

VERA CRUZ ON EVE OF EXPECTED FIGHT

Federals Almost on City's Outskirts.

FOREIGNERS TAKE TO SHIPS

American Consul Canada in Charge of Refugees.

FEDERALS GIVE NOTICE

General Beltran Tells City Council Battle Is About to Begin, and Declines to Give Further Concessions.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22.—Information tonight from government sources was that federal troops had occupied a part of Vera Cruz, including the municipal palace. It is reported that a truce has been signed until 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Oct. 22.—The federal forces began at noon today their advance on the city. The rebels under General Felix Diaz, who occupy the city, calmly awaited their approach.

General Beltran, commander of the federals, previously had informed the City Council that the battle was about to begin.

He declined to allow more time for the removal of non-combatants to the neutral zone.

Refugees Take to Harbor.

The boats in the harbor have on board more than 5000 foreign refugees and 10,000 Mexicans. The United States cruiser Des Moines is about 500 yards from the American consulate. The space between is neutral, and many of the refugee craft have taken up positions there.

Only 22 Americans remain within the town. The foreign Consuls have gone aboard the boats. The American Consul, William W. Canada, has assumed leadership of the situation.

Federals Approach City.

Within an hour or two the federals will be only seven miles from the city. General Diaz said that the artillery on the heights on the outskirts would fire on the loyal troops.

Only if his outposts are driven back will he fight in the city.

Trace Until Daybreak Offered.

Promiscuous firing seemed to indicate that the battle had started. It was a false alarm, however, as General Beltran sent an emissary offering a truce until daybreak tomorrow.

This is taken here to mean that Beltran probably will join the revolution.

The troops under General Diaz were sent back to the barracks and conditions became quiet.

Thirty sailors escaped from the fleet and joined Diaz. A few of the federals from General Beltran's outposts also went over to the Diaz cause.

The advance posts of both federals and revolutionists still occupy their positions. General Beltran has 600 federals within sight of the city and General Zozaya commands artillery about a mile and a half to the west.

OROZCO MOVES WEST AGAIN

Leader in North Thought to Have New Design on Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 22.—None of the chiefs have personal ambitions and they are disposed to unite with any new revolutionary movement which has patriotic tendencies. This, contained in a letter received here today from Pascual Orozco, Jr., appears to bear a prediction of the Felix Diaz revolution at Vera Cruz. The letter was dated October 14 at Rancho Santo Domingo, a few miles southwest of Eagle Pass, Tex.

From the location of the rebel forces, it is shown that General Orozco is moving west again. This bears out a report received today by United States Government men here that Orozco intends to re-enter Chihuahua, encouraged by recent rebel successes in the south of Mexico.

In the letter Orozco warns Attorney Gomez Robelo, his representative here, to take care not to violate the neutrality laws, and to give to the press only verified facts regardless of partisanship. Orozco denies he has been in the United States.

All remains quiet about Juarez, Mex. Rebels under Salazar who threatened to attack the border town have retired to the hills, evidently expecting reinforcements.

Diaz to Control Chihuahua.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—Arturo M. Elias, former Mexican Consul in Los Angeles and now representative of General Felix Diaz in this city, announced today that the government of the State of Chihuahua would be taken over at once by officials pledged to Diaz.

They are Provisional Governor Gutierrez, J. M. Ponce de Leon, Provisional Secretary of State, and A. Talavera, president of the Chihuahua Legislature, who left here Sunday for El Paso.

Northern Troops Hastened Forward.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22.—General Blanquet reached the capital from the North tonight with 1500 troops. The five trains were transferred to the Mexican Railway and proceeded immediately for Vera Cruz.

MEXICO CHANGES PLANS OF TAFT

WASHINGTON HEARS RUMOR OF SPECIAL SESSION.

President Omits Scheduled Visit to Hot Springs—Stimson Returning in Advance, Too.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Speculation connects the approaching return to Washington of President Taft, contrary to arrangements previously made for a sojourn at Hot Springs, Va., with the critical situation in Mexico, and there are hints of the possibility of a special session of Congress to relieve the President of a decision as to whether the time is ripe for intervention.

Officially the idea is scouted and the determination of the Government to adhere to its present policy in regard to Mexico is reaffirmed.

Secretary Stimson is returning to Washington Saturday from New York. It is understood in advance of original plans.

