

REBELS MAKE NIGHT ATTACKS

San Cities Fall and Revolution Spreads

Rebel Troops Are Routed, But Capture Two Cities

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 24.—Fighting went on at Torreon since last evening. A crowd of 2,000 revolutionists are on the river front against the city and 600 soldiers are against them on the city side. Numbers of rebels are reported to have been killed. The central right of way is being cleared by soldiers and rurales.

Roads leading there are crowded with men going to the place, and it is estimated more than 12,000 are present. Neither the police nor the troops following. The latter seem conciliating Gomez Palacio and Toron. A train of eight coaches of rebels from the city of Mexico is being north and were ordered to Chihuahua. It will arrive there at 7 o'clock.

Rebels of Torreon have driven soldiers from the river banks into the streets and captured 100 of the soldiers. They have been reinforced by nearly 500 infantry which arrived from the south and disembarked at a distance of 10 miles from the city.

Rebels are becoming more numerous and bolder and they seem to have more arms.

Chihuahua is reported to be in great peril, it being estimated that there are between 800 and 1,000 revolutionists gathered between the city and the American Smelting & Refining company. All responsible citizens are armed and expecting to be attacked at any moment. Crowds of deserters occupy the tops of all the houses, churches and large buildings throughout the city.

Rebels reported in Chihuahua that soldiers from Sonora have arrived at the city and have the town surrounded in conjunction with rebels of the vicinity. The few soldiers in the city are expecting to be attacked tomorrow.

It is reported that Madero, accompanied by nearly 1,000 mounted men, left Cuatro Ciénegas tonight at dusk and a battle is now in progress.

Witness Blames Union
Pinar del Rio, Fla.—After examination of witnesses the state rested in the trial of the leaders of the cigar makers' strike. T. B. Fisher, a cigar manufacturer, testified that several days after the shooting of J. F. Harding he had told De la Campa, leader of the Tobacco Workers' union, that the strikers were making a big mistake in shooting Americans, and De la Campa had replied: "Well, sorry, but we had to take drastic measures to prevent the men from going back."

Nabob's Wife Ex-Servant
New York—Miss Minnie Eagen, who formerly was a hotel maid at \$20 a month, was married to Thomas T. Eagan, Jr., heir to the \$3,000,000 estate of the late General Thomas T. Eagan, long president of the Western Union Telegraph company. The crowd at the Roman Catholic church, in which the wedding was held, was so large that the sexton called for police help in checking. Mrs. Eckert, the bride, was at one time a domestic.

Tramp Steamer Sunk
San Francisco—Looming out of a fog near the lightship off Point Bonita, her course laid seaward across the path of the coastwise steamers, the tramp steamer Selja, bound for San Francisco from Hongkong, was wrecked and sunk by the steamer Beaman. Although the Selja filled with water and was lost to sight within 15 minutes after the collision, the only fatalities were the death of two Chinese members of the crew.

Grave Made by Suicide
Denver, Mont.—Charles Hulden, 33, committed suicide here by hanging himself. He had carved out a grave in solid rock and made all necessary arrangements with an undertaker to furnish him with a coffin, and was buried according to his own wishes.

HUGE FRAUDS EXPOSED.

American Public Bilked of \$100,000 or More.

New York—In raids so important that Postmaster General Hitchcock took charge in person, inspectors took action against two concerns which they charge with swindling the public out of more than \$40,000,000 by fraudulent use of the mails.

Sheldon H. Burr, president; Eugene H. Burr, secretary and treasurer; and Frank H. Tobey, vice president of Burr Bros., were arrested in the first raid and held in \$20,000 bail each. The government charges that the firm sold between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of mining and oil stock worth little or nothing.

Charles L. Vaughan, a director of the Continental Wireless Telegraph & Telephone company, incorporated in Arizona, was taken in the second raid and held in \$10,000 bail. Inspectors say his company has sold stock amounting at least to \$1,000,000 which has brought no returns to investors. Vaughan is treasurer of the Columbia Finance company, which acts as fiscal agent for the Continental Wireless Telegraph & Telephone company, and had charge of the Continental office in this city.

Both raids are further evidence that the government in its warfare against interstate swindlers means business and no longer will be content with issuing fraud orders denying them the use of the mails, but will press for convictions on criminal charges.

The present campaign began some months ago, and has resulted in the arrest of Louis A. Cella, of St. Louis, and his associates, charged with operating a string of bucket shops; the officers of the United Wireless company, of the El Progreso Banana company, of the United Exchange, of Chicago; of the Steel-Miller Cotton firm, of Corinth, Miss., and of more than 60 other firms in all parts of the country.

