

GREATEST BATTLE OF REBELLION IS IN PROGRESS NOW

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WASHINGTON NOTIFIED AN ENGAGEMENT IS ON

Huerta Arrests Railroad Men in Mexico City Who Tell of Battle.

Mexico City, March 16.—The greatest battle of the present rebellion was believed here today to be in progress at Torreón. Communication was severed, however. The latest news received here came through three railroad men, arriving from Torreón, who said that when they left the rebels were shelling the town. For giving out this information, all three men were arrested. Foreign residents here were clamoring vainly for more news.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—State and war department advices today said a bloody battle between Mexican rebels and federals was in progress just north of Torreón. The Mexican rebel general Tampico, inside, and the federal gunboats Morelos and Guerrero, outside of Topolobampo harbor, had another fight Friday, according to a message received from Admiral Howard, at Guaymas, today. It was a draw, with small, if any, damage to either side.

REBELS DYNAMITE TROOP TRAIN AND ATTACK SURVIVORS

Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 15.—(Delayed by censor)—General Eugenio Benavides dynamited a federal troop train near Zavala, this forenoon and followed it by a sharp attack on the survivors of the explosion. No figures were available, but it was understood the federals suffered heavily.

Benavides had repulsed a federal attack on Hermosillo Saturday night, but later encountered an overwhelming federal force near Peralta and was himself compelled to retreat to Concho, where he and his men, entrained for Escalon, finding he was not followed, however, he mined a long section of the Mexican Central track near Zavala, connected the explosive with electric batteries hidden in the brush, and sat down to await developments. In due season four federal troop trains appeared. The signal was given to the hidden operators, but in their excitement they touched the button when only one section of the train was over the mined section of track. This train was completely wrecked. The others rushed in the meantime, the rebels rescued the survivors of the wreck.

TECATE POSTOFFICE RAIDED BY MEXICANS; CLERK IS KILLED

San Diego, Cal., March 16.—With United States soldiers patrolling the border near Tecate and Campo and the people of that vicinity alarmed by the raid on the Tecate store and postoffice and the killing of Frank Johnston Saturday night, presumably by Mexicans, the international situation has become increased in seriousness as the day progressed. E. D. Johnston, brother of the dead man, today appeared to Secretary of State Bryan, Governor Johnson, Congressman Kettner and the senate foreign relations committee. A situation that might have led to the first shot of real war between border residents and Mexican rurales, developed yesterday when a newspaper man snapped a picture of a line of armed and mounted rurales stationed opposite the burned store in which Johnston lost his life. The photographer was on the American side, but one of the rurales protested and advanced on him, crossing to the American side. When the photographer persisted, the Mexican drew a large machine pistol. A dozen Americans drew guns and advanced toward the line. Customs Inspector D. S. Packard, revolver in hand, ordered the Mexican back across the line. He went, but it was seen that several of the rurales on the hill behind him threw their carbines to shoulder. Things quieted down then.

Inquiry Is Ordered.

Washington, March 16.—The war department today telegraphed to General Murray at San Francisco, to make a most thorough investigation into the bandit raid from Lower California Saturday upon the United States postoffice and custom house at Tecate, in which Postmaster Frank Johnston was murdered and Werner Wiedebach, one of the proprietors of the store in which the postoffice and custom house were located, was badly beaten and the building set on fire.

WILL PROMOTE GOETHALS

Washington, March 16.—A bill promoting Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, to the rank of major general was introduced in the house this afternoon by Representative Hays of Virginia, chairman of the military affairs committee.

EXTRA DEADLOCK ENSUES WHEN ASQUITH IS NOT GIVEN REPLY

FIGARO EDITOR FATALLY SHOT BY A WOMAN

Gaston Calmette Shot by Mme Cailleaux for Vitriolic Attacks Upon Her.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, March 16.—Finance Minister Cailleaux' wife today shot and mortally wounded Gaston Calmette, editor of the newspaper La Figaro. The shooting was the sequel to a series of vitriolic attacks on Madame Cailleaux by the paper. She waited outside La Figaro's office an hour for Calmette, and when he failed to come out, entered and opened fire on him. Then she came out and coolly surrendered, saying she had done her duty. Calmette was found lying unconscious on his office floor and taken to a hospital.

