

SIEGE OF TORREON SHOWS NO LET-UP

Rebels' Confidential Agent Admits Fighting Continues, Claiming Advantage.

CITY IS NOT YET TAKEN

Constitutionalist Secretary of Interior Says Villa Is Fighting With Guns, Not Typewriters, Certain of Victory.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 30.—The rebel and federal forces at Torreón are still engaged in battle, it was learned tonight.

This information came from Roberto P. Pesqueira, confidential agent of the Constitutionalist in the United States, who recently arrived here from Washington.

Senator Pesqueira passed the afternoon and part of the evening in this city investigating various rumors and so-called official reports dealing with the situation at the front. At the conclusion of his investigations he telegraphed a long report to associates in Washington and to the Constitutionalist Secretary of the Interior, Senator Zubaran, who was present at the interview.

Velasco Suggests Cessation.

They had no facts to divide save that fighting continued and that the contest thus far had been bloody and stubbornly contested on both sides. They stated that no telegram from General Villa had been received since that General Velasco had suggested a conditional surrender. They asserted positively, on the other hand, that federal reports of victory were absurd.

"I believe that the rebels are making a concerted attack tonight on the federal positions," said Secretary Zubaran. "With what success I do not know, but in the end I believe that General Villa is certain of victory. Mexicans are fighting against Mexicans, the contest is stubborn, but the moral force, which in the end will spell victory, is on our side."

Villa Fighting, Not Writing.

Many of the telegrams credited to General Villa had not really been sent by him. Whence they came I do not know. Villa is using guns and hand grenades, not typewriters. He told the correspondents at the front frankly that they could send no dispatches until he has taken Torreón. There have been no such dispatches, and the conclusion, aside from our actual though scanty information, is that Torreón has not been taken.

"On the other hand, every fact at our command shows that the advantage is with us. We have Gomez, Teracio and Lerdo, a foothold on Torreón. The story is being told there. We may have the city in a day or a week, but in the end we will have it. We have no details; we know only that our men are fighting the big fight of the revolution and that advantage thus far is with us."

TOLL CLASH IS ACUTE

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channel between what appears to be Seylla upon the one side and Charybdis upon the other and to prevent the party craft from striking upon either promontory, either to be wounded or disrupted.

Senator Lewis aroused mingled astonishment and curiosity among his colleagues by his disclosure of the relations of the United States and explaining what he thought the President might have referred to in his message on the toll issue asking Congress to grant the repeal. He drew a vivid picture of dire things that would happen should the United States intervene in Mexico.

Referring to the President's failure to specify what foreign relations prompted him to appeal for toll exemption repeal, Senator Lewis did not hesitate to give "what I feel may have been his reasons." He then entered upon a recital of acts of aggression on the part of the United States, beginning with the taking of the Philippines.

"What Happened?" He Asks.

"You entered the Philippines into a system of colonial government," the Senator said, "and gentlemen who cry 'England' from the honorable right side of this chamber will not overlook that it was the influence of those who controlled in England, by which this action was dictated, was the colonial policy of an English form of government."

"What happened? Hardly had you come into office until you met the problem. The cry was 'You have now come into our country; we are Japan; we are China; you have broken the bars that heretofore limited you; you have come into the Orient and brought your people and your money and your people shall now come into yours.' We cannot consent to that."

"Paralyze has set upon us as to the negotiations of the treaty with Japan respecting exclusion and immigration. Indeed, is the movement respecting the matter of immigration."

Mexican Situation Taken Up.

Taking up the Mexican situation and reviewing the operations of the United States in other lands and the interests in Mexico of England, France, Japan and other nations, Senator Lewis dramatically asserted:

"The very first moment we move down into Mexico with a view of executing the Monroe doctrine against these foreign nations who have now stationed themselves there on the theory that we no longer had a right to execute the doctrine because of our past folly, Japan would seize the Philippine Islands. She would then seize Hawaii, and then in such conditions our armies in Mexico, the canal not finished, no way to have a joinder of our Navy—in what condition would our country be?"

"Russia, with her grievances, who sent aid to the Union at a time when it was threatened with disunion, feels that because of English influence the Administration in power in the last ten years lost its aid in Japan against her. Russia, remembering this wrong, now in an offensive and defensive alliance of life and death with Japan, will not lose her opportunity; Russia with her grievance now so great that she has no treaty with the United States of either companionship or amity, would promptly aid in seizing Alaska and the North near her. Our Navy, divided, would sail to the frigid sea against the enemy and to the south to protect the Philippine Islands. The Army would be divided, part in Mexico the other part moving to our possessions to protect them."