Postmaster General Hitchcock estimates that the public has been fleeced out of at least \$100,000,000 by get-rich-quick concerns in the last five years, but he says their heyday has gone. He says that other arrests, involving corporations that had sought investors throughout the country, were expected shortly.

"The arrest by postoffice inspectors of the principals in two important companies, Burr Brothers, with offices in the Flat Iron building, and the Continental Wireless company, with headquarters at 50 Pine street," said the postmaster general, "constitutes two more cases in the series of investigations which postal officials have been making in their crusade against the fraudulent use of the mails."

U. P. GETS NORTH COAST.
Portland—The North Coast railroad, which for five years or more has been engaged in construction work in Eastern Washington, will cease to be a mystery, it is said, before the close of the present week.

The announcement, when it comes, will place the identity of the railroad with Harriman interests. It is understood that the Harriman control of the property has already been revealed to Northern Pacific officers and that the mind of the public is to be relieved by an official statement within a few days.

That the full story of the North Coast road will ever be told is not at all certain, but the accepted version among railroad men now is that Robert E. Strahorn, the promoter of the enterprise, was backed by men financially able to take a long chance and that he expended the money provided him in making surveys and building sections of track here and there with the definite plan in view of disposing of the property to any one of the several big railroad systems that might be inclined to pay the price.

It is believed that the Union Pacific acquired the property about the time of the visit to the Pacific Coast of Robert S. Lovett, president of the system last summer.

As a Harriman enterprise the road will probably, for a number of years, be devoted principally to giving the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company access to the Yakima valley and also a shorter and better line between Portland and Spokane.

Conscience Money Sent.
Walla Walla—Again the conscience-stricken president of the defunct Walla Walla Saving Bank has sent his check to cover losses through the failure of that institution 17 years ago. About \$300 was received in the city, John Smalls being lucky to the extent of about \$50. His son Lloyd, at that time a mere baby, for whom his father had deposited more than \$100 in nickels, received every cent of his deposits. Edminston has signified his intention of paying off every cent, which will mean tens of thousands of dollars.

Kaiser Opposes Rum.
Flensburg, Prussia—In opening 'the new academy at Muerwerk, Emperor William read an address laying stress on the qualifications necessary to naval officers and, later, speaking extemporaneously, made a plea for temperance on the part of cadets. The times, the emperor said, required iron-hearted men. Character was the first essential and character was founded on strong moral and religious convictions.

Overstudy Kills Youth.
Baltimore—Following a mental collapse, brought on by over-study, William Mitchell, 19 years old, of South Dakota, a candidate for entrance to West Point, died in a hospital here. Heart trouble was given as the direct cause of death. Mitchell was studying at Annapolis when he broke down.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

PLOT IS UNCOVERED.
Victoria, B. C.—A plot for the smuggling of Japanese across the Pacific as stowaways on board the steamer Inaba Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, now loading at Seattle, preparing to sail for the Orient, was discovered when the steamer was about to leave Yokohama for this side by the arrest of Yaomatsu Kikuchi and two other seamen by the Yokohama harbor police.

It seems that when the Inaba Maru was lying at Hongkong last voyage, Kikuchi had a secret cupboard designed in his sleeping quarters and built by Chinese carpenters he had smuggled on board. This cupboard was built as a hiding place for stowaways, Kikuchi having entered into an arrangement with Japanese residents at Seattle to smuggle stowaways. He received remuneration from the Seattle Japanese and the stowaways.

Shortly before the Inaba Maru left Yokohama the cupboard was discovered by the police and a Japanese stowaway hiding in it. He was arrested, as were the seamen. A Yokohama paper says Kikuchi has been engaged in smuggling stowaways from Japan to some Japanese at Seattle, receiving remuneration from both parties.

NEGRO TESTS RIGHTS.
"Grandfather Clause" in Oklahoma Laws Up to Court.
Washington—Eleven days after the election Joseph Atwater, an Oklahoma negro, filed in the Supreme court of the United States his appeal from the decision of the Oklahoma courts, which had refused to enjoin election officials in Oklahoma City from denying them the right to vote on November 8.

The petition for injunction was based on the claim that the "grandfather clause" placed in the Oklahoma constitution by amendment was invalid because it would deny the right to vote to a large number of negroes in the state solely because of color and previous conditions of servitude.

The clause complained of denied the right to vote to those who could not read or write a section of the constitution. It provided, however, that no person should be denied the right to vote if either he or his ancestors had the right to vote in any form of government on January 1, 1866.