MUNICIPAL PHONE SOUGHT

Seattle Council Authorizes Plans for City's Own System.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 22.—The City Council today advanced another step toward the construction of a municipal telephone system and a municipal street railway.

An ordinance was passed appropriating \$1500 for preparing plans and specifications for a telephone system to be submitted to the voters for their approval at the city election next Spring.

Another ordinance was introduced appropriating \$300,000 for the construction of the north section of the municipal railroad for which \$500,000 bonds were voted two years ago. The line to be built now will connect the downtown district with Ballard and will constitute the north half of a trunkline running from the northern to the southern city limits.

RAILROAD HOSPITAL PLAN

Northern Pacific Employs to Build Structure in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—For the care and treatment of sick and injured employees of the Idaho and Pasco divisions of the Northern Pacific Railroad a large, well-equipped hospital, to cost \$150,000, will be in course of construction in Spokane by the Northern Pacific Benefit Association within the next 18 months.

An emergency ward is also to be established by the organization in a hospital at Pasco and similar plans will be worked out at various other points along the Northern Pacific line where there is inadequate means of caring for the sick and injured at the present time.

Spokane, however, is to get the next regular Pacific Benefit Association hospital and from now on only white help will be employed in such institutions.

HIGH VALUE PUT ON TEETH

Woman Sues for \$20,000 for Loss of Nine in Streetcar Fuss.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—For nine teeth alleged to have been knocked out in a fight on a streetcar, Mrs. Alice P. Nelson wants the Los Angeles Railway Company to pay her \$20,000, according to a suit filed today in the Superior Court.

She charged that last August she and her husband, A. L. Nelson, who sued the same corporation for a similar amount, boarded a crowded car, and that W. J. Reid, a car inspector, ordered her husband to move forward, but Nelson, because of the crowd, could not obey. Then, she averred, Reid struck her husband and she went to his rescue.

In the next few minutes, she asserted, she lost nine teeth and was permanently disfigured. She blames the car inspector.

WIDOW'S INCOME \$30 DAY

Napavine Lumberman Leaves All but \$1000 to Spouse.

CHRHALL, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A. H. Hill yesterday filed for probate the papers in the Hamilton Pitcher estate. Mr. Pitcher was a Napavine lumberman who died recently in a Seattle hospital. By the terms of the will the wife was made sole heir, with the exception of \$1000 given to the 11-year-old daughter.

The estate amounted to a little more than \$125,000 and was principally in securities of various kinds, including mortgages, notes, etc. It is invested in such a way that the income will net the widow practically \$30 a day. The appraisers were William Urquhart and Peter Summeret, of Chubb, and George D. Berlin, of Centralia.

GEESE INVADE ARLINGTON

Islands and Sky Are Filled With Birds and More Are Arriving.

ARLINGTON, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—To the delight of sportsmen, the geese have arrived and are still flocking in and it is evident that the season is open in full blast. The sky and islands of the Columbia seem to be alive with them and from the way it looks now this season will surpass all former ones.

The geese do not seem to be aware of the many hunters that will arrive from far and near in the next few days. Already several parties have been out. A. Wheelhouse, of this city, got the first goose of the season, Judge Burdett and J. Perkins coming in next with a record to beat of 36.

FIGHTING RAGING ALL ALONG BORDER

Bulgarians Reported Falling Back.

INCREASING ARMIES ENGAGED

Progress of Montenegrins Toward Scutari Slow.

GREEKS HOLD SEA HONORS

Capture of Lemnos Gives Base From Which to Operate Against Ottoman Fleet When It Emerges From Dardanelles.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—An almost impenetrable veil conceals the most interesting operations of the war—those in the vicinity of Adrianople. No official account of any kind bearing on these movements has yet been issued.

The Sofia newspapers report heavy fighting around Adrianople and Kirk-Killiseh, to the east, and three forts in the vicinity of Adrianople captured. According to one rumor 2000 Bulgarians were killed and 4000 wounded in a desperate engagement outside Kirk-Killiseh.

Fall of Kirk-Killiseh Unfounded.
It is clear, however, that reports of the fall of Kirk-Killiseh and the cutting of communications with Constantinople are unfounded.

Fighting continues at all points along the frontiers and an important battle is impending in the Kumanova district between the Serbians and Zekki Pasha, who, according to a Constantinople report (probably exaggerated), has 100,000 men and strong artillery.

