# MILITIA LOSE MEN IN PITCHED BATTLE

Fewer Than 100 Guardsmen Attack Force of 400 Strikers Entrenched in Hills.

ONE KILLED, 3 WOUNDED MIS.

Body of Hospital Surgeon Is Left on Field When Retreat Is Ordered.

> Reported Designs on Town Cause Terror.

WALSENBURG, Colo., April 29 .- One dead and three wounded is the known casualty list in a six-hour battle here today in which fewer than 100 militia men attempted to dislodge an estimate force of 400 strikers entrenched in the hills adjacent to the town. Firing stopped late today when the troops were withdrawn on orders, local offi-cials say, received by Colonel Verdeck-

berg from Denver. berg from Denver.

Major P. P. Lester, member of the
hospital corps, Walsenburg, was killed.

The wounded are: Lieutenant Scott,
shot in head; Private Glen Miller, shot in face; Private O. L. Wilmot, shot in

leg.

Major Lester was struck, according to Captain Swope, who commanded the detail, within 150 yards of a line of rifle pits near the top of the hogback northeast of Walsenburg, in which the strikers had taken their stand. Lieutenant Scott had been shot a few

For two hours the militiamen sought to dislodge the strikers without success. With Lieutenant Scott in command of one detail and Captain Swope leading the second company, they advanced by a series of alternate rushes, whill Swope's men were stopped by a series of its own destinies.

Retreat Made With Difficulty. Both details were returning the fire of the strikers with vigor when a courier from Colonel Verdeckberg came up with the militiamen and re-called the troops. The retreat was made under as many difficulties as the

called the troops. The retreat was made under as many difficulties as the advance, and it was nearly 5 o'clock before the troops reached town.

The strikers are said to be rtill intrenched along the side of the low hill which forms a natural fortification.

Reports that a final effort will be made by the strikers to take the town before the arrival of Federal troops are current and the citizens are in a state of terror.

Major Lester was in charge of the hospital corps and his men were with him when he was shot. He had just completed dressing the wound received by Private Miller when he was struck down.

Guardsmen Fight for Lives.

While Colonel Verdeckberg was at the Courthouse brisk fighting continued at a point about three miles southwest of Walsenburg, where 32 men and three officers of Company M. Captain Barrett, were surrounded at Mountain Lake. The militiamen had been surrounded for several hours, fighting for their lives. They had left the military position in an effort to turn the flank of the strikers, who were firing from the hogback toward the Walsen mine. They were trapped, however, and exposed to a galling fire from two directions.

VERA CRUZ, April 29.—The men of the battleships continued the task to day of getting their equipment aboard the war vessels preparatory to the withdrawal of the naval forces to day of getting their equipment aboard the war vessels preparatory to the withdrawal of the naval forces to morrow, it having been decided to effect the formal exchange of forces on Thursday. The troops, with the exception of small details, remained on board the transports today.

General Funston has asked Washing-ton for a ruling on a point which has arisen in the administration of justice in Vera Cruz.

While Colonel Verdeckberg was at the Courthouse brisk fighting continued at a point about three miles southwest of Walsenburg, where 32 men and three miles who have established martial law may proceed in court-martial. The recent proclamation of Admiral Fletcher, commander of the naval forces, p posed to a galling fire from two direc-tions, from the southwest end of the hogback and from another hill on the

opposite side of Mountain Lake.

Early in the evening a troop of cavalry, under Captain Lightburn, and Company M. First Infantry, sallied out from Walsenburg to go to the relief of the entrapped militiamen.

Captain Swope, who commanded the Captain Swope, who commanded the right wing of the militia lines during the day, said tonight that he would go to the place where Major Lester was

shot and recover the body. This point is within 150 feet of the rifle pits from hich the strikers have held their position on the hogback. Fight for Body Threatened.

Captain Swope said he would not go for the body under a truce agreement unless leaders of the strikers went with him as an evidence of good faith. Unless his condition was met, he said, he would take a force of troops and fight his way to the body.

At 9:30 P. M. the conference was still on. Pending the outcome of this meet-

ing firing has ceased. Company M, which was engaged at Mountain Lake, reported into camp at

9 o'clock. A relief detachment under Captain Brooks met them coming back.

Truce Does Not Exempt Slayers of Hospital Corps Surgeon.