ARMY OFFICERS PESSIMISTIC.
Chiefs Are Worried Over Hostility of Labor Unions.
Washington—The hostile attitude of the labor unions toward the organized militia has created a pessimistic feeling among officers of the army and the national guard, which is reflected strongly in the annual report of Colonel E. M. Weaver, chief of the division of militia, to the chief of staff.

The officers say it is almost hopeless to expect any relief from the present conditions by enactment of state laws, or through any national law that would restrain the unions from their unfriendly attitude. The preachings of patriotism are of no effect, even where it is shown that the sole purpose of the militia is the maintenance of law and order, and in Colonel Weaver's opinion the only real practical solution of the problem lies in the creation by the other states of a state constabulary on the lines of the highly trained and disciplined constabulary of Pennsylvania to supplement the effort of the local police or constabulary in the repression of disorders.

Roads Need Better Management.
Washington—The shippers had an inning in the contest before the Interstate Commerce commissioner over the proposed increases in freight rates on the Eastern trunk lines. Their contention was that the advances were not justified and that the real solution of the problem of meeting a railroad's need for greater net income lay in scientific management.

This was the burden of the whole day's proceedings, the only witness for the shippers being President Joseph Ramsey, of the Ann Arbor railroad, former head of the Wabash system, who defended the proposed increases as vitally necessary in view of the increased cost of operation and materials.

Noted Counsellor Is Dead.
Washington—H. M. Hoyt, counsellor for the department of state, died at his home here at 8:20 o'clock Sunday morning from peritonitis. Mr. Hoyt was taken ill in Canada, while there in connection with the reciprocity negotiations between the United States and that country. Since his return Monday he had been confined to his home. Physicians called into consultation considered the case extremely serious from the beginning.

Hard Fighting is Reported.
Washington—Private cipher dispatches received here by persons in touch with the operations of Francisco I. Madero, the revolutionist leader in Mexico, say that Torreon and Gomez Palacio, two important railroad points, are in the hands of the revolutionists, and that the fall of Chihuahua and Puebla is expected. Hard fighting occurred in both places.

GLEANINGS FROM THE OPERA

Society Woman Forgot Name of Play But She Enjoyed Herself Immensely in Gossiping.
"Well, did you enjoy your evening, my dear?"
"Indeed I did, John. I went to the opera."
"Oh, what did you hear?"
"Rather, what didn't I hear? I heard that Ruth Jackson was engaged to Tom Harris, the one who got drunk at the golf club last year. And that Jack Courtney and Edith Pascoe have quarreled and are not going to be married after all. Then I heard that the Singletons have a baby, and Mrs. Singleton wants to call Peter Garibaldi, after her mother's stepfather; but Mr. Singleton wants it called Primus, because it's the first. Then I heard that Baron von Schmeldt is not a baron at all, and that the Johnsons—"

"But—"

"Don't interrupt. I thought you wanted to know what I heard?"
"So I did, but—"

"Keep quiet, then. Well, I also heard—"

"What I meant was, what opera did you hear?"
"Oh, I don't remember. I saw the name on the program."

FAR LOOK FOR SMALL THINGS
He—Often when I look up at the stars in the firmament I cannot help thinking how small, how insignificant I am after all.
She—Gracious! Doesn't that thought ever strike you except when you look at the stars in the firmament?
Exasperating.
All afternoon Mr. Stubb had been moving pictures from one room to another and his only reward was dust and perspiration.
"Hurry up, John," chided Mrs. Stubb, impatiently. "You will never finish at that rate."
Mr. Stubb removed the cobwebs from his florid brow.
"Woman, do you think I'm a machine?"
"Gracious, how funny!"
"Madam, may I ask what is funny?"
"Why, dear, if you were a machine you would be a moving-picture machine."
And then and there Mr. Stubb washed his hands and started for the club.
An Expert's Opinion.
A student in a medical college, while learning the use of the ophthalmoscope, was told to examine a man's eye and report upon the condition of it. The doctor-to-be adjusted the instrument and looked long and searchingly into the subject's left optic.
"Most remarkable," he ejaculated, with a surprised look. Readjusting the ophthalmoscope, he again carefully scrutinized the eye. "Very extraordinary, indeed," he exclaimed. "I never heard of such an eye. This must be some new disease. Have you ever had an expert's opinion on it?"
"Once," was the laconic reply. "The man who put it in said it was a fine bit of glass."—Tit-Bits.

The Inventive Parent.
Woodbury—I noticed that Knew-pop had electric lights put on his lawn last summer.
Senforth—Yes, and he also had a baby sling put on his lawn mower. He figured if his baby was wakeful, so he would have to walk with it, that he might as well push the lawn mower and cut the grass at the same time. I have often seen him come from the house at midnight, turn on the lights, put the baby in the sling and start out on his double job.

