

TERRIBLE FIRE RAKES CAPITAL ALL DAY LONG

Diaz Holds His Ground, Enlarges Zone and At- tacks Palace.

MADERO'S COURAGE SUPERB

Mexico's President Calmly Confident as He Directs Plan to Crush Rebels.

CASUALTY LIST PUT AT 1800

Zapatistas on Outskirts Har- ass Government Troops.

2 AMERICAN WOMEN DEAD

Several Thousand Criminals Set Free and Likely to Turn to Loot- ing—Heavy Guns Clear Roofs of Riflemen.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—Anticipating an early resumption of hostilities tomorrow, more than 600 Americans fled tonight from their homes to temporary abodes in the outskirts of the city, where the danger from the fire will be minimized.

Ambassador Wilson, on information from the National Palace, knew that the government planned a crushing blow, and, determined to save the Americans if possible, rented numerous houses, to which, under flags of truce, agents of the embassy hurried in automobiles as many women and children as would agree to be transported.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—Mexico's capital was torn asunder again today by shot and shell. It was not until 9 o'clock that the fire ceased in all quarters.

General Felix Diaz, in command of the rebel forces, fortified and entrenched in and around the arsenal, held his ground against the federales. He did more than this. He subjected the city to a more terrible bombardment than that of yesterday, enlarged his zone of action and sent forces against the national palace.

Madero is unperturbed.

Madero was optimistic tonight. Throughout the bombardment and the almost continuous rattle of machine guns and rifles, the President went about his work in the palace apparently unperturbed. He took counsel frequently with the Finance Minister, Ernesto Madero. From time to time he was in conversation with General Huerta, the Commander-in-Chief, regarding the plans of attack. His courage was great, his confidence remarkable.

At the arsenal General Diaz calmly directed the operations. He characterized them as solely defensive. He, too, was optimistic.

Casualties Number 1800.

The casualties are estimated at not less than 300 dead and 1500 wounded in the two days' fighting. Two American women are dead, shot to pieces by a shell. They were Mrs. H. W. Holmes and Mrs. Percy Griffiths. Several Americans have been wounded. But the total number of native non-combatants injured today undoubtedly was small. Experience is fast teaching the citizens to keep out of the line of fire. The reports from the Diaz headquarters that his losses have been negligible are received with some doubt.

About 10 o'clock tonight there was sharp action for a few minutes by a federal battery against the rebel position, but at 11 o'clock the city was tranquil, with all the street lights out.

Shot and Shell Rain.

For two hours this morning the rebel gunners rained shot and shell at the lefty structures of the city, from the roofs of which federal sharpshooters and machine gun men had attempted to rake the insurgents in the trenches and behind the barricades of the arsenal.

The shells from the heavy guns of the rebels were well timed, the explosions throwing bullets over the roofs, effectually clearing these buildings for a time at least of the picked federal troops.

Some of the rebels' shells and not a few rifle bullets reached the national palace, but none did serious damage and it is not believed that Diaz seriously contemplates at the present time an attack on Madero's headquarters.

Diaz' Strength Not Developed.

Madero has promised to make a combined assault on the rebel positions tomorrow, but the operations of today

16 WITHOUT FOOD ARE HELD AT SEA

LAUNCH HENRIETTA WAITS 24 HOURS TO CROSS BAR.

Unable to Sleep or Eat, Pleasure Party Including Women Puts in Distressing Night on Ocean.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Tired, hungry and exhausted from loss of sleep and lack of food, a party of 16, four of whom are women, arrived here today after an unpleasant night spent at sea in a little 13-ton launch. The women were Mrs. James Stevens, Mrs. Adkins, Miss Galchort and Miss Bowman, of Tillamook, and the others on board were all residents of that place with the exception of John P. McCann, of this city.

Early Tuesday morning the party left Tillamook on the gasoline launch Henrietta as the guests of Captain E. E. Jenkins, master of the craft, to pass the day in deep sea fishing, expecting to return in the early afternoon.

After fishing for several hours at the Netart Rocks, the party arrived at the Tillamook bar entrance at high tide yesterday afternoon. By that time the bar was breaking clear across and the lifesaving crew, seeing the launch coming and fearing there would be trouble should the craft attempt to cross in, went outside and stood by to give assistance. Captain Jenkins, however, concluded it would be too dangerous to attempt the bar, especially with the women on board, and he headed up the coast, intending to make Nehalem. There the conditions were no better. The Henrietta continued north, arriving at the lightship about 11 o'clock last night. A line from that vessel was taken on board and the launch lay there until after daylight, when she crossed into the Columbia.

