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## THE BATTLE IS ON TODAY AT PARRAL IN OLD MEXICO

Gen. Salazar is Attacking That City With 1,500 Men --- Federals Believed to Have 2,000 Troops---Orozco Likely to be Forced Back.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
El Paso, Tex., April 4.—Mexican rebels under General Salazar, 1,500 in number, are again attacking Parral today, according to advices from rebel headquarters at Jimenez. The defeat of Campa, the rebel general, at Parral yesterday was complete and is so admitted by the rebel commanders. Campa is not taking part in today's attack on the mining city. Major Quevedo, who, with 400 rebels, was left by Campa to protect the retreat of the main rebel force to Jimenez, held back the federals for hours, but was himself finally forced to fall back into the mountains.

## A PROPOSAL TO AMEND

The Peck Judicial Reform Measure in the Con-Con.  
A "Blue Sky" Law For Ohio.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Columbus, O., April 4.—An effort will be made in the constitutional convention today to amend the Peck judicial reform proposal giving the right to litigate to carry to the supreme court cases involving the construction of an act of the general assembly. The original Peck proposal gives to a "court of appeals," which is to succeed the present circuit court, final jurisdiction in all cases except those involving the death penalty, life sentence and constitutional questions. The fight to amend the Peck proposition is led by Judge Worthington, of Hamilton.

It was generally agreed among the delegates today that the liquor fight in the convention was at an end. A subcommittee of "wet" delegates appointed at a conference Tuesday night, has decided that the only amendment that will be suggested to the convention when the liquor proposal comes up for third reading, will be to take the wholesale houses out of the limitation clause, which prohibits more than one saloon to every 500 inhabitants. Many of the "drys" have agreed to this change.

The committee on municipal government today reported to the convention with recommendation for passage, the Fitzsimmons home rule proposal. The plan, as approved in committee, gives municipalities the right to home rule on everything except certain powers reserved for the state, as fixing the standard of education, fixing the limitations of taxation and bond issuing power.

Municipalities are given the right to own and operate any sort of public utility but in purchasing them, bonds must be issued on the utility and not on the municipality.

HERE IS SOMETHING VALUABLE.  
Columbus, O., April 4.—The constitutional convention committee on corporations today recommended a proposal giving the legislature authority to regulate the issuance and sale in Ohio of stocks and securities of domestic and foreign corporations.

The initiative and referendum committee has decided that in the proposal for the recall of judges, which is now being drawn, the recall election shall be held on only regular election days and that it shall require a majority of all votes cast at the election to recall an official.

## THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED

And a Number Injured Today in Chicago—Freight Engine Struck a Trolley Car.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, April 4.—Three persons were killed and between ten and fifteen injured when a Chicago & Alton freight train crashed into a trolley car at the grade crossing at Thirtieth and Kedzie streets at noon today. The dead are two women about 22 years old, and a baby, month old. All are unidentified. A number of men suffered broken legs and arms.

The freight engine struck the car in the middle as it was crossing the tracks. The car was hoisted over and smashed to kindling by the heavy engine. The persons killed were seated in the center of the car. The motor-man of the car, who was placed under arrest, said that he received no warning of the approach of the train.

John Baranski was taken to St. Anthony's hospital in a dying condition. He was crushed and internally hurt.

Among the seriously injured are: Mrs. Margaret Cabot, 40; Albert Eidenbaum, 25; Kales Farkel, 21; Minnie Lenki, 62; Mary Diskov, 25; Mabel Van Dusen, 20; Mary Adams, 25, and M. Harkovits, 35.

EVERY DAY IS MOVING DAY THIS MONTH.



## STRIKE IS OFF REGARDLESS OF

The Referendum — British Leaders Tired of Starvation and Will Order the Men to go to Work.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
London, April 4.—The miners' committee, after consulting the returns officially called off the coal strike this afternoon and ordered the miners back to the pits.

The official count was when announced, as expected, against resumption, being as follows:  
Against resumption 244,011; for resumption 201,012.

The executive committee, however, promptly applied the two thirds rule and declared that the proposal to continue the strike had been defeated. It was stated that the official order to the men directing them to resume work pending the organization of the district minimum wage committee was being prepared and would be issued at once.

London, April 4.—The executive committee of the miners' federation today canvassed the vote cast by the miners on whether the strike was to be continued. Previous to entering the council chamber the members stated that the strike was over and that the order directing the men to return to work would probably be issued immediately. This statement was made despite the fact that the majority of the miners voted against accepting the terms of the minimum wage bill.

The traders declared previous to the meeting that they favored "peace with honor" and that was what they get under the law. They also explained that the constitutional proposal regarding the ordering of a strike, which compels a two-thirds vote to favor it, would undoubtedly be applied to the count on the ballots in the present instance and that it would be ruled that, as the proposition to continue the strike failed to receive the approval of two-thirds of the union membership, the strike would be called off.

