

TRUE STATUS SHOWS CHAOS

Mexico City Declared to be in Terrible Condition.

MESSAGE ESCAPES CENSOR

MEXICO CITY'S ACTUAL SITUATION PICTURED IN UNCENSORED MESSAGE

MADERO LOSING

Official Telegram From Ambassador Wilson Throws Light on Situation in Mexico City That Contrasts Sharply With Censored Reports — Wilson Believes Madero Is Near Downfall.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Ferdinand Diaz, the usurper, is rapidly winning control and Madero's downfall is hourly growing nearer. This is the gist of an uncensored dispatch from Ambassador Wilson to the state department. In the continuous fight of yesterday afternoon and part of the night, Diaz forces steadily advanced and it is declared Diaz will soon control the residential part of the city. The dispatch which got through some way without censor, says the loss was enormous. The American embassy was repeatedly in line of fire and was struck by many spent bullets, which did little damage.

Wilson says in his messages that many dead and wounded, mostly Maderistas, lie outside the embassy. Chaos Prevailing.

The ambassador's dispatches indicate the condition in Mexico City is approaching chaos. The unburied corpses threaten pestilence.

The American embassy is apparently the only spot of refuge in the whole city. There Wilson has established a safety zone where the strictest sanitation is enforced.

Censored Press Misleading.

The gravity of the situation as painted by the official dispatches compared to the censored filings is believed to prove that Madero is trying desperately to conceal the real conditions. Most dispatches are delayed and are doubtful. Refugees getting to uncensored newpoints say the conditions are almost beyond belief.

Marines Held Ready.

Washington, Feb. 18.—By Sunday 2,000 marines will be ready for immediate use in Mexico. They will have landed at Guantanamo, Cuba. The transports Meade and McClellan leave Norfolk tomorrow.

The government still retains its non-intervention policy, but is preparing for action if wanton slaying of Americans and other foreigners should start in Mexico City. The state department has almost abandoned hope for the Mexico City situation, and are urging American residents and other foreigners to leave as quickly as possible.

Ambassador Wilson has telegraphed his fears of pestilence in Mexico City increasing from the result of unburied dead and destruction of the sewers. Failure of the water supply and a shortage of food is another menace.

Official dispatches received from Vera Cruz say thousands of refugees are greatly aroused over the situation. The state department is admittedly worried over the situation in Manzanillo where anti-American sentiment is growing.

WIFE OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.



Mme. Raymond Poincaré, wife of man made president of France today. It is expected that Mme. Raymond Poincaré will revive many of the favorite social functions which have been neglected during the past administration. Armand Fallières, the retiring president, and his wife, were very conservative about social matters, and entertained only when it was absolutely necessary. The people of France give their president \$120,000 a year for expenses and a like amount as salary. The Fallières is believed, saved the greater portion of the salary. But Mme. Poincaré will undoubtedly be more liberal and will restore the post of first lady in the land to popular favor.

Poet Miller Passes Away

JOAQUIN MILLER DEAD IN PIEDMONT CABIN.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Last Trip to Eastern Oregon Occurred Several Years Ago.

Cincinnati Heine (Joaquin) Miller is dead. The poet of the Sierras, with whom many La Grande people are intimately acquainted, passed away yesterday afternoon in Oakland with his daughter Juanita, at his bedside in the cabin he built with his own hands in the Piedmont hills many years ago. Mr. Miller was in La Grande some four years ago and spent several hours here visiting with friends while on his way to attend a celebration in Grant county, where Mr. Trobridge, a boyhood friend, was holding a reunion. He has not been in Eastern Oregon since.

BAD CHECKS PASSED.

Golden Rule and Herman Roesch Are Among Victims of Artist.

Bad checks, at least three of which have come to light, have been passed by a man who each time signed a different name. Herman Roesch, the Golden Rule and one other concern cashed them. All were written on J. D. McKennon & Son. It is believed to be the same fellow who Saturday tried to cash a check at the Fred Gebel store, signed J. D. Kennon & Son, but which was refused on that account. No trace of the forger is found.

MYSTERIOUS LULL PREVAILS IN WAR BELT

CENSORED REPORTS SAY SITUATION IS UNCHANGED SINCE YESTERDAY.

FORENOON LULL IS LONG IN TRAP BUT ESCAPES

Only Two Shots Fired up Until Noon Today After All-Night Fighting — Positions of the Fighters but Little Changed — Censorship Continues Strict—Ambassador Wilson to Operate Newspaper.

(Censored by Madero forces.) Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Guns of Madero and Diaz forces remained silent for many hours after daylight today. There is no reason assigned for the inaction but it is said at the national palace that no armistice is in effect. I was expected this morning that firing would be resumed at noon. The forces occupy practically the same positions that they did yesterday.

Because of the strict censorship over outgoing and incoming press dispatches Ambassador Wilson plans to operate a small newspaper in Mexico City for the benefit of Americans and other foreigners. The government has seized all newspaper plants here.

Maderista sources have issued a statement that their troops have captured the Y. M. C. A. building from Diaz yesterday and still hold it. This is not verified but if true means Diaz has experienced a serious setback.

Two Shots Fired, Quit. Two cannon shots were the first to break the forenoon stillness. This happened at 10 but no one seems to know who fired them. It became quiet immediately afterwards and there is no explaining the delay of the forenoon or the lack of hostilities.

WILSON ELUDES ARMY OF 2000 VOTE SEEKERS

OPEN DOOR POLICY FLATLY DENIED TO SUFFRAGETTES.

MARCHERS ARE GROWING.

