

REBELS' NETS DRAWING CLOSE ABOUT TORREON

Suburbs of Federal Stronghold Falling Before Villa's Advance and His Well Directed Artillery Fire.

DECISIVE STRUGGLE TO POSSESS CITY IS NEAR

Gomez Palacio and Lerdo Are Attacked Simultaneously With 4000 Men.

United Press Leased Wire. Constitutional Headquarters, before Lerdo, Mex., March 23.—The big battle of Torreón was on today.

At midnight the combined armies of Generals Urbana, Hernandez and Rodriguez, 5000 men strong, attacked Lerdo under General Villa's direction.

Both assaults were in progress today. They were extraordinarily fierce and losses were heavy.

From General Hernandez came the report that he had occupied the towns of Zaragoza and Matamoros Sunday.

General Contreras' brigade was believed to have attacked South Torreón last night, though no report had been received from him.

Refugees Are Arrested. Washington, March 22.—General Bliss telegraphed to Secretary of War Garrison today that 15 Mexicans had been arrested by border patrols trying to enter the United States at Zapata, Texas.

Executions Were Necessary. Mexico City, March 23.—"I have no apologies to make for the execution of the 149 mutineers put to death at Joluita barracks," said War Minister Blanquet to a United Press representative today.

Woman Tries to Kill A Parisian Justice Shoots Six Times at the Judge, But No One Is Hurt; Arrested and Is Believed to Be Insane.

BANDITS MURDER CHINESE

Pekin, March 23.—News was received that bandits had massacred 300 inhabitants of a village near Ssang Yang, Hupeh province, and were increasingly active throughout central China.

Feet Must Be Clean And Hats Removed

Agents for the government in the collection of the income tax must wipe their feet on the door mat and take off their hats when they enter houses to make investigations into the private fortunes of individuals suspected of evading the tax.

O'Shaughnessy May Resign; Health Bad

President Commends Work Done by American Charge in City of Mexico; Tolls Fight Is Democratic Squabble.

Washington, March 23.—President Wilson practically admitted to the newspaper correspondents here today that Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City may resign.

Country Produce By Parcel Post

Postmaster General Bursleson Signs Order Today That Brings Producer and Consumer Closer Together.

Robber Drives to Bank in Taxicab

Teller Drops Under Counter and Thief Seizes Sum of Money and Escapes, Shooting a Depositor on the Way.

Altoona, Pa., March 23.—Driving up to the Union National bank in a taxicab shortly after the bank opened for business today, a lone robber, with drawn revolver, ordered Teller Burkett to surrender the cash in his care.

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WASTE WORSE THAN BATTLE, SAYS REDFIELD

Unnecessary Loss of Human Life and Efficiency Is Regretted by Secretary of Commerce at Berkeley.

SOCIAL BILL OF RIGHTS IS BEING WORKED OUT

Points to Cartage as Being Far More Costly Than Freight Rates.

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Washington, March 23.—An order permitting the shipment of eggs, poultry, butter, vegetables and fruit by parcel post was signed today by Postmaster General Bursleson.

Commenting this afternoon on the order, Mrs. Elliott Logan, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs in the District of Columbia, said:

"The postmaster general's order has struck the high cost of living a terrific blow. It places housewives in direct communication with producers, eliminates troublesome marketing and reduces its cost."

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Religious Worker Killed at Seance

Enthusiast Goes Insane at Meeting of "Christian Mystics" in Los Angeles, Shoots Man Seated Beside Him.

Los Angeles, March 23.—Going insane at a meeting of the Order of Christian Mystics today, E. D. Medd, a Vancouver, B. C., drew a revolver and fired a bullet into the brain of Victor Hugo, a religious worker, who was seated beside him.

Employers Blamed By John Mitchell

Michigan Mine Operators Opposed to Paying Fair Wages, He Told Congressional Investigating Committee.

Washington, March 23.—Denunciation of the operators in the Michigan copper mining district was voiced today before the congressional committee engaged in investigating the Calumet strike by John Mitchell, the labor leader.

Mrs. Lyons Takes Poison in Chicago

Found Unconscious in Grand Pacific Hotel With a Fairly Emptied Bottle Beside Her.