Impossible Employment.
Seymour—Did you have steady employment during the time you were living in South America?
Ashley—Steady employment? What are you talking about, man? Don't you know that such a thing as steady employment is a physical impossibility in South America?
Seymour—No; why should it be?
Ashley—Why? Simply because there are so many earthquakes there.

A Criticism.
First Angel—What is that spirit fussing about?
Second angel—She says her hatpins stick out beyond her halo.—Harper's Bazar.

Or Did He Escape?
"I met Miss Elderly and Miss Sere going for a tramp yesterday."
"Which one of them got him?"

CHILD IS A WONDER

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO EXHIBITS STRANGE POWER.
Can Copy an Unopened Letter She Has Never Read or Even Seen Before—People Mystified at Her Peculiar Gift.
Dawson, Ga.—What is the strange power possessed by little Laura Averitte? That is the question which many mystified people are asking and have been unable to answer. The child herself does not attempt to offer an explanation. This power, or occult force, or whatever it may be, enables her to write word for word the contents of an unopened letter and unknown to any of the people present during the remarkable feat of divination.
Laura is the twelve-year-old daughter of J. D. Averitte, a well-known farmer living two miles north of Dawson. To all appearances she is just a normal, fun-loving, romping child. There is nothing to differentiate her from her playmates. And yet there is the marvelous faculty with which she is endowed which makes her case one perhaps unparalleled.
The first demonstration of little Laura's peculiar power took place several weeks ago. A member of her family had received a letter, and brought it unopened into the house. "I know what is in that letter," Laura asserted. The relative smiled at the childish boast. "I'll show you," she insisted. And in a spirit of fun she was given paper and pencil at her request, the unopened letter was placed nearby and she prepared to convince the members of her family. Slowly the pencil moved over the sheets of paper, word followed word and sentence followed sentence, and finally little Laura said simply: "There it is."
And there it was. The envelope was opened. Smiles turned to expressions of wonderment, and wonderment almost changed to awe when it was found that the letter had been set down word for word by the child.
Seeking an explanation from the girl those surrounding her met only "I don't know" from her.
Other letters came to the Averitte household. Further tests of Laura's peculiar powers were made, and in every instance it was found that she had written the contents of the unopened letter practically without error.
How is the remarkable feat accomplished? What is the hidden force or unfathomed faculty that enables the child to pierce the concealing envelope and mentally draw from the written pages one by one the letter's words? These questions remain unanswered.

COMEDY IN DOCTORS' HASTE
Hurriedly Drag Peg-Legger to Hospital by Express to Operate on Foot.
Phoenixville, Pa.—When William Springer, a resident of Royersford, was found lying along the Reading railway near that town, he told the men who found him that his foot had been cut off by a passing freight train. A stretcher was hurriedly brought. Springer was quickly placed on board an express train, which had been flagged for the purpose, and was taken to Phoenixville. A telegraph message to the station summoned the ambulance of the Phoenixville hospital, and the hospital authorities informed by telephone of the nature of Springer's injury, routed the house surgeons from bed and made the operating room ready for an amputation.
Springer, from under the stretcher cover, protested against being taken to the hospital, and said he wanted to go home. His protestations were ignored peremptorily but kindly, with the admonition of those about him that he lie perfectly still and not to worry.
Upon his arrival here he was at once loaded into the ambulance and a record trip made to the hospital. Here he was rolled into the operating room and placed on the table.
The sight of the white gowned surgeons and nurses and the array of surgical instruments caused the confused Springer to scream, but the absence of any evidence of bleeding from the mangled limb led the doctors quickly to the discovery that, while Springer had indeed lost a foot, he was in greater need of a carpenter than a surgeon. For the foot that he had lost was his wooden one. Springer said he would have told them that if they hadn't refused to hear his protests.
The doctors trimmed off the splintered leg and nailed a block of wood on the remnant to temporarily fill the need of the lost foot. Springer then set out for home.
Needle Went Through Body.
Wooster, Ohio.—Forty years ago Mrs. S. T. Swartz of this city, when a small girl, tramped on a needle, a portion of which could not be located by the surgeon who gave her attention. The other evening Mrs. Swartz felt a stinging pain in the left shoulder, and a little later drew forth a hard substance from under the skin. It proved to be a piece of steel a little more than half an inch long. Mrs. Swartz then recalled that the piece of steel in her hand had been in her body all the 40 years, traveling around to her shoulder.