There was an undercurrent of opposition to this plan but it was not believed it would be strong enough to overthrow the leaders who privately admit that to longer continue the strike in the face of the public opinion would simply mean suicide for the union.

The enormous war fund with which the strike was inaugurated, has been completely wiped out and the reserve fund of the miners' union, which were invested in stocks and bonds, have been reduced more than one-half.

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION.  
Youngstown, O., April 4.—Andrew Kurale was killed and Michael Morris was critically injured today in an explosion that wrecked the press mill of the Burton Powder company near Lowellville, Ohio. The blast damaged the plant to the extent of \$5,000 and broke scores of windows in the village.

Kurale's body was found 200 yards from the scene of the explosion.

## LAWYER WALKER BITTER IN HIS ARRAIGNMENT OF

### GOV. WILSON GETS MOST

Of the Wisconsin Delegates.  
At Least Nineteen and Possibly 20 or 22—Carried all Districts but Two.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—Governor Woodrow Wilson will have the support of at least 19 of the 26 delegates from Wisconsin to the Baltimore convention. Practically complete returns from Tuesday's preferential primary indicate that six delegates pledged to Champ Clark for the presidential nomination have been elected. One Democratic delegate, the Clark forces elected two delegates in the second and ninth congressional districts and one each in the fourth and fifth. Wilson got one in the fifth and the second delegate in the fourth is uncommitted.

The Wilson adherents today declare that they may have 20 or 22 delegates from Wisconsin, as both the fourth and fifth districts showed a majority of the votes for Wilson, but Clark's two delegates and the uncommitted one were elected as the result of personal popularity.

The returns show that Senator La Follette carried the state by a vote of practically two to one over Taft.

NEW JERSEY GOV. ENCOURAGED.  
Washington, April 4.—"This is the fourth time the Wilson movement has gone bankrupt," said Governor Woodrow Wilson smilingly when he discovered that he had no money with which to pay for campaign cigars.

"That is an instance of the saying that 'many a truth is spoken in jest,'" continued the governor, "but I am encouraged by the way friends without hope of reward, have come to my assistance. The results in Wisconsin are very pleasing. I have just received a telegram from Senator Gore in which he says my friends unquestionably have elected at least 22 of the 26 delegates."

"I shall not speak in Ohio in this campaign. I am willing to trust the people there to determine whether they prefer Governor Harmon or me."

WILSON MEN CLAIM 22.  
Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—Frank P. Shuts, a member of the state Democratic central committee, this afternoon made the claim that Governor

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## Esther Mercy in The \$100,000 Slander Suit Against Dean Talbot. Attempt to Influence Jury Alleged.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, April 4.—The most bitter arraignment ever delivered in the courts of Chicago was the comment made in Judge Pomeroy's courtroom today on the argument of Attorney Francis A. Walker, in defense of Dean Talbot and the University of Chicago, in the \$100,000 slander suit against the dean by Esther Mercy, the lawyer's entire argument was an attack upon the woman who said she had been called a "woman of the streets" by the defendant when dismissed from the Midway school.

"The court has decided that it is the jury's duty to consider the facts in this disgusting case," said the attorney. "This woman has attempted by every means to secure notoriety at the expense of this university, at the expense of this court and she has gone even to the extent of making this trial a farce by attempting through her actions in the court room to influence your members of the jury. This case is simply an attempt to blacken the great name of one of the world's greatest universities and to ruin the life work of a woman who has consecrated herself to the guidance and education of young men and women. Can you believe these charges of this defendant who has spent upwards of 26 years in the education of the young?"

It was expected that the case would go to the jury late today.

Hunting Burglars.  
Midway, Ky., April 4.—The whole countryside near here was trailed with bloodhounds today in a vain effort to capture burglars who chloroformed G. T. McKinney, manager of the Home Telephone company, his wife and three children in their home last night. The house was ransacked and \$25 stolen.

ROOSEVELT AT MARYSVILLE.  
Marysville, Ky., April 4.—Colonel Roosevelt, on the last day of his trip through Kentucky and West Virginia was greeted here today by a crowd of 600 persons. In a short speech he repeated his "let the people rule" doctrine, saying: "If the country is going to be good for any of us, it must be good for all of us to live in."

Wanamaker Will Run.  
Akron, O., April 4.—Common Pleas Judge R. M. Wanamaker today announced his candidacy for election to the Ohio supreme court as an independent. In his platform Judge Wanamaker submits his candidates to the voters "regardless of party" and pledges himself to judicial reform.

## THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE CAUSED BY FLOODS

Of the Mississippi Valley—Many Families Lose Their Property and Suffer Much Privation—River Fifty Feet Above Normal—Millions of Loss.

## LOCAL OPTION AND LICENSE

Ridiculed by Rev. Poling of Columbus and Prohibition Advocated — Hits Anti-Saloon League.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Delaware, O., April 4.—Pointed paragraphs in Dr. Poling's keynote speech at Prohibition convention: "The liquor problem is a political problem and must be fought on its own ground by a political party."  
"Logically and physiologically a non-partisan or anti-partisan temperance movement is a grotesque impossibility. Politically, it is a grotesque farce."  
"The prohibitionist finds two fundamental flaws in local option. First, it is too local for a national problem. Second, it is too optional for a moral question."  
"Prohibition goes to the fountainhead of the stream. Local option tries to drop up the sea with a mop."