A Constantinople dispatch reports that the battle has begun virtually all along the line from Adrianople to Kirk-Killiseh, the Turkish troops advancing and the Bulgarians falling back with heavy losses.

Montenegrins' Progress Slow.
The Montenegrins apparently are making slow progress in the direction of Scutari. Podgoritsa dispatches say the bombardment of Tarabosh continues, but although the fort has been greatly damaged, there is no sign of yielding.

In naval matters the honors so far are with the Greeks, who have captured Lemnos, thus obtaining a base from which they can attack the Turkish squadron should it emerge from the Dardanelles. Seemingly, however, the Turks are not disposed to leave the

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POSTAL RECEIPTS HEAVY

For Year Ending September 30 This City Leads Seattle \$33,497.

Portland's postal receipts for 12 months ending September 30, 1912, reached a total of \$1,062,399, according to a statement issued yesterday by Acting Postmaster Williamson. As receipts show an increase every month over those of last year, it is expected that the totals for this year will show a big gain over the revenue from stamp sales in 1911.

Seattle's receipts for the year ending September 30, 1912, showed a total of \$1,029,502, or \$33,497 less than the receipts at the Portland Postoffice for the corresponding period.

BECKER DOES NOT APPEAR ON STAND

Case of Defense Ends Dramatically.

COURT ORDERS IT REOPENED

"Jack" Sullivan Is Compelled to Testify to Plot.

TALK IN JAIL RECOUNTED

"King of Newsboys" Says He Was Besought to Corroborate Stories of Others, That They Might Win Immunity.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The case of the state against Police Lieutenant Becker closed dramatically this afternoon with the District Attorney, at the court's command, reading into the record a flood of testimony from "Jack" Sullivan, for the admission of which Becker's lawyers had fought long and hard when Sullivan testified before.

Amid the vigorous protests of Becker's counsel, who had objected as vigorously when Sullivan's testimony was barred several days ago, the "King of the Newsboys" unloosed his tongue. He told his story belligerently and excitedly in his own way, just as he had asked permission to tell when he was on the stand before. His testimony was in direct support of the contention of the defense that Rose, Webber, Vallon and Schepps, informers and state witnesses, had conspired in jail to send Becker to the electric chair by their own perjury.

Court Reopens Case.
John F. McIntyre, Becker's chief counsel, had declared his case rested when Sullivan was recalled. He said frankly that he did not want Sullivan's testimony. The court ordered the case reopened and instructed attendants to call Sullivan to the witness stand. Mr. McIntyre refused to question him and Justice Goff instructed the District Attorney to ask the witness, "as a part of the case of the defense," questions which the court had excluded during Sullivan's previous testimony. These questions had to do with conversations Sullivan said he had in the West Fifty-third-street jail with Rose and Webber.

"Rose told me that he and Webber and Vallon and Schepps were going to frame up Becker," Sullivan declared. "He asked me to corroborate his testimony. They were after me—"

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GOOD TIMES AHEAD, SAYS CARL R. GRAY

GREAT NORTHERN PRESIDENT SEES BUSINESS GROW.

Freight Earnings of Hill Road in Last Year Increase \$5,000,000 and Are Better Daily.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Immense crops, with business conditions getting better every day, was the report made in Spokane today by Carl R. Gray, president of the Great Northern Railway. President Gray arrived in Spokane Monday evening from St. Paul and spent the night and today in the city in conference with other officials of the Great Northern and Joseph E. Young, of Portland, president of the Hill steam and electric lines in the Northwest.

"Our freight earnings for last year were between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 better than the year before," declared President Gray.

Accompanied by President Young, L. C. Gilman, of Seattle, assistant to President Gray, and Howard James, of St. Paul, director of purchases, President Gray will go to Portland in the morning over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

J. M. Gruber, newly elected vice-president of the Great Northern, accompanied by George H. Emerson, newly elected general manager, arrived in Spokane this evening from St. Paul and will join the Gray party in Portland.

After visiting Portland for several days President Gray will go to Tacoma and Seattle, returning to Spokane in about 10 days.

WILSON URGED TO RESUME

Demands for Speeches Received by Letter and Telegram.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 22.—By letter and by telegram Governor Wilson is being urged from many parts of the country to resume his speaking campaign. The demand for speeches, the Governor said tonight, has increased in the last few days, and his campaign managers are being bombarded with requests. He said he had no change of plan to announce as yet.