Other Dire Situations Drawn.

"England, feeling under these conditions no friendship to us, we could not seek her alliance on the northern border without friendship, and South America, already imbued with a feel-

ing that when under the Administration of President Roosevelt we performed a Caesarian operation on Colombia and excised from her the government of Panama, only waits that it may duplicate the performance upon one equally defenseless on the south coast the coast of Cuba, applying to the enemy and supporting the assault. In what a splendid condition we would stand. Sad, indeed, it is to contemplate."

Senator Lewis appealed to Congress to trust the President.

Again today in the House the crowded floor and galleries thronged to a point which broke all records for attendance, listened to the arguments on the issue. The President was attacked and defended by vigorous orators. The foreign policy of the Administration was derided and commended. The economic policy of granting American vessels free tolls was alternately supported and condemned.

Tribute to Wilson Cheered.

Attacks on the President brought Representative Walsh, of New Jersey, to his feet with a ringing defense. The Democrats cheered his tribute to President Wilson.

Throughout the day men and women sat for hours in the crowded galleries without intermission even for lunch, to hear the debate on the most important legislative question before the Congress in a decade.

Invalid in Chair Speaks.

The importance of the occasion was impressed on the spectators when shortly after the House adjourned, Representative L'Engle, of Florida, an invalid, was wheeled into the House in a chair and made a speech opposing the repeal. During the day Miss Eleanor Wilson, the President's daughter, with several guests, took places in the gallery of the House and listened to the debate. In the Senate Senator Owen read into the record a plank of the Baltimore platform denouncing ship subsidy. This, he said, was a flat contradiction of the plank favoring exemption in the Panama Canal and was the expression of Democratic doctrine for many years. He insisted that agents of the coastwise steamship companies had "wielded themselves among public sentiment and bringing to bear pressure to get the exemption into the platform though not a state convention of any party had favored it."

Others Speak for Repeal.

"Now, they would like to do this question," he added, "until they can get up this artificial sentiment."

Senator Owen said he favored repeal. He said that the repeal would give American-owned and manned ships a coastwise trade monopoly. Under these laws, he said, the companies had so divided the traffic among themselves that they charged improper rates from the shippers.

Senator Bristow and Senator Fall asserted that railroad combination of coastwise shipping through arrangement with the Pierson Syndicate, controlling the Tehuantepec Railroad, had created a condition of monopoly in coastwise traffic. The exemption provision of the canal act was aimed at this monopoly, Senator Bristow insisted.

Knowland Makes Statement.

Representative Knowland, of California, issued a statement tonight, declaring that if President Wilson had read his speech in newspapers he would have known that he charged no trade or toll monopoly. He said he merely called attention to facts concerning the visit of British representatives to Washington and asked whether the Panama Canal was the price of the elimination of Huerta.

VOGEL WILL TESTIFY

MERCHANT INDICTED WITH SIEGEL REACHES NEW YORK.

Judge Authorizes Bids as Part of Plan to Reorganize Assets and Pay Bank Depositors in Full.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Frank E. Vogel, indicted with Henry Siegel as promoter of the failed Siegel enterprises, arrived here today from Chicago, where he had been ill for a week, to testify before a United States Commission in connection with the efforts of the receivers to straighten out the tangled affairs of the bankrupt stores.

Vogel and Siegel were indicted for grand larceny and violation of the state banking laws.

Judge Hough, in the United States Court, accepted bids today for the assets of Simpson-Crawford and the Merchants Express Company, Siegel enterprises, offered by those interests which plan to reorganize the store and pay its creditors 50 percent of their claims. The acceptance of the bids was made possible by the agreement of the receiver of the Siegel bank with the Merchant creditors, under which \$325,000 is to be paid to the bank depositors in full settlement of their claims against the Siegel stores.

Neither Siegel nor Vogel, it was announced, will be connected with the new company which will take over the reorganized business.

The examination of Vogel in the bankruptcy cases was postponed until Wednesday partly because of the proceedings before Judge Hough and also because Vogel pleaded that he was too exhausted after the journey from Chicago to appear today.

BABE IS LATIN STUDENT

PURE FOOD, GOOD LANGUAGE IS "DIET" OF WILEY, II.

Parent Says Youngster of 23 Months Has Never Tasted Meat or Candy, but Enjoys Life Immensely.