Chicago, March 23.—Mrs. Vivien Lyons, a Denver divorcee who gained considerable notoriety when she shot and nearly killed Robert J. Widney, a former wealthy Los Angeles real estate dealer, in a San Francisco hotel last year, was believed to be dying here today from poison swallowed with suicidal intent.

Ambulance Brings Caller to Wilson. Nine-Year-Old Boy, Too Sick to Walk, Has Wish Granted Through Intervention of Mrs. Wilson.

Washington, March 23.—Harry Davis, 9 years old, was brought here by his mother last week from Sewickley, Pa. The lad was suffering from heart disease.

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Social Quarrel Concerns All. "So the social quarrel, take what form it may, concerns us all. The social consciousness must not have fully found itself, but it is busily at work nevertheless."

Mme. Caillaux Treated Like Guest in Prison Fellow Prisoners Reported to Have Mutinied

Mme. Henriette Caillaux, wife of the French Minister of Finance, who shot M. Calmette, Editor of Le Figaro. Caillaux is shown above and Calmette below.



No Luxury Is Denied Woman Held for Shooting of Figaro Editor; Mysterious "Monsieur X" Figures in Testimony Taken in Hearing.

Paris, March 23.—Because of the favoritism shown to Mme. Henriette Caillaux, who shot and killed Editor Gaston Calmette of the Figaro as a climax to a series of fierce editorial attacks the latter had been making on her husband, Finance Minister Joseph Caillaux, it was rumored today that 800 prisoners in St. Lazare jail had mutinied.

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PAGET BLAMED FOR STARTING IRISH TROUBLE

General Commanding Troops in Ireland Will Be Held Responsible for Wholesale Resignations of Officers.

MISUNDERSTOOD ORDERS EXPLAINS WAR MINISTER

He Intimates Many Who Refused to Serve Against Ulster to Be Reinstated.

London, March 23.—The threatened disruption of the British army, as a result of the wholesale resignations of officers who refused to fight for Irish home rule, overshadowed all other topics of discussion throughout the country today.

In the house of commons War Minister Seely admitted that many army officers had refused to serve in the event of an occupation of Ulster. He attributed their attitude to a misunderstanding of their orders.

Conservatives Blamed Paget. The Conservatives plainly intended to defend Paget, intimating that they did not intend to accept the version that the whole trouble was due to a ministerial error.

PROFESSOR PECK IS SUICIDE; SHOT SELF AT STAMFORD, CONN.

Former Columbia Faculty Member, Literary Authority, Kills Himself.

Stamford, Conn., March 23.—Harry Thurston Peck, formerly professor at Columbia university, committed suicide here today by shooting himself with a revolver.

Peck's body was found in the rooming house where he lived. He was in night clothes, and by his side lay a 32-caliber revolver.

The bullet entered the right eye, and lodged in the wall of the room. Mrs. Peck, proprietress of the house, found Peck dead when she went to his room with a telephone message.

Peck had lived alone for two weeks. His first wife, who nursed him when he was stricken with paralysis, and said she had cured him with mental suggestions, lives at Sound Beach, a suburb.

Peck was professor of Latin at Columbia university until he was forced out after a quarrel with President Butler. At the time he threatened to sue Butler for \$50,000 damages, but the suit was never filed.

Pneumonia Cure Found. New York, March 23.—Rockefeller institute scientists announced discovery of a new serum which cures 90 per cent of pneumonia cases.

Boys Offer Apology For Getting Caught. On a card pinned to a column this morning is the following apology: "Mrs. Henderson: We broke your house and got caught and we will come and apologize. We will be there at 7:30 o'clock. Please forgive us. H. F. A. M."

Humphreys and Mann Make Faces. Declare They Aren't a Lot of School Boys, and Demand to Know Who Has the Right to Run Them.

Washington, March 23.—An attack on President Wilson was made in the house today by Representative Humphreys and Mann of Illinois.

"The president is laboring under the impression that he is dealing with a lot of schoolboys," said Humphreys, "and getting so that it is impossible to do anything except under instructions from the other end of the avenue."