DENVER, Colo., April 28.—Under a truce which stopped the fighting at Walsenburg today approximately 650 strikers tonight were to surrender their arms to militia officers appointed by Colonel Verdeckberg. The strikers were not taken into custody, but will be subject to prosecution in the courts for the killing of Major P. P. Lester,

conference with Colonel Verdeckberg at the Walsenburg Courthouse ar-ranging details, according to advices received at the Adjutant-General's of-

The announcement of the truce tonight by General Chase furnished an explanation of the withdrawal of the militia from the battlefield north and west of Walsenburg this afternoon when, apparently, they had the strikers hard pressed. From another authentic source it was learned that John Mc-Gregor, in command of the strikers, had made it known that he was hard pressed, but that his men refused to retire from the field even though their losses were considerable. A suggestion that firing cease for one heur to give opportunity for negotiations looking to a truce and possible surrender of their arms was communicated to

Colonel Verdeckberg.

The suggested terms of surrender were transmitted to General Chase and sanction for their acceptance given by Governor Ammons. Confirmation of the arrangements was given by Gen-eral Chase to Colonel Verdeckberg at

MacCullough, of Medford, as moderator, the 37th annual convention of the Rogue River Baptist Association met today for a three days' session.

Rev. L. L. Simmons, of Eagle Point, was elected clerk; W. S. Bennett, of Medford, treasurer; Rev. S. A. Douglas, of Grants Pass, member of state board.

The delegates include the following: Eagle Point, Mrs. Nellie Simmons, Miss Bernice Simmons, Rev. L. L. Simmons.

mons.

Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fitzgerald, Mrs. W. R. McCracken, Mrs. G.
F. Shepherd, Mrs. G. G. Taylor, Mrs. U.
A. Griffin, Arthur Conklin.
Sams Valley, D. W. Fitzgerald, Mrs.
O. C. Fitzgerald.
Merlin, Mrs. R. S. Crockett, Mrs. J. C.
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Mrs. Jeanette Tworner, Mrs. Sarah
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Ashland, Mrs. C. A. Satterfield, Mrs.
Almira Mattingly, William Harnby, J.
L. Gault, O. E. Carson, A. L. Harvey.
Portland, Miss Ruby Weyburn, Dr. W.
B. Hinson, Dr. C. A. Wooddy, O. C.
Wright, general missionary.

## HUERTA'S WORK CUT OUT

PARIS PAPER SAYS DICTATOR MUST MAKE SACRIFICE.

Pretender Should Take Opportunity to Withdraw Honorably and Save Country, Declares Temps' Editorial.

PARIS, April 29.—In an editorial to-day the Temps declares that Provision-al President Huerta can find, in the mediation of the South American re-publics, an opportunity to withdraw honorably from a situation which could not last long without mortal danger to Mexico. Europe refuses to hold Huerta responsible for the killing of Madero, but does not comprehend why his quarrel with President Wilson should cause the downfall of Mexico. Huerta must make a sacrifice for the

salvation of his country.
At the same time, the Temps says Surgeon's Body Left on Field.

The firing was heavy when orders were received to withdraw and Major Lester's body was left on the field.

A long, low range of hills that runs along the north and east sides of the town was the scene of today's battle. Fighting started when a detachment under Lieutenant Scott left the town limits and started to cross ever a low rise of ground. Captain Swepe and Lieutenant Morrison followed.

At the same time, the Temps says, the effect of the three South America republics toward mediation assumes importance in the future. These republics see in the expansion of North America a danger which it will be necessary to ward off. South America has too long been divided against itself. Its action today with regard to Maxico indicates that in the future South America in mutual interest will act as a brake on the exaggerations of Monroeism and the encroachments rise of ground. Captain Swope and act as a brake on the exaggerations of Monroeism and the encroachments of Monroeism and the encroachments of North American imperialism.

To dislodge the strikers without suc-

NAVAL FORCES WITHDRAWING Formal Exchange of Forces at Vera Cruz Set for Today.

VERA CRUZ, April 29 .- The men of

tary commission may go and General Funston consequently has referred the matter to Washington.