What Ho, the Warder! Gettes Are Coming

They Notify Dean of Westminster Abbey They Will Attend Sunday's Services and Ask Special Prayers. London, March 16.—A suffrage arson squad early today burned six passenger coaches disabled switches and did other miscellaneous damage in the railroad yards at King Norton, near Birmingham. The dean of Westminster Abbey received a letter from Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, informing him that a group of suffragettes propose to attend evening services at the abbey next Sunday and asking that special services be held for them.

Commissioner Horsewhipped

Glasgow, March 16.—Royal Police Commissioner James Devon was horse whipped here today by a suffragette as he was entering the Duke street prison. He was knocked to the ground, but succeeded in arresting his militant assailant. The woman explained that she attacked Devon because he advocated forcible feeding of suffragettes on hunger strike.

Repeat Majority Safe, Says James

Kentucky Senator Claims 55 Votes For, 24 Against, Repeal of Free Tolls, With Best Prospect For It. (Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 16.—Senator James of Kentucky, who is relied upon more than any other senator by the administration to look after the legislation repealing the Panama free tolls exemption for American citizens, today, James has made a final poll of the United States senate on the proposition. It shows that 58 senators are positively committed to vote for repeal and 24 are committed against repeal. The others either were not seen on account of circumstances which made it impossible to reach them or were doubtful. In the meantime, the majority of the doubtful ones finally will vote for repeal.

Bad Times Ahead for Wilson Purse

Rumors Report Margaret Wilson and Helen Woodrow Bones Both About to Be Objects of Wedding Presents. Washington, March 16.—Rumors are current that, besides Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Wilson, Boyd Fisher and Miss Margaret Wilson and Dr. Cary Grayson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's cousin, were soon to be married. Each of the Oregon members of the house will chip in \$5 toward buying a wedding present for Miss Eleanor Wilson. The Oregon senators probably will contribute \$10 each. This was the scale of contributions in the case of Miss Jessie Wilson, now Mrs. Shyre, and if Miss Margaret gets married it will be repeated in her case. If all the senators and representatives contribute on the same scale it will raise a fund of about \$3000.

Duchess Ignores Prince's Divorce

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Grand Duchess Pavlovna will take no notice, it was said on high authority today, of the Swedish legation's sundays. A. C. Little, 187 Twelfth street, Stockholm to answer charges of desertion against her in connection with the divorce suit her husband, Prince Nicholas, has brought. On the contrary, it was understood the duchess planned to seek a divorce of her own through the French courts, charging cruelty. Much sympathy is felt for her in Russian court circles.

Rembrandt Offered for Sale for \$10

New York, March 16.—The finding of a genuine "Rembrandt" canvas among the art works of Daniel J. Sully during the final session at the Garling galleries today caused a sensation. The painting, known as "The Birthday Present" was first offered at \$10 and it is believed that the former cotton king did not know the real value of the painting. David M. Neuberger, a lawyer, bid the picture in at \$7300.

GILL TAKES OFFICE AND STARTS OUT IN SURPRISING MANNER

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Austin E. Griffiths, Recent Candidate for Mayor, Is Appointed Police Chief. Seattle, Wash., March 16.—Without any formality, Hiram C. Gill, recalled as mayor in 1911, and reelected two weeks ago by the largest majority ever received by a candidate in Seattle, today walked into the mayor's office and took charge. He appointed Austin E. Griffiths, a lawyer, former councilman, and recently a candidate for mayor in the primaries against Gill, as chief of police. Griffiths had received the endorsement of the Ministerial Federation in his mayoralty candidacy. When first offered the position of chief, he declined, but so great was the public demand that he accepted. Griffiths' appointment by Gill was most unexpected, as the two men had in the past been almost invariably opposite on civic issues. He declined, but so great was the public demand that he accepted. Griffiths' appointment by Gill was most unexpected, as the two men had in the past been almost invariably opposite on civic issues.

