-known writer on socialist topics, committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium today at his home in Narberth, a suburb of this city.

The dead man was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., in 1851. His father, the Rev. Elbert Anderson Young was a noted abolitionist. The suicide's widow is a well-known advocate of woman's suffrage.

## Negro Bites

Officers at Pittsburgh Severely In-  
jured While Making Arrest—  
Negro Is Shot.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—In attempting to arrest Frank Robinson, a negro, who is alleged to have demanded money at the point of a revolver from the proprietor of a saloon where today, Special Officers John P. McGowan and John W. Barry were seriously bitten by the negro, who was perhaps fatally shot after the attempted robbery. Robinson went to his home, where the officials found him. The negro showed fight. In a free-for-all scuffle, the negro repeatedly used his teeth, and the officers were seriously injured. A revolver in the negro's possession was discharged twice, both shots striking Robinson in the abdomen.

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Split On  
Free ListRepublicans to Halt Legislative Pro-  
gram by Opposition to  
Free Trade.TARIFF REVISION  
IS ILLADVISSED NOWRepublicans Contend Tariff Board  
Was Not Consulted on Pro-  
posed Change.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—So far in the extraordinary session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well organized Democratic majority in the house of representatives, but in view of a strong and healthy minority there are breakers ahead.

Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States Senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days and to bringing before the house the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurances of its ratification by the middle of this week. To all these features of the legislative program, however, there has been little opposition. The wonder of it to the experienced observer was the demonstration of the smoothly running Democratic machine. The rapid pace of legislative progress, however, is expected to reverse a sudden check—by what is to follow—the free list bill approved by the Democratic caucus and favorably reported by the new committee on ways and means.

Flash Danger Signal.  
Reciprocity discussion begun Saturday, furnished an opportunity for the minority leaders to flash a signal of their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers of the country will be fought as stubbornly as any proposed Democratic tariff measure ever was opposed in the halls of congress.

The majority leaders realize that the bill cannot be rushed through and they are preparing to meet the vigorous assault upon it in prolonged debate.

The minority members of the ways and means committee in considering the proposed free list voted solidly against it, maintaining that it was a hastily framed measure, ill-dvised and not sufficiently backed up with information relative to the revenue concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out that the tariff board had not been consulted. That Mr. Mann, the minority leader will conduct a stirring fusillade of argument against the bill is beyond all question and Mr. Payne, vice chairman of the old ways and means committee, will be allied with him in directing the attack.

To Revive Wool Tariff.  
This will be but the beginning of tariff excitement as the Democrats already are preparing revised wool and cotton schedules to be presented as soon as possible and later on in the session the agricultural schedule will be tackled and then will come again the controversy over the high cost of living.

With all this in prospect, not to mention the proposed Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill, anti-injunction legislation, re-apportionment and appropriation bills, the present outlook is that the house will be kept busy until well into the summer.

## Work For Senate.

Two important pieces of legislation are ready for the senate which resumes tomorrow, but the senate is not ready to consider any legislation and to all appearances it is making no haste to get in shape for the consideration of house bills. The senate committees are not yet named and when it meets tomorrow it is probable that another adjournment will be taken until Thursday. One of the senate leaders, when asked how soon the committees would be ready replied:

"Well, we are on the defensive in regard to the tariff and I guess we are in no hurry to appoint committees. The senate will take its time."

The prospects, however, are good for the passage by the senate of the popular election and campaign publicity bills.

## Scandal

Social Light at Zanesville Sued for  
\$10,000 by Modiste's  
Husband.

ZANESVILLE, O., April 16.—Rufus C. Burton, secretary and treasurer of the T. B. Townsend Brick and Concrete company, who lives in one of the most palatial residences in Zanesville, is a member of the official board of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and was chairman of the building committee, which recently constructed the \$200,000 edifice, was sued for \$10,000 damages this afternoon by Orlando Piggett, who alleges the alienation of the affections of his wife, Cleoilda Piggett.

The suit is the sequel to a divorce suit which Mrs. Piggett instituted against her husband, a divorce being denied.

Mrs. Piggett is a dashing and attractive woman, and is the "gown builder" for all the women of Zanesville's "four hundred," in which set the members of the Burton family are recognized leaders.

Henry H. Gregg,  
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
GRAFTON, W. Va., April 16.—Henry H. Gregg, aged 59, the city's oldest resident, is dead of ill incident to old age. The funeral occurs Monday, with interment at Mt. Morris, Barbours county.

## THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Forecast: Western Pennsylvania and Ohio unsettled and slightly warmer Monday; Tuesday fair, warmer, light to moderate variable winds.  
West Virginia—Unsettled and warmer Monday; Tuesday, fair, warmer.

## VETERAN DIES.

CAMBRIDGE, M. D., April 16.—General W. B. Muse, 89 years old, U. S. M. C. (retired), died here today of a complication of diseases.

Five Aeronauts Survive Drop  
When Balloon Explodes in Air

DRESDEN, April 16.—A thrilling accident occurred today at the competition of the Saxon Aeronautical society. The balloon, Gordonhausen ascended prematurely, carrying off Otto Koern, Dresden manufacturer, clinging to the outside of the basket. The pilot at once opened the valve, letting off the gas, but the balloon was driven with great force against the gasometer. Koern fell to the ground,

breaking his leg. The balloon, freed from this weight, ascended quickly and passed over the gasometer, but the escaping gas ignited, causing an explosion. The four occupants of the balloon were thrown from the basket and crashed through the roof. The pilot, Captain Von Oldtman, suffered a fractured skull and is not expected to recover. The other three also were badly injured.

Prevent Mine Horrors  
ReciprocityDr. Holmes Suggests Precautions That  
Would Eliminate Much  
Danger.FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION  
FOR DOWN IN THE MINES.With Fire Fighting Apparatus Should  
Be Required and Fire  
Would Be Unlikely.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Outlining some measures designed to go along way towards preventing a repetition of mine accidents such as recently at Banner, Alabama, and Throop, Pa., with their accompanying toll of human life, Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, who has just returned from investigating both accidents today, urged that "no miner or operator should feel satisfied until every precaution known to the industry has been taken." Dr. Holmes is head of the bureau of mines. He said that fires for instance as those at Cherry, Ill., in November 1909 with its 223 lives lost, and the Pancoast Coal company at Throop which cost 73 lives, could easily have been extinguished if promptly attended to. He advised that the shafts and the stables and engine rooms when underground, shall be of fireproof construction. If combustible materials must be stored in the mines there should be ample water supply to go with other fire fighting apparatus.

Precautions Suggested.  
Dr. Holmes urged the use of only those explosives least likely to ignite after gas or dust and the general adoption of a system of electric firing "to be used at a time when all of the miners are out of the mine." Other small quantities of any explosive needed for use during a single day should be in the mine at one time and under no conditions should the powder and the detonators or caps be carried into the mine together, nor should the powder or detonators be kept in any mine over night, as dampness may change their quality.

Although the safest plan, according to Dr. Holmes to prevent a dust explosion is to wet the coal dust throughout the whole mine, a thorough wetting in any part of a bituminous coal mine lessens the danger of an explosion. The cheapest and most satisfactory manner of doing this, he continues, is to turn exhaust steam from the mine power plant into the mine along with the air current.

Train Plows Into Crowd at Depot at  
Elizabeth With Awful  
Results.

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 16.—An eastbound express of the New Jersey Central Railroad plunged into a crowd about to board a standing local train here to-night, killing three persons and injuring several others. The dead are:

Mrs. Henrietta Cosgrove,  
Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Cosgrove's daughter.  
—Saunders, station baggage master.

The baggage master is said to have lost his life while trying to rescue Mrs. Cosgrove.

## JUMP IN RIVER

Two Escape Explosion of 15,000 Gal-  
lons of Gasoline by Plunge  
in Stream.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Capt. John Pierce and his wife leaped into the East river tonight just in time to escape probable death by the explosion of 15,000 gallons of gasoline stored in three tanks on board the gasoline supply boat Texas. They were picked up by a motor boat, little the worse for their experience except from fright and the chill of the water.

The boat broke from its moorings and with flames shooting 200 feet high it drifted out into Long Island sound, a menace to shipping and a spectacle to shore residents. A number of ships anchored in its path were saved by volunteers who rowed out and cut their cables.

When the ceremony of admission is about to be carried out the society meets at the request of one of the members, after having posted the "picciotti" so as not to be taken by surprise. The Camorrist who is called for the assembly submits the name of his candidate and offers to act as his padrino (kind of godfather). He enumerates the services which his candidate has rendered, enters as ardently as possible into the details of the life, the virtues and other important crimes which the "picciotti" who desires to be promoted to the estate of the Camorrist has committed, not forgetting to call attention to the street inflicted, which are the razor slashes across the cheeks of the persons who have had to be called to order, which marks are very prominent on the faces of both Abbatemag-

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## Postal Bank Grows

\$68,092 Increase in Deposits Last  
Month Is Reported by  
Government.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Steadily increasing interest in the postal savings bank system is indicated by a statement made public tonight by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The statement shows that \$201,981 was on deposit at the forty-eight postal savings bank at the close of business on March 3, an increase during the month of \$68,092.