One of the worst features of the trip was the fact that there were no provisions on board and the passengers had nothing to eat for 24 hours.

HEALTH COSTS \$20,000,000

Government Annually Expends Huge Sum in Various Departments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—An aggregate of \$19,800,000 is expended annually by the Government to maintain the public health service of the various departments, according to a statement today forwarded to the Senate by the Secretary of the Treasury. The statement is made in compliance with the terms of a resolution introduced by Senator Works and adopted by the Senate.

The health division of the War Department is maintained at an annual cost of \$5,751,990, that of the Navy at a cost of \$3,720,923 and that of the Department of Agriculture at \$3,889,202. The health service of the Panama Canal costs \$1,490,931 a year. The entire health service of all departments employs 15,632 persons.

FLOWER TRIBUTE IS URGED

Ad Club Members Will Do Honor to the Late Captain Scott.

Members of the Portland Ad Club, under a resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting at the Multnomah Hotel yesterday, will wear, and will urge members of every other club of the city to wear, white flowers tomorrow as a tribute of mourning to Captain Scott and his three companions who perished in the South Polar region.

Following a reading by President Moore of Scott's last message to the world, Dr. David Walker, formerly identified with expeditions of North Polar explorers, spoke in eulogy of Captain Scott.

George Hazen offered the resolution after Dr. Walker's address, and the vote to adopt it was unanimous.

BARKENTINE IS OVERDUE

Vessel, Coal-Laden From Australia, Last in Honolulu December 24.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Fears are entertained here for the safety of the barkentine Aurora, which left Honolulu December 28. The Aurora left Newcastle, Australia, October 2, with a cargo of coal for this port and put in at Honolulu December 24, having run short of provisions.

The Aurora has always shown excellent sailing qualities and should have been in port two weeks ago. It is owned by the Charles Nelson Company, of this city.

ASTOR WILL JOIN MILITIA

Late Colonel's Son to Enter Naval Branch of State Guard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Vincent Astor will soon join the Naval Militia and become actively identified with that organization. He visited Governor Sulzer at Albany yesterday and told him of his plan.

In joining the Naval Militia young Astor will follow the footsteps of his father, John Jacob Astor, who served for many years as officer of the Guard.

THREE BELIEVED DROWNED

Men Are Reported to Have Fallen Through Ice in Columbia.

LYLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Three men attempting to cross over from the Oregon shore to the Washington side by walking on the ice which has jammed in the Columbia River were drowned shortly before midnight.

This word was brought here early this morning by the night watchman of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad.

35,000 MEN READY FOR INSTANT MOVE

Taft to Let Congress Give Final Word.

WARSHIPS AT NEARBY POINTS

Transports Not to Land Sol- diers Without Authority.

POLICY FOUND DIFFICULT

Presence of 17,000 Foreigners in City of Mexico, Appealing to Own Governments, Tends to Complicate Situation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—President Taft and the Cabinet are in accord that Congress shall share the responsibility for an intervention in Mexico.

A day of conferences between the President and his advisers ended with the understanding that should conditions in Mexico City become so much worse as to demand the landing of American troops, Mr. Taft will lay before the houses of Congress the full facts of the situation in a special message.

Every preliminary was arranged today for the action which might follow such a course. Thirty-five thousand men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps were put in readiness for movement.

Men Under Marching Orders

The first brigade of the first Army division, just created in the reorganization, 2000 men in all, and the nucleus of an expeditionary force of 15,000, was put on marching orders ready to embark for Newport News, Va., where Army transports wait under steam.

Between 2500 and 3000 marines of the Atlantic battleship fleet and at the Guantanamo naval station were prepared for immediate movement to Vera Cruz, where they might be kept aboard ship ready for landing to bias an avenue of escape to Mexico City for foreigners, as they did at Pekin.

Six dreadnoughts with approximately 6000 bluejackets and officers, now are rushing under full steam for Mexican ports—four on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific. The first should arrive at their destination Friday, the last Sunday.

Ten Other Crack Ships Ready

Ten other crack fighting ships of the Atlantic battleships, swinging at (Concluded on Page 5.)

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 12.—The Grand Vizier, Mahmud Scherfat Pasha, in an interview today, admitted that, while continuing the war, the Porte would strive to conclude peace on the basis of its recent note to the powers.

Heavy fighting occurred in the Gallipoli Peninsula today.

COLD WORKS HAVOC IN SUFFRAGE RANKS

Marchers Reduced to Original 16.

