



TAMPICO CAPTURED BY REBELS FIGHTING

Federal Army Begins Retreat by Rail.

FIRE DRIVES GUNBOATS OFF

Garrison Believed to Be Retiring on Capital.

NEW QUESTIONS RAISED

Rebels, With Ammunition Almost Exhausted and Scaport in Possession, Present Diplomatic Issue in New Phase.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Tampico, the Mexican east coast seaport, second in importance only to Vera Cruz, was stormed and captured by the constitutionalists today. The federal garrison of several thousand men, after withstanding a three-day bombardment, was driven out of the city and were reported to have retreated by rail toward San Luis Potosi, hoping to effect a junction with a line reaching into Mexico City.

Constitutionalists at Juarez, however, said that this road was held by their troops under General Eulalio Gutierrez; that they also held the railroad to Monterey and that the federal forces' only retreat lay in an overland march across swamplands.

French Shrapnel Does Work.
French ordnance captured by General Francisco Villa at Torreon is believed to have made possible the speedy taking of Tampico. General Pablo Gonzalez, commanding the constitutionalists there, began a heavy bombardment May 10, and kept it up until late yesterday, according to advices received by the Navy Department from Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, who in turn received them from Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, off Tampico.

At midnight last night the cannonading was resumed, and it continued until the constitutionalists fought their way clear into the plaza at Tampico shortly after noon today. The perfection of the French shrapnel did in a few days for Gonzales what Villa, with home-made bombs, was unable to accomplish in weeks before Torreon.

Hear Guard Fights Hard.
Advices at the Navy Department were that the federalists fought every inch of the way before giving up the city, but it is considered possible that some of this fighting may have been in the nature of a rear guard action, holding the constitutionalists at bay while the garrison retreated.

When the city was hopelessly lost, the federal gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza, which had shelled the constitutionalist lines without effect, fled from their positions in the Parana River and took shelter under the guns of foreign warships lying in the harbor.

Constitutionalist leaders were elated over the capture of the town, which gives them possible access to millions of war. They also asserted that work in the oil fields might now be resumed with full protection.

Navy Not to Police Wells.
This declaration followed a statement today from Secretary Daniels that he would not use the Navy for a police force to guard the Tampico fields, and assurances from the President to oil producers that, as soon as the federal garrison was established, he would make vigorous representations for the protection of lives and property.

The taking of Tampico, the port next in importance to Vera Cruz, raises many interesting questions, as the Constitutionalists have hitherto held no seacoast towns. It is possible that the federal garrison had the harbor may seek to prevent arms and supplies from landing at Tampico, but such interference with international shipping might not be tolerated by the big foreign ships lying there, and complications are possible.

As there is an embargo on the exportation of arms to Mexico from the United States, ammunition could be shipped only from European ports and hitherto there has been no interference by General Huerta with foreign commerce other than that with the United States.

ESCAPE THOUGHT IMPROBABLE
Juarez Rebels Believe Escaping Federals Will Be Caught.

ROOSEVELT SAYS MAPS ARE WRONG

COLONEL ANSWERS CRITICISM OF BRITISH GEOGRAPHER.

Charted Mountains Mostly Imaginary—Valley Indicated Where Party Embarked on Mountain.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbadoes, May 13.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today replied to Sir Clements Markham's criticism of his discovery of an unknown river in Brazil, by saying that the British geographer had unconsciously paid the greatest possible tribute to what he had done. He declared the best existing maps, which were wrong in regard to all this part of South America, and said they made mistakes as to the courses of the Gypanana and Juarena affluents.

The mountains given on the maps are, according to the Colonel, mostly imaginary. Where his party embarked on a mountain, the maps indicated a valley.

The lower part of the river he had explored, said the Colonel, had long been known to rubber gatherers under the name of the Arpoanaa, and the upper part as the Castanao, but it had not been mapped.

PHONE GOSSIP IS PRIZED

Rural Neighborhood Resists Innovation That Bars "Listening In."

CHICAGO, May 13.—Because everybody "listens in" and hears the neighborhood news, residents of Byron, Ogle County, Illinois, do not want to give up their old-fashioned party telephone system for an individual service.

They so told the Illinois Public Utilities Commission, when the Byron Telephone Company asked permission to install modern devices.

Subscribers testified that individual telephone service would deprive them of their chief amusement. They said every time the bell rings subscribers take down their receivers and listen to the conversation.