CARRANZA AND VILLA NEUTRAL

Peace Propagandist Expresses Hope Rebels Will Push Cause.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—After a conference with Secretary Bryan to-day, Dr. Henry Allen Tupper, special peace commissioner of the International Peace Forum, today made public the text of a telegram sent from Washington to General Carrange at the beat ton to General Carranza at the head-quarters of the constitutionalists at Chihuahua. No reply has been received, Dr. Tupper said, to the telegram, which was signed by himself and Senator Sheppard, of Texas, but he has been informed that Generals Carranza and Villa assume the attitude of "neutral spectators in the present situation." The telegram read:

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"Permit us to congratulate you on the co-operation of the United States in your brave struggle against the usurper and for constitutional liberty. The enemies of freedom are hoping that the unselfish purposes of the United States will be misconstrued, but the masses of the American people are solidly behind President Wilson and are looking to you, your brother of STRIKERS TO GIVE UP ARMS sport followers to push your glorious cause to immediate suc-

REBELS WANT AMERICANS BACK

Absence From Industries in Border

NOGALES, Ariz., April 29.—Americans at Douglas, Naco and other border points appealed today to Consul Simpich at Nogales to know whether reports that Secretary Bryan had conferred with constitutionalist agents in Washington and had agreed that her of the killing of Major of the hospital corps.

At 9 o'clock strike leaders were in cans might return were authentic. Mr. Simple announced he had received no conference with Colonel Verdeckberg advices from the State Department rethe warning that Americans

leave Mexico.

It is reported that the rebel chiefs desire that Americans shall reutrn so that industries crippled by their de-parture might be resumed, but it is feared these chiefs might not be able to control the lawless element.

Return of Americans Not Advised. NOGALES, Ariz., April 29.—Recent rumors that Secretary Bryan had agreed that Americans might safely return to certain points in the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa were of-ficially denied today.

MEXICAN BANK IS SUED Secretary Bryan conferred only with the Brazilian Ambassador today and from him received the formal proposal for the armistice. The report that Draft Is Cause of Action.

Walsenburg and to John McGregor.

BAPTISTS ARE AT MEDFORD

Rogue River Association Is in 37th
Annual Meeting.

MEDFORD, Or., April 29.—(Special.)

With the selection of the Rev. R. W.

Daniels Comments on Speedy Compliance With Wilson's Order, Given at 4 A. M.

RESERVES QUICKLY READY

Newest Dreadnought Sails for Duty Exactly Ten Days After Going Into Commission - Every

Contingency Is Met.

WASHINGTON, April 29 .- Secretary of the Navy Daniels issued a state-ment today in which he said that if the operations in Mexico have no other results, they have served to test the or

ganization and preparedness of the Navy. "It is now well known," the Secre-"It is now well known," the Secretary said, "that President Wilson issued orders at 4 in the morning to seize the customs-house at Vera Cruz. Almost immediately the machinery was put in motion for meeting the situation thus created. Ships were chartered to carry away the refugees, supplies were shipped by the thousands of tons, ship after ship was fitted out, received her officers, crew and stores and slipped away to the South with hardly a ripple of confusion.

Service Doubled in Four Days. "When the order to take Vera Cruz was given only the active fleet was in service. During the next four days the number of ships in service was nearly doubled. The colliers and supply ships were loaded and sent away. Some are already returning for their second cargoes. The marines were gathered from widely scattered points, collect-ing at the Navy-yards from which the were started and marched on

"To the casual observer the Navy-yards appeared as scenes of the greatest activity, but it was action without confusion. One event followed another with great rapidity but with orderly

The newest dreadnaught, the New York, sailed from her home yard complete and ready in every respect, exactly 10 days after first hoisting her flag and going into commission.

Many Contingencies Met. "Gunboats, which had been laid up in reserve, were placed in full commission, took on coal and stores and left as a rule within 48 hours of the receipt of their orders.

"Many unforseen contingencies arose as must always be the case, but none which could not be overcome by the energies of the officers and men. The commandants of the various Navyyards were unflagging in their activity and in all respects are reserved. and in all respects as regards material, the Navy was found ready. Among the first articles supplied which it was found that the bluejackets were to be landed were 10,000 yards of mosquito netting and 200 pounds of bug powder." The Secretary added that he still "stood pat" on the two-battleship pro-

NAMES NO TICKET.