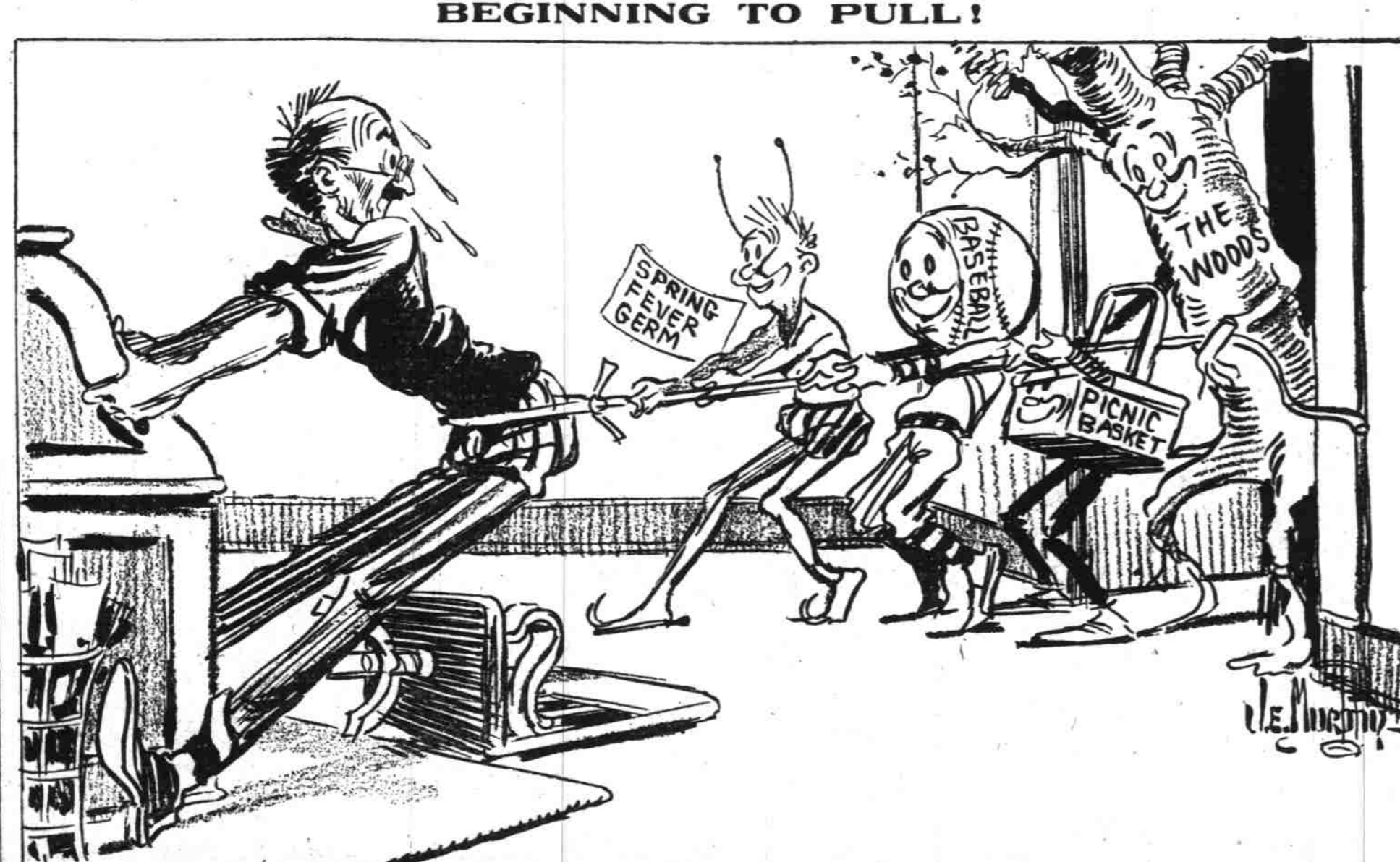
Representative Mann charged that the president had ordered a certain congressman to fight for a 15-hour limit on the Panama canal tolls repeal debate.

Representative Shirley, the president's reported emissary in the house, denied knowledge of the president ordering a time limit on the debate.

F-855, R-875 & R-683. B-898 has a "brand new 8 room house" and wants a buyer. Class 61.

F-855 will take one or two lots as first payment on a new 5 room bungalow. Class 61.

B-924 will sell his equity in some lots for 35 cents on the dollar.



BEGINNING TO PULL! THE WOODS PICNIC BASKET SPRING FEVER GERM