PHRASE KEPT IN CREED

Methodist Laitly Would Change 'Holy Catholic,' Clergy Say No.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 13.—Southern Methodism will continue to recite the apostles' creed containing the phrase "the holy Catholic church," it was decided at today's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when the committee on revisions report recommending the elimination of the phrase and substituting "the church of God" was defeated.

A vote by orders, requiring a majority of each class of delegates, was taken, and resulted: Ayes, clergy 74, laity 85; noes, clergy 84, laity 55.

NEW CRAFT MAKES RESCUE

Motor Lifesaving Boat Picks Up Fisherman Off Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—The new \$10,000 motor lifesaving boat, recently installed at the Westport Lifesaving Station, saved its first life today, when it made the run to the boat and towed Captain Ashberg, a Westport crab fisherman, and his craft from the bar, where a rough sea was rapidly breaking his boat to pieces.

The lifeboat made the run to the bar in an hour, the best time of the oar-propelled boat was four hours.

WALLS CRACK IN OGDEN

Earthquake Lasting Five Seconds Throws Chimneys Down.

OGDEN, Utah, May 13.—Two distinct earthquakes were felt in Ogden and the entire surrounding country at 10:15 and 10:18 o'clock today, the first being the heaviest and continuing more than five seconds.

Slight damage resulted in various parts of the city, a few chimneys being thrown down by the force of the shocks, while many walls were cracked.

TWINS MAY BE SEPARATED

Babes Joined Face to Face Taken to Paris for Surgery.

ST. LOUIS, May 13.—Guadalupe and Josefa Hinojosa, 18 months old, and joined together somewhat after the manner of the Siamese twins, were taken through St. Louis from their home in Mexico, on the way to Paris, where surgeons will try to separate them.

The girls are joined together by three inches of tissue at the breasts, so that they always face each other. They are apparently healthy, however.

DOUGLAS PRUNES SHORT

Strawberries Being Shipped to Willamette-Valley Points.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The Douglas County prune crop will be between 25 and 50 per cent of the normal crop, according to estimates here. This will mean approximately 150 cars of prunes from the county.

Douglas County strawberries are now coming in heavily, and shipments are being made to Willamette Valley towns.

WATERMELONS \$4 A PIECE

First Shipment From South Put on Market at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, May 13.—The first watermelons of the season were put on sale here today at \$4 each.

Only nine melons were in the shipment, which came from Florida.

AMERICAN ENVOYS HAVE LITTLE POWER

Wills and Bryan to Decide All Issues.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—First formal steps in the programme of mediation in the Mexican problem were taken here today.

Explanation of Death of Insane Soldier Sought.

DEMAND MADE ON GEN. MAAS

Conduct of Naval Officer Who Gave Certificate of Forcible Disposition May Prove Element of Embarrassment.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—First formal steps in the programme of mediation in the Mexican problem were taken here today.

Justice Lamar and Frederic W. Lehmann, together with their secretary, H. Percival Dodge, who will represent the United States, paid their respects to the three South American envoys who have undertaken by diplomacy to solve the Mexican question.

The representatives were presented by Counselor Robert Lansing, acting Secretary of State in the absence of Mr. Bryan. It was a call of courtesy, but paved the way for informal conferences in advance of the first meeting at Niagara Falls, Ont., next Monday.

Huerta Envoys Moving Promptly.
Coincidentally, word was received by the mediators from the Mexican Foreign Minister at Mexico City that the Huerta representatives would arrive at Havana tonight or tomorrow and leave immediately for Niagara Falls via Key West.

Secretary Garrison cabled General Funston at Vera Cruz to demand of General Maas, the Mexican commander, a full explanation of the death of Private Parks, who strayed into Mexican lines several days ago. Protests against the reported execution of Parks and the alleged burning of his body have been made also through diplomatic channels to General Huerta.

Secretary Garrison holds that as Parks was in uniform he should have been treated as a prisoner of war. General Funston thinks Parks went insane.

Mr. Garrison also asked General Funston for a further report on the details of the arrest of the five South Americans accused of "sniping" at Vera Cruz.

These were the chief developments in the Mexican situation today.

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STRENUOUS LIFE "PASSE"

Secretary Redfield Tells Students It Is Least Efficient.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 13.—"The strenuous life is in most cases the least effective and efficient," William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, said in an address on "Effectiveness."

"It is an infantile view of industry which measures its results by either the duration or the extent of effort," he said. "Both the hustler and the apostle of strenuousness have become back numbers in their methods. They are today in the same category with those who also ran."

"We deplore lives lost in war and have advocates of peace who are floundering in speech regarding the horrors of strife. Yet, while one must sympathize with those who have lost dear ones in battle, are we as eloquent and active as respects the many that are slain in industry?" (Continued on Page 3.)