President-Elect Refuses to Chat With Army of Vote Getters Headed by Doctor Shaw—Pilgrims Nearing Wilmington—Being Recruited With Marchers From Towns Along the Route.

Trenton, Feb. 18.—Forcing his way by pushing through the ranks of women, in order to reach his offices President-elect Wilson got out of a trap into which he fell today and foiled 2000 suffragettes who marshaled their forces and took possession of the state house today in an endeavor to have a chat with Mr. Wilson. On account of a stress of business, Wilson's open door policy has been suspended for several days and the order was not waived for the suffragettes today. They were headed by Dr. Shaw and were very much chagrined at their failure to get ahold of the president-elect long enough to converse with him about his future policies on the suffrage question.

Local Cities Add to Number of Pilgrims Headed Capitolward.

Chester, Va., Feb. 18.—Augmented by 14 local recruits, the pilgrim suffragettes marching on to Washington, resumed their parade today.

Thousands of cheering people saw the hikers on their way today while horns were blown and whistles tooted in all parts of the city. The army expects to arrive at Wilmington, Del., tonight.

WOMAN MAYOR LIKES HER JOB



Miss Celara Cynthia Munson, who was elected mayor of Warrentown, Ore., recently, is very enthusiastic about the possibilities of her position. Already she has effected many reforms in her little municipality, and she has formulated a number of citizens of other towns and cities in the northwest are watching Miss Munson's work with keen interest, and it is possible that a number of such things men candidates for mayor's jobs will be making excuses after the next election, if the experiment of a woman in the city hall proves satisfactory.

Rod and Gun Club Formed

OUTDOOR SPORTS TO BE PROMOTED AND ENJOYED.

WILL PROTECT GAME

Dr. Geo. W. Zimmerman Is Head of Nearly Seventy-Five Sport Lovers.

Protection for game birds and all law-shielded animals, promotion of field sports, inculcation of added interests in all outdoor sports and affiliated lines of amusement, is assured in Union county following the organization, at the Commercial club last night, of a rod and gun club, which in this instance is named the Wing, Fin and Fleetwood club of La Grande. The charter membership runs into seventy and more, and provisions to let still others into the association from time to time are made in the by-laws which were adopted last evening. Complete organization was perfected, with Dr. George W. Zimmerman, an ardent Isaac Waltonian, as president. The other officials are: J. T. Williamson vice president, Arthur A. Wenzel secretary, Charles Harding treasurer and J. M. Kohl, Ed Coolidge, Chas. B. Oral and A. J. Stange are members of the executive board. These officials will have the direct management of the association in charge, and among other important positions facing them by virtue of by-laws, is the proper distribution and protection of fish that may come from hatcheries each year. Last year two dozen cans of fish were ruined by oversights and to help in this distribution is but one of a varied line of endeavors facing the club. Protection where needed will be given all birds, and should, ever in the future, quail and other fall birds need feeding and care during the winter as they have this year, the association will have this difficult task to undertake. Hundreds of quail are

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FIREMEN ON 54 RAILROAD LINES VICTORS

FORCE ROADS TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION UNDER THE ERDMAN ACT.

RAILROADS FILE PROTEST

Crisis They Say, Will Face Public When Railroads Act on These Demands—Firemen Claim to Have Their Points Entirely Wanting Merely That Arbitration Board Be Given Their Case.

New York, Feb. 18.—Complete victory for firemen's brotherhoods against 54 eastern railroads has been secured, it is claimed, through the acceptance by this railroads of arbitration plans under the Erdman act, the only concession that the firemen demanded. The brotherhood has named Albert Phillips of Sacramento as representative for them at the named W. W. Attenbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania system.

It is declared that the railroads issued a manifesto objecting to the Erdman board though acceptance under protest. They recite their objections to the Erdman act but principally, they say are opposed that "responsibility, which ultimately would rest on their member of the board, would be too great to impose on one man. They insist the act doesn't guard the public interests. The manifesto warns the public that a similar demand increased the wages of conductors and trainmen. They conclude: "We desire to put before the public notice that a crisis will confront them when these demands are considered by the railroads."

The firemen are jubilant and claim that they will get all the adjustments they ask for through the board their chief demands thus far being to get the Erdman act conference started.

IDAHO COMPANY HERE.

Local Man to Take Over Headquarters for Idaho Life Insurance.

R. H. Heartman, representing the Idaho State Life Insurance company, is in the city and has contracted with F. S. Bramwell, who will open offices here and in the future the Idaho Life will have permanent Oregon headquarters in La Grande.

For some time this company has been contemplating entering the state of Oregon in a permanent way and the contract with Mr. Bramwell insures La Grande to be the Oregon headquarters. Mr. Bramwell's thorough acquaintance, his association with large business enterprises and his experience in life insurance business insures the company splendid representation, and La Grande is fortunate to be able to secure the Oregon home offices of the company.

CHERRY SOLE OWNER.

Buys Interest Owned by Emil Nelderer in La Grande Floral Co.

A. B. Cherry, who promoted the Nelderer green house to its present proportions and has been a large interested holder in the company for the past six months, has taken over the entire ownership by the purchase of the stock owned by Emil Nelderer. Mr. Cherry will continue to manage and own the plant alone, and Mr. Nelderer retires from the business.

In addition to the extensive floral business done by the company, a big portion of Union county's fresh vegetable supplies comes from that institution.

OUR NEWLY ELECTED STATESMEN ARE NOW TUNING UP FOR THE COMING SESSION.



"HURRY UP, WIFE, WHAT GOES WITH THIS?" —Kemble in New York Evening Sun.