The Governor spent the day at the statehouse dealing with the routine of New Jersey business. He made a brief call at his own political headquarters. The nominee wrote tonight the message which will be read by campaign orators throughout the country on Wilson day, November 2. It probably will be his last declaration before election day.

Mrs. Coe Presides.
Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe, president of the State Equal Suffrage League, who presided, announced that the programme would be opened with the singing of the new suffrage hymn of which Mrs. Dunway is the author and for which Mrs. A. E. Clark composed the accompaniment. With Mrs. Clark at the piano, Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, in a sweet, clear soprano, sang the three stanzas of the hymn, which are as follows:

God of our fathers, by whose guiding hand,
We all were led to this Pacific land,
To raise on high the standard of the free,
We women bow with reverence unto Thee.

Good men and women came together here,
With strenuous effort and courageous cheer,
They toiled and bled on the Western shore
An empire that shall last forevermore.

God of our fathers, we are half the race,
By men forgotten till this year of grace,
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Great Is Applause.
As the last beautiful notes died away its author and the singer were vigorously applauded, and great armfuls of yellow carnations were handed to the platform and piled at Mrs. Dunway's feet.

The first speaker was Frederick V. Holman, who gave an historic perspective of the life of Mrs. Dunway, whom he called a "noble, grand and glorious woman." He told how she crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852, when she was 18 years old, and touched upon the hardships and privations that tried the hearts and tested the strength of those who dared the wilderness in the middle years of the last century.

"Those were people who were willing and able to do and to dare and to suffer in order to accomplish," said Mr. Holman. "They turned their faces unflinchingly to the West, without doubt that they would get there. It took just the same courage as was required of the pioneers to inspire and sustain Mrs. Dunway in her early work for the great cause of equal suffrage."

Pioneers Never Faltered.
"The pioneers never faltered in their long march, nor has she. But the hands that never wearied in building and developing are tired now, and in her hands we must place the ballot, as a tribute and a reward to this courageous, forcible and yet wistful gentle worker for the rights of women."

Mrs. Hutton, a prominent worker in the suffrage ranks in Washington, was next introduced by Mrs. Coe.

The Spokane visitor paid one of the greatest tributes of the evening to Mrs. Dunway, concluding her remarks as she laid a magnificent bouquet of yellow carnations at the aged leader's feet.

WASHINGTON GIVES GREETINGS

Mrs. Hutton said: "Friend, champion of woman's political enfranchisement, in the Nation and the world, mother of woman's suffrage in the Northwest, I bring you greetings from Washington women on this, your seventy-eighth birthday. Your labors for nearly a half century for the emancipation of your sex have borne fruit. You have lived to see the ballot given to the women of six states of this glad free West.

"Ere the idea of November wax and wane your beloved Oregon will be added to the list that will complete the chain of free states from Canada to the Gulf. You have lived to see heathen China become a republic and her women

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NOTED IS TRIBUTE TO MRS. DUNIWAY

Birthday Party Unique in Oregon History.

PROMINENT FOLK DO HONOR

H. L. Pittock, Governor West and Others on Platform.

SUFFRAGIST WRITES HYMN

Author, Singer and Composer Loudly Applauded at Gipsy Smith Auditorium as Last Beautiful Notes Die Away.

Seated in a comfortable armchair beneath the figures "78" in evergreen against the white background of the decorations, with many of the most distinguished citizens of Oregon, men and women, seated at either side, and facing an audience of 1500 friendly faces, Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway, pioneer Oregonian and suffragist, was tendered such a "birthday party" at the Gipsy Smith auditorium last night as perhaps has never been given to another woman in the state.

When Mrs. Dunway appeared and was wheeled across the platform, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens and Autumn leaves, to her place of honor in the easy chair, she was long applauded, acknowledging the ovation with graceful inclinations of her gray-haired head. To her right sat her son, W. C. Dunway, and to her left, her son, Ralph Dunway, with their families.

Others who sat at the left of the guest of honor were: H. L. Pittock, F. V. Holman, Governor West, C. W. Fulton, J. A. Jeffrey, F. W. Cottrell, Robert A. Miller and A. E. Clark. At the right were many prominent suffragists, including Mrs. Mae Arkwright Hutton, of Spokane; Mrs. Frederick Egbert, Miss Emma Wold and Mrs. H. M. Senn.

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