## TERSE TELEGRAPHIC TIPS

SHARON, Pa.—The body of Oscar Bonninghaus, aged 35, was found to-night in some bushes, four miles from here. There was a bullet hole through the head and a revolver lay nearby. Bonninghaus has been missing five days.

SPOKANE, Wash.—Sixty-nine healthy chicks from a setting of seventy-three eggs have just been hatched by electricity near Spokane. The initial test was so successful that 1,200 eggs will be placed in the incubators.

SPOKANE, Wash.—Spokane will have women police officers in its public parks this summer if the recommendations of the park commission are carried out.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—After twenty-four

New Link  
To LakesUnited States Waterway's Commis-  
sion to View Route of Lakes  
to Ohio River Canal.PROJECT ENDORSED  
BY TWO STATES.Commission Also to Take up the  
Prevention of Floods by  
New Scheme.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—The National Waterways Commission will arrive here to-morrow and for the next three days will inspect the route of the proposed Lake Erie and Ohio river ship canal and the work of the Pittsburgh Flood Commission. In the party will be Senators Burton, Gallinger, Smith and Lorimer, and Representatives Moon, Wanger, Sparkman, Alexander and Stevens. A hearing will be held to-morrow. On Tuesday the watersheds of the local rivers at Parker, Pa., will be visited, and on Wednesday the commission will be taken from Pittsburgh to Ashtabula, O., along the proposed route of the ship canal.

The canal proposition is unique. Over 50 counties in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia are to be asked to issue bonds for the building of the canal, estimated to cost upwards of \$50,000,000. This fund is to be turned over to the National Government and the work done by United States engineers. Already the legislatures of Pennsylvania and West Virginia have passed the necessary laws enabling the counties to issue the bonds, while the matter is under consideration in the Ohio body.

COLUMBUS, O.—Lieut. Ben Chamberlain of Governor Harmon's staff, has been appointed private secretary to Senator Pomeroy.

Tell Secrets of Camorra  
Beans on Menu;  
Diner Shoots HostMurder Will Be Outcome of Boarder's  
Anger Over Unchanged  
Bill of Fare.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.  
STEEBENVILLE, O., April 16.—A dispute over a board bill led Jovo Sassa, a boarder, to fire five times at Pava Sassa, his cousin, a boarding-house keeper in the Serbian settlement, this morning. The shooting took place in a small room and two bullets lodged in Pava Sassa's body, and he is dying at the Gill hospital. The dispute is said to have been over the fact that beans were served too often as the bill of fare, and Jovo was averse to them and did not want to pay the full amount of the bill.

## SEVENTH DEATH

Follows Spilling of Container of Mol-  
ten Steel Over Philadelphia  
Workmen.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—Patrick Cunningham, who with six other workmen was caught beneath a huge container filled with molten steel when it spilled yesterday at the Midvale steel works died in the hospital here today. The other six died yesterday.

## IDENTIFY BANDIT.

Timothy McCoy Arrested for Holding  
Up Train at Muncie.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., April 16.—Timothy McCoy was identified today as the lone bandit who recently held up and robbed passengers on a Big Four train at Muncie, Ind. McCoy was arrested here. The identification was made by J. E. Porter and William Glasgow, Cleveland traveling men, who were among those robbed.

## BURY VETERAN ACTOR.

Denman Thompson Is Laid to Rest  
Sunday.

WEST SWANZEY, N. H., April 16.—Denman Thompson, the venerable actor, creator and portrayer of "That Home New England character," Uncle Joshua Whitcomb, which he had endeavored to theatergoers all over the country, was buried today with simple ceremonies in the little cemetery across the road from his home.

hours' consideration, a jury in East St. Louis has decided that a husband has the right to spank his wife. Mrs. Hannah Yowell was refused a divorce as a result.

COLUMBUS, O.—Attorney General Hogan has ruled that children may act on the stage and that the child labor law does not apply which prohibits children under 14 being employed.

PITTSBURGH—Robert A. Geary, aged 73, and his wife, aged 70, died today at their home at Midway, near here, within a few hours of each other. Both succumbed to pneumonia.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 16.—General Arthur L. Goodrich, treasurer of the Hartford Courant company, publisher of the Hartford Courant died today.