Anti-Liquor Candidates of Other Parties Will Be Indorsed by Second Convention to Be Held May 5.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—At the largest and most enthusiastic to work for National and state prohibi-tion. For offices for which none of the other parties may have nominees pledged to prohibition it was decided to support defeated aspirants for nomina-tions who had so pledged the prohibition. The check was for \$800, drawn on a bank at Calexico, N. M., and was signed "V. Bramhall." support defeated aspirants for nomina-tions who had so pledged themselves or nominate Prohibitionists.

Eugene W. Chafin, twice the party nominee for President of the United States, was the principal speaker. He decalred that the sentiment against the sale of intoxicating drinks was growing rapidly, and predicted that the "drys" would sweep the country. E. E. Taylor, state secretary, also predicted ultimate victory for the party.

The delegates promised to attend the state convention, to be held in Portland May 5, and it was decided to hold another meeting here May 8 to consider the men most available for nomina-tions for county offices.

A county central committee was elected as follows: S. S. Muney, chair-man; J. A. Cook, treasurer, and Miss Constance Bason, secretary. The com-mittee announced that it would make every effort to bring all temperance forces together with a view to electing only such persons as have announced their intention to make war on the liquor traffic.

It is believed that the action of the Marion County convention is the fore-runner of what will be done by other county conventions and the state con-

ENTIRE AFFAIR INCLUDED

(Continued From First Page.) American Government, however, wil stipulate that Americans in interior points of Mexico are to be afforded

when asked about the armistice,
Secretary Bryan's only comment was:
"I assume there will be no hostilities during the process of mediation."
He was questioned as to whether
Carranza had already agreed to an armistice, and he smilingly answered: "General Carranza has not accepted

nediation as yet."
At this time Carranza's answer had not been received and from the Secretary's remarks it was inferred that on their acceptance of the mediation principle, the proposal for an armistice would be extended to the constitutionalist forces.

from him received the formal proposal for the armistice. The report that Europe was asked by the envoys from Argentine, Brazil and Chile to use their influence with the United States to obtain the withdrawal of the question of eliminating Huerta from the proposals of the American Government was met with the comment at the State Department that the United States begant ment that the United States had not yet submitted any terms on the main

Thus far all the proposals have come from the intermediarles and no condi-tions involving the big points have come from any of the centending par-

It is suggested in some quarters that

the question of eliminating Huerta need not be raised by the United States in any of its proposals, regarding it as a question between the Huerta and the Carranza elements.

Limitation of Issue to Huerta Him-

self Curbs Strong Feeling.

MONTEVIDEO, April 29 .- The public of Montevideo generally shows com-plete indifference to the controversy between the United States and Mexico. The students of the university, how-ever, display an anti-American spirit The Uruguayan newspapers are in-clined to express sentiments in favor of Mexico, but the articles on the sub-ject are moderate. The declaration of President Wilson that the steps taken by the United States are directed against Provisional President Huerta and not against Mexico itself has pre-vented the display of strong feeling. In many cases General Huerta is con demned and the mediation of Argen-tina, Brazil and Chile are approved.

PORTLAND ARMY OFFICER, WANTED IN SEATTLE, ARRESTED.

In Possession of Ticket for Australia, Fugitive Is Discovered on Eve of Ship's Sailing.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 29,-To visit rith a woman friend Captain Joseph Griffiths, of the quartermaster's corps of Griffiths, of the quartermaster's corps of the United States Army, braved arrest here for 10 days, and on the eve of his sailing for the Orient was arrested just after midnight today in Oakland.

Captain Griffiths, whose wife and family live in Portland, Or., faces court-martial at Seattle, and is held to account for \$8000 of Government funds. He was a disbursing officer. He disappeared just before his court-martial, which was set for early in April.

When taken Captain Griffths was at

When taken Captain Griffths was at the boarding-house of William L. King here. He was asleep when Colonel Arthur Yates, of the quartermaster's corps found him, after a search of the hotels of San Francisco, where Griffiths had been registered for several days as J. G. Graham. Captain Griffiths was detained at the Presidio during the day, but was taken to a cell on Alcatraz Island tonight. It is expected he will be tried in a courtmartial at the Presidio May 4. Captain Dennis P. Quinlan, Judge Addaption of the captain of

Captain Dennis P. Quinlan, Judge Advocate of the Third Division, U. S. A., will preside at the trial, and will visit the prisoner for an interview tomorrow.