MELLEN TO TESTIFY; MAY SHIFT BLAME

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STORMY CONFERENCE IS HELD

Attorney-General Fears Immunity Will Be Given.

INFORMATION IS SOUGHT

Ex-President of New Haven Said to Be Weary of Bearing Contaminy Alone—William Rockefeller Too Ill to Testify.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Charles S. Mellen, ex-president, and several of the directors of the New Haven will be placed on the stand in the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the financial operations and relations of the New Haven and the Billard Company.

It is expected that Mr. Mellen will be called as a witness tomorrow, despite rumors to the contrary, and that he may be under examination for several days. In private letters already produced in the pending proceeding, Mr. Mellen has said that he was tired of bearing the brunt of criticism and contumely in connection with the New Haven's transactions, and indicated his desire to place the responsibility where it may belong.

William Rockefeller Too Ill.
Chief Counsel Folsom, of the Commission, received certificates late today from physicians that William Rockefeller was too ill to appear at all as a witness.

The Department of Justice, through Attorney-General McReynolds, entered an emphatic protest to the Commission against the calling of Mr. Mellen and the directors of the New Haven as witnesses in the pending inquiry. It was pointed out by the Attorney-General that their testimony might render them immune from prosecution, if such disclosures as might be made would justify criminal proceedings, and it might also embarrass the Department of Justice in its efforts to effect a dissolution of the New Haven and the Boston & Maine railroads, which is in process of completion.

Heated Conference Held.
It is understood that a conference at the Department of Justice between Mr. McReynolds and the Commission officials, together with Senator Norris of Nebraska, author of the resolution under which the Commission is constituted.

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ELECTRICAL STORM WORST FOR YEARS

LIGHTNING STRIKES IN TWO PARTS OF CITY.

Telegraph and Telephone Service Interrupted—Chinese, Frightened, Run to Police Station.

Thunder and lightning shortly after 7 o'clock last night caused considerable confusion to electric power companies and the telephone systems. The storm was one of the most severe for many years, according to Edwin A. Beals, district weather forecaster.

The property damage was slight, according to reports.

Electric lights were put out in a number of districts owing to abnormal atmospheric conditions. Telephone communication was interrupted for nearly an hour in some sections.

Telegraph service was rendered impossible for nearly an hour. Superintendent of construction of the Northwestern Electric Company, reported but one case of interrupted service. Lightning struck one of the company's poles at Falling and Commercial streets. The pole was riven into two parts from top to bottom. Lightning is reported to have struck on East Fifteenth street, between Mason and Skidmore, but no damage was reported.

Catch-basins became clogged and caused temporary trouble to the street department. The downpour washed out lawns and flower beds in the residence districts.

Streets intersecting the district known as "Chinatown" were deserted during the electrical display. Chinese became panic stricken. Several are reported to have made police headquarters a haven of refuge.

GOVERNOR TAKES STAND

Fight on Baker Sheriff Renewed for Failure to Obey Orders.

SALEM, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—In a telegram today endorsing George Herbert, aspirant for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, of Baker County, Governor West renewed his fight on Ed Rand, present Sheriff, who declined to obey Governor West's orders with regard to closing the saloons in Copeland.

The Governor's telegram follows: "I wish the voters of your county to know that this office has always found you a faithful public official, and one who was ever ready to perform the duties of your office. Had you instead of Rand been Sheriff, the dives of Copeland and Huntington would have been closed long ago without the aid of this office."

DANCER ROUGES KAISER
Mark of Red Lips on White Glove Gives Pavlova Agitated Moment.

BERLIN, May 13.—(Special.)—Anna Pavlova, the Russian dancer, was called to the royal box after the performance at Brunswick last night. She pleaded the Kaiser by assuring him that his ban had killed the tango in America.

In kissing the Kaiser's hand she imprinted a kiss from her rouged lips on his white glove, leaving a red mark. The dancer became greatly agitated and alarmed when she saw what had happened, but the Kaiser assured her that it did not matter.

Pavlova said afterwards: "I was never so frightened in my life. Such an offense would have had serious consequences in Russia."

PUBLIC COURTS PLANNED

Recreation to Be Furnished in Washington Park Grats.

Following out a plan of Commissioner Brewster to promote outdoor exercises, arrangements have been completed for the establishment at once of seven municipal tennis courts at Washington Park for the free use of the public. The courts will occupy the terraces at the west end of the park.

It is proposed to install modern equipment. The courts will be earth this season, but it is expected to lay concrete later.