MADISON, Wis., March 30.—Dr. H. W. Wiley, pure-food advocate, asserted here today that his 23-month-old son speaks Latin as well as English. The proper training for infants and young children, he said, "consists in pure food, good language and a great deal of delight—from the standpoint of the father—is when he goes walking with his father and receives his daily lesson in Latin."

"Harvey W. Wiley, II, has never had any meat or poultry. He has never had any candy, sugar, ice cream, sweet cookies or other bad of that kind. I need not add that he has never had tea, coffee, chocolate, beer, wine or whiskey. He is a perfectly developed boy, enjoys life immensely and calls his meals by the uniform name of dinner."

NOT YET TOO LATE.

Join the Triple P club, now almost completed, and have music at home. See announcement, page 5, this issue.—Adv.

Grain Surplus Is Vanishing.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Dealers estimate there are but three or four per cent of the wheat crop of the county remaining in farmers' hands, recent small sales having eaten down the supply. Saturday's transfers are estimated at 80,000 bushels, considerable of this, however, being Umatilla County wheat. Lou Llewellyn, of Athena, sold 10,000 sacks stored at Adams Elevator for the benefit of a club of No. 1 quality and bluestem was bought at 91¢.

ASQUITH, FIGHTING, TAKES WAR OFFICE

Seely Quits Perforce; Premier to Resign House and Ask Re-election.

ASQUITH STILL DIRECTS

Prime Minister Consults King Only as to Maneuver, Considering It Only Thing to Do and Not Draw Double Pay.

LONDON, March 30.—After rejecting the many solutions of the government crisis which had been postponed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced today which none of the prophets had expected or even suggested.

The Prime Minister himself will assume the burden of the war office, in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the House at this critical stage, when the second reading of the Home Rule bill is to be taken up, and will appeal for re-election to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

Two Refuse to Withdraw.

Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial guard staff, and General Sir John Ewart, Adjutant-General, declined to withdraw their resignations in spite of the army order issued on Friday which Viscount Haldane cleverly framed as a platform on which he might stand with consistency and honor.

It thus became impossible for Colonel J. B. E. Seely, who was co-signer with them of the assurance to Brigadier-General Gough that the army would not be used to suppress the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the Secretaryship of War. His resignation, therefore, was accepted after he had been for some days under fire from the newspapers of his own party, which insisted that he must go.

Morley Withdrawal Expected.

Viscount Morley, of Blackburn, Lord President of the Council, who was partner with Colonel Seely in drafting the offending paragraphs of the document, stands in the same position and his withdrawal from office is expected tomorrow.

These were the events in today's chapter of the continued story which is keeping the country at the highest pitch of excitement. The present situation is remarkable in that the government normally will be without a Prime Minister and without a leader in the House of Commons until the bye-election is held in East Fife. The writ for the election must give eight days' notice, and it probably will be issued tomorrow.

Asquith Still Directs.

The only practical loss to the party in the meantime will be the withdrawal of Mr. Asquith's voice from the debate. He will preside over the Cabinet meetings and direct maneuvers in the House of Commons from an unofficial seat, while Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, will understand him as House leader.

"Oh, I'll be handy if I wanted," Mr. Asquith remarked to Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader, who thought that the home rule bill could not be proceeded with in the absence of the Premier.

Mr. Asquith apparently consulted no one except the King before his bold decision. His colleagues in the Cabinet seemed to be as surprised as the other members of the House when he revealed his plans. Mr. Asquith is already First Lord of the Admiralty, which office he will continue to hold. If he had merely shifted from one office to another the resignation of his seat in the House of Commons would not have been necessary, but he said that he had been legally advised that the acceptance of "an office of profit under the crown," in the words of the statute, necessitated a new election, although he will take only one salary, \$25,000.

Gladstone Case Recalled.

Gladstone took two offices under similar circumstances, accepting the salary of one office and the profits of the other, amounting to \$37,500, and did not consider a re-election necessary. The political seers gather that Mr. Asquith will follow the same path.

RESTAURATEUR LEWIS De GRUCHY NO LONGER GOES WITHOUT FOOD

Ends Distressing Stomach Trouble With Akos and Gains 16 Pounds in Weight.

Lewis J. De Gruchy, manager of Gobeys' grill, 140 Manila street, San Francisco, is a lucky man. He is able to eat anything at any time now. He says it is not because he is a restaurateur, but because he has been cured of distressing stomach trouble with which he suffered for seven years. He says Akos cured him after doctors and other remedies failed. Mr. De Gruchy also asserts that he cured himself of bleeding piles with Akos after an operation was unsuccessful.