WASHINGTON MARCH IS BEGUN

War Correspondents Stick and So Does Man Bugler.

SECRET MESSAGE CARRIED

It Is to Be Delivered to Woodrow Wilson as Soon as He Will Re- ceive It, Which It Is Hoped Will Be March 4.

METCHEN, N. J., Feb. 12.—It was

a half-frozen "army" of 16 suffragists—reduced by cold and exposure to that number from an original hundred who left Newark, N. J., this morning—that straggled into this village shortly after 6 o'clock tonight to make the first "divouac" of its 250-mile march to Washington to carry a message to Woodrow Wilson on the day of his inauguration as President.

Prom town to town as the first day of arduous tramping wore on, hikers in tens and twenties unostentatiously left the ranks and sought warmth in doorways. Later they confessed themselves deserters by boarding trains for their homes.

Icy Roads Encountered

Starting from Newark, N. J., after a tube ride under the Hudson River from New York, the women covered 16 miles in the face of a bitterly cold wind and over icy roads. The temperature was hovering around the zero mark and the women arrived here with their noses and ears red and tingling. The remaining 14, commanded by "General" Rosalie G. Jones, are the "regulars," who pledged themselves to march the entire distance.

The other 184 had volunteered for one day's march, but did not count on the cold weather, having proffered their promises when the mercury stood many degrees higher than it did today.

Mounted Police Laid Way

The 16 miles were made in about five hours of actual marching. Headed by a platoon of mounted police and two volunteer men buglers, the departure from Newark was made after "General" Jones had delivered a speech, announcing that they came with a secret message for the new President of the United States, to be delivered to him (Concluded on Page 5.)

WOMAN'S BATTLE IN CHINA NOT WON

DR. YAMEI KIN SAYS BALLOT IS "WAY IN FUTURE."

However, Sex Never Has Been Op- pressed, and Is Great Power in Family Council Now.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 12.—"There is an erroneous impression abroad that the women of the new Chinese republic have the right of suffrage," said Dr. Yamei Kin, a leading educator of China, addressing the Knife and Fork Club here tonight.

"It is true that the new government has taken steps to give suffrage to women and in some provinces they have that right, but universal women's suffrage in China is a thing way in the future. First, we want by education to make the women fit for the power they are later to have.

"Woman never has been oppressed in China. She has always been allowed to do whatever she is capable of. She is a great power in the family council, which, after all, in a republic, is the power of government."

Miss Beatrice Forbes-Robinson, formerly of London, talking for equal suffrage, said the lot of the suffragist in America was much easier than that in England.

"American men," she said, "say easily, 'Oh, let the women have what they want,' but in England there is a real antagonism between the sexes. The attitude of England's men in all walks of life is that the women must be kept in their proper places." England is absolutely man-dominated, and the men are fighting hard to maintain that control.

FLYING CYCLE HITS GIRL

Two Seriously Hurt When Motorist Plunges Into Picnic Party.

Hortense Pichereau, 18, 783 Commercial street, and Marion Barton, 17, 784 Kirby street, were run down and seriously injured late yesterday afternoon by a motorcycle, which eyewitnesses state was traveling at from 50 to 60 miles an hour, on the Linnton Road.

Miss Pichereau received two fractures of the left arm and numerous bruises and her condition is considered serious. Miss Barton was badly bruised and several of her teeth were knocked out. Both are at Good Samaritan Hospital, where they were hurried by W. G. Karns and Peter Conaghan, who came along in an automobile shortly after the occurrence.

According to statements made to Detectives Hyde and Vaughn, who are trying to learn the identity of the rider, a party of high school girls was walking along the road, returning from a picnic, when the motorcycle plunged into their midst. Some of the witnesses say two men were on the cycle, while others say that one man only was riding.

PUBLIC CUP IS UNDER BAN

Railroads May Install Fountains on Advice of Health Officer.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The common drinking cup on passenger trains is under the ban in Oregon. Following an investigation conducted yesterday by the State Railroad Commission an order prohibiting their use was promulgated.

Hereafter the bubbling fountain may be substituted, as this was recommended by Dr. Calvin S. White, State Health Officer, who attended the meeting, as the most sanitary appliance known.

Seventeen of the 21 roads operating in the state were represented at the meeting and assurances were given on behalf of most of those that they would endeavor to meet with Dr. White's recommendation.

Paraffined paper cups will fill the Commission's requirements, which also include an order as to the quality of water to be supplied.