PORT ORFORD PLANS DOCK

Local Company Formed to Raise \$6000—Land Donated 5 Years.

PORT ORFORD, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—A local stock company was organized here for the purpose of building a wharf to accommodate shipping to this port. The wharf will cost \$6000 and will be erected on land owned by Port Orford people, who have donated its rental for five years. The dimensions are to be 100 by 100 feet and there is an approach 400 feet in length.

Construction will begin at once. The base is to be constructed of concrete footing and piling.

FRENCH STILL IN RACE

Idaho Representative Says He Will Continue to Run for Senator.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.—Washington, May 13.—"There is no foundation for the story that I will not be a candidate for Senator," said Representative French today, referring to a dispatch printed in a Spokane paper.

"The story that I had withdrawn was started deliberately by a bureau that appears to be working over time trying to misrepresent me before the people of Idaho," he said. "I believe I shall be nominated for Senator."

AUTO THIEF'S PHOTO TELLS

Grover Smith Believed to Be Man Who Stole Portland Car.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Grover Smith is the probable name of the automobile thief who left a Portland car near Canyonville, according to papers found in a coat left on the car.

He has not been captured, but is thought to have fled through the woods and will come out at some railroad point. Smith's former home appears to have been Seattle. A picture of himself and a woman is also included among the papers.

Brainard Mill Is Leased

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The Brainard Lumber Company has leased its divide mill property to the Abnaka Lumber Company, of Woodburn. The lessees have assumed management of the property.

\$8.90 IS MINIMUM WAGE DECIDED ON

Washington Welfare Committee Agrees.

ALL-DAY FIGHT IS WAGED

Employers Start Demand for \$8, Employees for \$10.

PASTOR FINAL PEACEMAKER

Recommendation, if Adopted by Entire Commission, Becomes Effective in 60 Days—Manufacturers' Ranks First Show Break.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Eight dollars and ninety cents per week was recommended as the minimum wage for girls over 18 and women workers in factories throughout this state by unanimous vote tonight of three employers, three employees and three representatives of the public.

This will be effective 60 days after formal approval by the Industrial Welfare Commission, which will establish apprenticeship rules and minimum rates for apprentices and boys and girls in factories under 18 years of age.

The employers at the night session made a final effort to have \$7.75 established as the minimum wage. All employees and representatives of the public voted against this.

Pastor Member Secures Unanimity.
When it seemed practically certain that \$9 would be established as the minimum wage, with two employers against it, the Rev. M. H. Marvin, member of the Industrial Welfare Commission, counseled further mediation, and succeeded in securing unanimous decision.

Seven of the nine conferees were willing to vote for a \$9 rate, effective throughout the State of Washington, when the conference reconvened tonight for its final attempt at unanimous action. The seven included three employees, three representatives of the public and one employer, O. C. Fenelson, a Hoquiam box manufacturer, who throughout the sessions has sided more with the girls than with the other employers.

The other two employers, proprietors, respectively, of candy and garment factories, declared a \$9 wage would ruin their industries, and held out for \$8.50.

On account of their attitude no attempt to force a vote was made.

The employees recede to \$9, after a test vote in the afternoon had shown that two representatives of the conference, giving them a majority of the conference, stood with them for \$10 a week, the same minimum fixed for mercantile establishments. The vote was five for \$10, four against, but, on account of its closeness and a general desire for unanimous action, the vote was reconsidered.

Before the vote on the \$10 motion, a \$9 wage was voted down, six to three, and an \$8 wage was defeated, seven to two.

Most of the day's session was devoted to an attempt to get the employers and employees on the conference to agree substantially on the necessary cost of a working girl of board and room, articles of clothing, medical attendance, etc., but the only item on which agreement could be reached was childcare, each side giving \$50 per year for this item. On all other details wide divergence between employers and employees was the rule.

Miss Polse, an employe member of the conference, submitted the highest total estimate, giving \$61.75 as necessary expenses of a girl for a year, while Fred E. Krause, a Spokane manufacturer, who submitted the lowest estimate, thought \$37.45 sufficient.

THE OREGONIAN TO FLASH ELECTION RETURNS.

Returns from tomorrow's primary election will be flashed on 23 screens at Sixth and Alder streets by The Oregonian as fast as they come in tomorrow night.

The polls close and counting of ballots begins at 8 o'clock. The Oregonian, with a large and efficient organization ready for the work will start to collect the returns through the city and state at once. The first figures probably will be available by 8:30 o'clock. Returns on the contests for the principal offices will be flashed until after midnight.