Two more charges, desertion, breach of arrest, have been added to the original charges, against Captain Cart. nal charges sgainst Captain Griffiths of embezzlement and conduct unbecom-

ing an officer.
Following a report from a civilian that Captain Griffith had been seen in San Francisco, the military authori-ties began a search. It was discovered J. G. Graham registered in San Francisco at a leading hotel April 17, and that he had visited with a woman who was formerly a belle at the Presidio. Captain Griffiths remained at the hotel until April 21, when he went to Oakland.

At the time of his arrest Captain Griffiths had a ticket for Sydney, Australia on the steamer Tahita, which sailed today.

MRS. GRIFFITH TO GO EAST

Wife of Erring Army Man Prepares

to Visit Father's Home. Mrs. Joseph H. Griffiths, wife of Captain Griffiths, of the United States Army, who was arrested in Oakland early Wednesday morning on charges of embezzlement of funds from the quartermaster's department at Seattle, intends to leave for Pennsylvania today or tomorrow, where she will visit at of her father.

Mrs. Griffiths, who is prominent in Portland society circles, was not at her home, \$21 Council Crest Drive, last night. Friends said she would not be present at her husband's trial in Seattle nor would she make any attempt to see him in San Francisco.

At the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held by the party in Salem, the Prohibitionists of Marion County today decided to support, as a unit, the nominees of other parties for state and county offices who have pledged themselves in their platforms ginia Bramhall, occupying apartments to work for National and state prohibit.

Mrs. Bramhall, it is said, met Captain Griffiths some years ago and be-came associated with him in invest-

CONFISCATION WILL CEASE

(Continued From First Page.) along the Texas border will not cramp operations of Villa's army against Saltillo and other points. There is feeling of confidence that Villa has sufficient ammunition to conduct opera tions until Tampico is taken by the constitutionalists, giving the rebels a port exempt from the operations of the embargo.

Hospital arrangements provided for Villa's soldiers are excellent. There are several American contract surgeons in the service and the work of the physicians has been made exceptionally effective because they have been able to direct their entire attention to wounded. Villa's army seems to be ex-traordinarily immune from the camp diseases common to many armed

RED CROSS TO TAKE CHARGE

Railway Surgeon Will Act Until Agent Reaches Vera Cruz. WASHINGTON, April 29. - Active

charge of relief operations at Vera Cruz will be assumed by the American Red Cross. This decision was made today as a result of a cablegram re-ceived by Miss Mabel T. Boardman,

chairman of the National relief board of the Red Cross, from Admiral Fletcher. The Red Cross cabled authority to

the Carranza elements.

General Funston, and later transferred that authority to the newly-appointed civil governor, Robert J. Kerr, to draw on Red Cross funds to the extent of \$5000 for relief work. Dr. A. R. Goodman, chief surgeon of the National Railway of Mexico, was designated to act as the Red Cross agent until Charles Jeninson, director of the Atlantic division of the Red Cross, can reach Vera Cruz. Mr. Jeninson left to-

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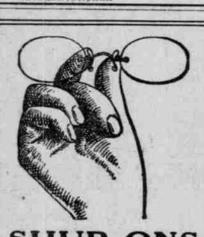
WASHINGTON, April 22.—Names of eight Catholic priests who have volunteered to serve in the American Army or Navy in case of war with Mexico were sent to the President today. They were as follows: Rev. John J. Brady, New York; Rev. Hugh Ryan and Rev. Theodore Petersen, of the Catholic University, Washington; Rev. P. Sherman, Freeland, Pa.; Rev. William Colbert, Winnebago, Minn.; Rev. James A. Harvey, Crossingville, Pa.; Rev. Leo Panicki, Christopher, Ill., and Rev. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, New York.

HIGHEST COURT GETS CASE Litigation Over Little Question Start-

ed in County Court.

DALLAS, Or., April 28 .- (Special.)-The case of the State of Or against W. H. Able, started in County Court and later decided in fa-vor of the defendant at the February term in the Circuit Court, will be carried to the Supreme Court. appeal to the highest court has just been served.

Mr. Able was arrested for contemp for an alleged violation of the road law of 1913. He is alleged to have violated an order to cease hauling wood over a certain public highway. In the County Court he demurred to the affidavit for contempt on the ground that the law was unconstitutional. The County Judge sustained the demurrer and the state appealed to the Circuit Court, where Judge Holmes held the naw unconstitutional.



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