BILL IS TIED UP FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD NOW

Anti-Home Rulers Insist the First County Vote Must Be Final One. London, March 16.—Irish home rule was up in the house of commons again today. Both floor and galleries were packed. Premier Asquith spoke. The administration, he said, had offered all in the way of concessions that it meant to offer. His words were mild, but they confirmed what First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill said in a speech last week—that the anti-home rulers would have to take the compromise he proposed or get nothing. If the plan for county local option on home rule, with elections every six years, were satisfactory, the premier explained that the bill would be amended accordingly with reference to finance and administration—if it were rejected it would simply be a waste of time to consider these matters. What looked like a deadlock of the Irish home rule bill resulted. When Premier Asquith offered to compromise with the anti-home rulers by allowing each Irish county to decide for itself whether to accept home rule, voting on the proposition at six year intervals, he said he would proceed no further with the measure until the "antis" answered. The "antis" intimated that their answer would be favorable if he would let the first vote stand, and they were dropping the sextennial election feature. Asquith would not do this, and could not if he wanted to, as his following would not agree to it. The bill, say, accordingly, that they will not answer the premier's offer at all, which, if he keeps his word to delay until they do, will tie up the bill indefinitely.

Jurors Darlings to Ida Von Claussen

When They Free Her From Mattewan She Greets Them Ardently Will Now Face Threatening Letter Charge. New York, March 16.—Mrs. Ida Von Claussen, committed to Mattewan last fall as insane, was adjudged competent to manage her own affairs by a jury before Commissioner Phoenix Ingraham. "Oh, you darlings, you darlings!" Mrs. Von Claussen exclaimed, as she shook the hands of the jurors after the verdict was returned. She was then returned to Mattewan. Her attorney will immediately sue out a writ of habeas corpus for her release, and if granted Mrs. Von Claussen will probably be tried for having sent a threatening letter to Charles Strauss, head of the board of water supply. Mrs. Von Claussen has repeatedly attracted attention, having once threatened to sue President Roosevelt and the government for \$1,000,000 for interfering with her social career when the American ambassador to Sweden refused to present her at court.

Motorcycle Riders Are Assessed Fines

Men Given Choice Between Paying Fine or Locking Up Their Machines by Municipal Judge in Court Today. Three motorcycle riders arrested on the charge of speeding yesterday were given the option this morning by Municipal Judge Stevenson of locking up their machines or paying a fine. They agreed to padlocks on their cycles. Reuben Johnson, 1002 East Twenty-first street north, was caught by Patrolman Ellis going at a terrific speed on Union avenue. He was asked to take the choice of paying a fine of \$5 or locking up his machine for 30 days. A. C. Little, 187 Twelfth street, and Harry Rueloff, 300 Jefferson street, were each fined \$30, but they accepted the opportunity to lock their machines for 15 days. Motorcycle Officer Coulter reported that Litty and Rueloff were riding at the rate of 35 miles an hour on Grand avenue.

Municipal Bonds to Be Sold Tomorrow

City's Financial Status Well Advertised by Bonds, Asserts Commissioner Bigelow. Municipal bonds of Portland are doing much to advertise the city's good financial condition, according to C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, this morning, after receiving bids and inquiries concerning the improvement bond sale scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. The sale will commence at 2 o'clock when the city will dispose of \$12,500,000 in improvement bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. The fact that these bonds are not subject to the income tax has much to do with their popularity, according to Commissioner Bigelow. The bonds are to be sold to the highest bidders and in blocks of \$100 if desired by the purchasers.