## POSITION TAKEN.

Delaware, O., April 4.—Local option and license were ridiculed as means of the solution of the liquor problem and "total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the state and nation," declared to be the only true solution by Rev. Daniel A. Poling, of Columbus. In the keynote speech, delivered at the opening of the state prohibition convention here this afternoon.

Hitting at the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, Poling declared that a non-partisan or anti-partisan temperance movement was a grotesque impossibility and politically a grotesque farce. "Local option," he said, "brings temporary apparent success but too often at the sacrifice of principle."  
In regard to the license proposal adopted by the constitutional convention, Poling said: "There is no excuse for any temperance or reform organization to directly or indirectly support the proposed amendment to the constitution, which begins license to traffic in intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be granted in this state."  
Poling, as temporary secretary of the prohibitionists, officially opened the convention at 2:30 this afternoon. Over 400 delegates were present. During the morning a joint meeting of the state central and executive committees were held, as well as congressional district meetings.

Nomination of the state ticket will be made tomorrow afternoon.

## Women to be Eligible.

Columbus, O., April 4.—The constitutional convention committee on legislative and executive departments will likely not resist the pleas of Miss Edith Campbell of Cincinnati and Miss Blanche Vignos of Canton, who today argued for a favorable report on the Harter proposal making women eligible to hold any appointive office in the state.

"It looks as if the committee will do what the ladies want done," said Chairman Harris after the hearing. Miss Campbell is a member of the Cincinnati board of education and Miss Vignos of the state board of charities.

## The Flood Figures.

States affected by the flood — Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, see.  
Towns flooded or threatened — Cairo, Ill.; Memphis, Tenn.; Fulton, Ky.; Columbus, Ky.; New Madrid, Mo.; Tippecanoe, Ark.; and a score of smaller places. All towns named have a population of 3,000 or over. There are 2,000 homeless at Hickman, Ky., food supplies short, no money in town to purchase more. Estimated damage run into millions, \$5,000,000 in property being flooded near Cairo alone.  
Drowned to date—eight. Stage of river at Memphis today, 42.4 feet. Forecaster says 44 feet may flood entire St. Francis basin, area huge as state of Delaware, population 250,000.  
Thousands deserted homes, fled to hills.

## Rise at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—A rise of two feet in the Mississippi river is expected here within the next 48 hours. The lowlands for miles around are already flooded and the guard was established on the levee here today. In case of any signs of weakening the policy of Cairo in suspending all business and ordering men to work on the levee will be adopted. Forecaster Emery declares the levees cannot stand a further rise and this means thousands of acres of land and a score of towns will be inundated.

The loss of life as a result of the flood is now increasing. Two men were drowned at Clarksville; a negro fell off the sidewalk in the main street of New Madrid and drowned and two men perished at Elkhart, Ky., when their boat was swamped in the river bed.

Thousands of persons have been compelled to flee from their homes in northern part of Memphis and the greatest suffering resulted last night, because the gas supply was cut off. The flood has completely covered the poorer district of this city.

At New Madrid, Missouri, all business has been suspended.

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## MRS. VERMILYA TESTIFIED

In Court in Regard to the Death of Richard L. Smith. Denies all Accusations.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, April 4.—Hundreds of people crowded Judge Sullivan's courtroom today to hear Mrs. Louise Vermilya make her denial on the witness stand of what has been termed by the state's attorney "the most dastardly and subtle murders of modern days."

There was a hush in the crowded courtroom as the woman in black was slowly carried in her invalid chair to the witness stand to resume her story. Her thick black veil was thrown back and showed her face pale and haggard. With an air of confidence she settled in her chair and looking straight at the jury said in answer to a question from her lawyer:

"No, I did not kill Richard T. Smith; I never killed anybody. I loved all those people whom I was charged with killing. Gladly would I have given my life for the lives of my husband and my children."

Before she could go further with this statement objections were sustained. The woman declared she knew nothing of poisons or how to administer them. She said she was engaged to marry Richard Smith. She described the funeral of Smith, after denying that he had eaten anything at her house beyond some toast and tea that she made for him upon the orders of a physician.

"J. O. Smith, Richard's brother, asked me to attend the funeral at North Henderson, Ill.," said Mrs. Vermilya. "I went because he and his sister urged me. They thanked me repeatedly for what I had done for their brother. After the funeral they asked me about Smith's diamond ring. I told them he had given it to me as a present. From that moment they grew suspicious of me and the next I heard from J. O. Smith he had charged that there was something suspicious about his brother's death."

Mrs. Vermilya declared she was taken ill four days after the funeral and has been suffering ever since.



OHIO WEATHER.  
Fair tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.