"I'm hungry all the time now instead of not daring to touch food for long periods," said Mr. De Gruchy in a letter to the Natura Company, which is distributing the wonderful medicinal minerals discovered by John D. Mackenzie. "After taking the Akos internal treatment for one month I have fully recovered from a very bad case of stomach trouble that had bothered me for seven years. At times I would go twenty-four hours without food rather than suffer distress. My condition was such that the gas pressure affected my heart. I also had hemorrhoids. After taking Akos for a month I was able to eat anything and am in better health than in years. I have gained sixteen pounds and feel fine. Akos is a wonderful tonic, and did what many doctors' and other remedies could not."

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Take Salts at First Sign of Bladder Irritation or Backache.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys have to filter out. They weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder disorders and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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Asquith is in fighting mood. They have been saying recently that he had shown the effects in his physical appearance of the heavy strain of his long labor in office and would gladly see the government defeated. But it looks at the present moment as if he proposed to make the reorganization of the army a fighting issue.

"The whole army system may have to be recast," Colonel Seely remarked significantly today.

The first business will be to find a successor for Sir John French, whose withdrawal leaves a great opening in the War Office. General Hamilton, who has been mentioned for the position, holds the position of inspector of the overseas force at a salary of \$30,000, and the government would be glad to abolish the office.

Nationals Are Silent.

Both Houses debated the situation today, but the debates simmered down into mere assertions of one side of a plot to seduce the army, and on the other side of a plot to crush the Ulster Covenanters with the denials and counter-denials and heated personalities.

No member of the National party, of which John E. Redmond is the head, uttered a word in the House. The Irishmen are permitting the English to fight it out, along with Premier Asquith, Viscount Morley, Colonel Seely and General French and Ewart all visited the King during the day.

The Debate Following Premier Asquith's Withdrawal Was Tame.

Frederick E. Smith, Unionist, for the Walton division of Liverpool renewed his accusations that the government had hatched a conspiracy against Ulster. "It was Napoleonic, but there was no Napoleon," he said.

Winston Spencer Churchill said the plotting had all been done by the opposition, who tried to seduce the army. He quoted from the Unionist leaders' speeches, in which they advised the army to refuse to serve against Ulster.

In the House of Lords, the Earl of Selborne spoke with a warmth seldom heard in that House. He termed Mr. Churchill's charges "foul falsehoods."

Field Marshal Lord Roberts Appealed to the Country to Dismiss the Idle, but Dangerous and Mischievous Assertions.

that the army was implicated in a political conspiracy and the ridiculous fallacy that the officers are a wealthy and proud class. The government's ultimatum, he said, was like springing a mine on the country.

Viscount Haldane rejoiced that the Lords opposite were beginning to realize the seriousness of the situation raised by the issue. "The army versus the people."

PRAISE GIVEN HAWLEY

MISSOURIAN SAYS OREGONIAN IS BEST EQUIPPED.

Representative Has Facts and Figures Supporting Appeals for Waterways Money.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 30.—"Of all the Congressmen who appeared before the river and harbor committee this session, no one made an appeal with more facts and figures in their respective districts none was so well equipped with facts and figures and none made such a favorable presentation of facts as Representative Hawley, of Oregon." This comment was made by Representative Booker, of Missouri, to Representative John W. Wadsworth, of New York, through the Washington Congressman the comment became public.

Representative Hawley for years has made the river and harbor committee projects in his district; has visited each of them, discussed them with the citizens of the various communities interested in the respective projects, and is, therefore, filled with first-hand information. Each session while the river and harbor bill is in course of preparation, Mr. Hawley assembles his array of facts, goes before the committee and presents arguments showing why Congress should, in each instance, appropriate the full amount recommended by the Army engineers.

Being thoroughly posted on the merits of each project and familiar with the work done, as well as the work in contemplation, Mr. Hawley has been able each year to make a clear presentation to the committee, and he is ready always with direct answers to all questions propounded by members of the committee. His argument before the river and harbor committee several weeks ago so impressed the committee that they gave the Oregon projects practically the full amounts recommended by the Army engineers, something that was done in few other Congressional districts.

Mattie, Composer, Dies.

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noted Italian pianist, composer and conductor, died here today. He was born at Campo Basso, near Naples, in 1841. Mattel was pianist to the King of Italy and wrote many popular ballads and songs.

Taplines File Protest.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Protesting that Interstate Commerce Commission orders prohibiting the granting of joint rates and other concessions by interstate railroads is costing so-called tapline railroads \$1,500,000 a year, attorneys for these interests today filed a brief in the Supreme Court urging that the orders be set aside.

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