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Sensation Created by Story Told in Salem, Until Real Facts and Circumstances Are Brought Out. Salem, Or., March 16.—Investigation discloses that the sensational "kidnaping" case, which Saturday created a furor locally, was nothing more or less than the effort of a school girl to test the affection of her lover. According to the story at first told by Olive Garver, 19 years old, and published with many details in a local paper, Miss Garver and Ruth Bishop, when about to enter a downtown rooming house last Monday night, were grabbed by two men who tied their arms, stuffed handkerchiefs in their mouths and hustled them into an automobile. After taking them several miles out in the country the girl said, the men discovered that they were the wrong girls, whereupon the men drew revolvers and ordered the girls to go to the home of their parents near Salem. In the meantime, the Elton, who because of the strain and excitement, actually fainted, and was revived after a half hour's effort. Only after severe quizzing did Miss Garver admit that the kidnaping was a "frame-up" carried out to test the love of young Wiederkehr, with whom she had quarreled.

California Towns Threatened by Fire

Blaze in San Antonio Canyon, Near Pomona, Endangers Power Plant and Many Summer Resorts. Pomona, Cal., March 16.—Fanned by a terrific wind from the east through the mountain pass, a fire has started in San Antonio canyon, and a large force of men is being rushed from Upland to the scene. Immense volumes of smoke are arising and while no reports have been received direct from the canyon, it is feared heavy losses will result. Reports indicate that the fire is the worst that has occurred in this section in many years. The officers of the Ontario power company have little hope of saving the power house in the mouth of the canyon. The fire started in Eve's canyon, and although it spread in all directions, its progress was greatest toward the west, threatening Fairview and Oakley San Dimas and the well known Pleasure canyon.

Jay Gould Wins 1st of Tennis Series

Defeats Covey, the English Professional, in Four Straight Sets for World's Court Tennis Championship. Philadelphia, March 16.—Jay Gould of New York, the American amateur, today won the first of a series of games for the world's court tennis championship from George F. Covey, the professional title holder. Gould won four straight sets today, 6-4 and 6-2. The same players will meet again Wednesday and Saturday. Conditions of the match provide that the winner must take seven sets, four more sets will be played Wednesday and five Saturday. Gould only needs to annex three more sets to win the match. He swept the Englishman off his feet in a contest that was hot but the others were more closely contested.

Harvard's Kissing Record Submitted

Roll of One Table at Memorial Hall Shows Ten Have Kept to Family, Five Went Outside, One Declines. Cambridge, Mass., March 16.—Sixteen Harvard college sophomores who eat at one of the Memorial Hall tables took a "kissing census" today with these results: Ten claim to have never kissed any girl except sister or cousin. Five admit having kissed outside the family. One refused to answer.

SPORTSMEN FORMING STATE ORGANIZATION IN PORTLAND TODAY

With sportsmen present from practically every county in the state, the organization of a state sportsmen's association is being perfected today in meetings at the Commercial club. At the meeting this morning, when H. B. Anglers' club, has made temporary chairman, and C. A. Riddle of Ridge, Or., was made temporary secretary, 64 men were present. Everybody seemed to be optimistic over prospects for a successful organization. In his opening talk, Mr. Van Duzer said he had not anticipated more than 24 people from out of town, and he said he was amazed with the large attendance. The sportsmen, hunters and anglers included, are here to build up an association with which they will endeavor to secure sensible game legislation. They also plan to educate the people in the value of game propagation. To do these things, all efforts in the next year are to be bent towards the building up and cementing of the state-wide organization. Some of the best known men in the state are present at this gathering. Among them are W. N. Matlock, Pendleton; Chester Dalton, Astoria; C. A. Riddle, Ridge; Charles B. Oral, Grande; S. C. Bartrum, national forest supervisor, Roseburg; C. F. Stone, Klamath Falls; George Putnam, Medford; L. E. Bean, Eugene; R. E. Smith