BRIDGE BILL INDORSED

House Committee Stamps Approval on Interstate Project.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The bill for the interstate bridge across the Columbia River between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., was indorsed tonight in its entirety by the committee on roads and highways of the House, and will be reported in tomorrow morning for action.

Representative Nolla, of Multnomah County, who has had much to do with the bridge subject, is elated over the outcome.

The plan agreed upon by the committee is to report the bill in to the House in the morning, have it set for a special order at some near date, get it passed through the House and send it to the Senate without delay. In this manner it is believed it stands certain of passing at this session of the Legislature.

THOMAS A. EDISON IS 66

Hundreds of Congratulatory Mes- sages Received on Birthday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Thomas A. Edison is still reading today hundreds of congratulatory telegrams, cablegrams and letters received in honor of his 66th birthday.

Edison, in reviewing the great things accomplished since his last birthday, paid tribute to Dr. Carrel, of New York, who recently received the Nobel prize. He placed little confidence, however, in the alleged cure for tuberculosis of Dr. Friedman.

"Carrel's work has been proved, Friedman's has not," said Edison.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT OVER ECONOMIES

Removal of Naval Com- mittee Demanded.

FITZGERALD TALKS PLAINLY

Appropriations Promise to Outstrip Early Promises.

60 THREATEN FILIBUSTER

Public Buildings Committee Also Target of Attack—Improvements in Districts of Party Lead- ers Are Provided.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Economy difficulties among the House Democrats today reached the leaders and efforts were made to reconcile the factions which threaten to precipitate a struggle over the naval appropriation bill with its two battleship provision when it appears on the floor.

Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee, conferred over the entire appropriations situation and Mr. Fitzgerald told the leaders in no uncertain terms that the appropriations were mounting to a much larger figure than had been anticipated. He recommended vigorous cuts in the bills yet to be passed. After the conference, Mr. Underwood talked over the situation with members of the ways and means committee.

Padgett Urged to Cut Bill.

Last night's meeting of the economy advocates had taken up a resolution asking the ways and means committee to discipline the naval affairs committee for increasing the naval bill. The bill as framed by the committee would carry about \$144,000,000 and the economy advocates insist that it should be cut about \$29,000,000. Mr. Underwood called on Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, chairman of the naval affairs committee, and urged him to endeavor to cut down the bill.

Mr. Padgett called the Democrats of his committee together, but they were unable to agree on any reduction and the question was put over until tomorrow.

Filibuster Is Threatened

The economy advocates, who are about \$9 strong in the House, declare that they will filibuster and prevent the passage of the bill at this session unless the amount carried is materially reduced. They will hold another meeting tomorrow night, and unless something is done in the way of reducing the bill in the meantime, a resolution by Representative Sizson, of Mississippi, will be taken up, which would demand that the ways and means committee remove the entire Democratic membership of the naval affairs committee for "extravagance and failing to live up to the party's platform pledges."

Building Bill Also Attacked

The public buildings omnibus bill also will be a target of attack in the House. Chairman Fitzgerald figures that the appropriations already proposed to be enacted by this session of Congress, exclusive of the public buildings, run \$115,000,000 above the total of the last year. Chairman Burnett, of the public buildings committee, said tonight that his bill would aggregate about \$24,000,000.

It was reported that the bill included substantial provision for improvements in the district of Democratic leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann, Chairman Fitzgerald and other House leaders.

LADY BUG SEASON OPENS

Already 2,000,000 Are in Captivity to Save Cantaloupe Crop.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 11.—The lady bug season has opened and collectors of the State Horticultural Commission's force are going to the mountains to gather the tiny creatures by the pound.

The lady bug saves the cantaloupe crop of Imperial Valley each year by devouring the aphids which otherwise would destroy the melon vines.

Last week 100 pounds of lady bugs were gathered in the Coast Range mountains. Since there are 30,000 bugs to the pound, this makes 3,000,000 in captivity. From this time on the collection will be in progress in Humboldt Canyon, near Towle, in Placer County.

SNUG TROUSERS CORRECT

Tight-Fitting Clothes Agreed on for Men by National Tailors.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 12.—Styles in manufactured clothing follow closely the styles in women's clothes. It was explained today at the convention headquarters of the National Association of Merchant Tailors.

The empire gown of a type popular in 1820 recently was adopted for women. Now the slide whiteker and tight coats of that period have come to be the correct thing in men's wear.

The snug-fitting coats and trousers, of course, are the ultra fashionable standard, but will not be adopted by all American men, because most of them decline to encase themselves in tight trousers.

