

DIAZ WINNING CAPITAL FROM MADERO

INTERESTING SCENES IN THE STREETS OF MEXICO'S NATIONAL CAPITAL, WHERE PANDEMONIUM EXISTS FOLLOWING UPRISINGS



CROWDS OUTSIDE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES



GENERAL FELIX DIAZ



TYPES OF MEXICAN CAVALRY FROM THE SPHERE

FEDERALS RETREAT WITH LOSSES BEFORE VICTORIOUS ADVANCE OF DIAZ WHO CONTROLS MOST OF CAPITAL

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 18.—Messages received here this afternoon from Mexico City which had escaped the censor have caused the belief that President Madero has been forced to the wall. The fact, however, that the censorship continued later over dispatches indicated that General Diaz has not struck the final blow.

It is believed here that as soon as the rebels win they will reopen all win. Wholesale federal desertions were reported today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Diaz is rapidly winning control of Mexico City and Madero's downfall hourly grows nearer. This is the gist of an uncensored dispatch received here today from Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson—the first unmeasured news of the actual fighting since Saturday night.

Wilson reported to the state department that there was continuous conflict yesterday and part of last night and that the Diaz forces are steadily advancing. The American ambassador declared that Diaz soon will control the whole residential part of the city.

Last night the federals retired from their exposed positions.

Federal Loss Great

Wilson said there had been fierce fighting and that the federals had suffered enormous losses. The American embassy was repeatedly in the line of fire and was struck by many

spent bullets which, however, did little damage. He said there were many dead and wounded, mostly Maderistas, in front of the embassy.

Wilson reported he had been unable to ascertain what damage was wrought to the federal stronghold but that the firing was fierce during the entire revolt. The American ambassador's dispatches indicate that the condition of Mexico City is approaching chaos. Unburied corpses threaten pestilence, the Red Cross and White Cross organizations have disbanded and the troops, poorly fed, are becoming desperate.

Only Refuge Spot

The American embassy apparently is the only spot of refuge in the whole city. There Wilson has established a zone of safety where the strictest sanitation is enforced.

The gravity of the official dispatches, contrasted with the censored press telegrams, is believed to prove that Madero is trying desperately to conceal the condition of his cause.

Most dispatches are being delayed and it is doubtful just what has really happened in the battle-torn city within the last few hours.

Telegraphing from Vera Cruz today Consul General Canada declares that hundreds of refugees are crowding into that city from the capital. He has funds to feed them for only two days. All the refugees tell stories of almost incredible hardships in Mexico City where they say the conditions are almost beyond belief.

MADERO SAID TO BE WILLING TO QUIT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Up to a late hour this afternoon, the state department has received no official confirmation of the report that President Madero of Mexico, had agreed to the appointment of a president ad interim. No dispatches have been received from Ambassador Wilson since noon.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—(Censored)—Two cannon shots, the first to break the stillness of the morning, were fired at 10 o'clock. It was not known which side was responsible. It became quiet again immediately thereafter.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—(Censored)—There was no firing between Maderistas and Diaz' men up to noon

IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED OVERTAFT'S VETO BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Overriding President Taft's veto the senate today passed by 72 to 18 the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill, containing a literacy test. Those who supported the president's veto were Catron, Clapp, Clarke of Arkansas, Curtis, Gronna, Dupont, Guggenheim, McCumber, Martine, O'Gorman, Oliver, Paynter, Shiveley, Smith of Maryland, Smith of Michigan, Stephenson, Stone and Warren.

The bill as passed provides that no persons shall be eligible to enter the United States who cannot read and write his native language. It is expected to exclude hordes of colliers and other cheap labor.

Governor Sulzer plans a thorough overhauling of the labor laws of the State of New York.

FIREMEN WIN FROM 54 RAILROADS AVERTING STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Complete victory for the Firemen's Brotherhood in their strike proceedings against fifty-four eastern railroads was secured today in the railroad acceptance of arbitration under the Erdman act. This was the only concession the firemen demanded.

The Brotherhood named Albert Phillips of Sacramento, Cal., as its representative on the arbitration board. The railroads named W. W. Atterbury, general manager of the Pennsylvania system.

It is declared the railroads manifesto insists on a public hearing of their side of the strike question. They recite their objections to the Erdman act, the principal one being that "the responsibility which ultimately would rest on a third member of the Erdman arbitration board is too great to impose on one man." They insist the act does not guard the public of another similar demand for increased wages by conductors and trainmen, adding "We desire to put before the public the notice that a crisis will confront them when these demands are considered by the railroads."

Letters stating their stand were sent by the railroads heads to Commerce Court Judge Knapp and Acting United States Labor Commissioner Hauger today.

GERMANY TO SEND WARSHIP TO MEXICO

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Unless the conflict in Mexico City ends speedily the German government, it was learned this afternoon, has decided to send a battleship to Mexican waters. This move has been under consideration for several days but the government refrained not wishing to do anything seemingly offensive to the Monroe doctrine.

The German officials decided to take action following reports from the German minister at Mexico City and consults that German life there is endangered.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS CAUSE DISCONTENT

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 18.—Discontent is increasing in Vera Cruz over the arrival here of the American battleships Nebraska and Vermont. The populace suspects the United States is determined to send marines to Mexico City.

BOMBARDMENT OF ADRIANOPLE STILL IN PROGRESS

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Censorship of the strictest sort applied to all advices from Constantinople and an embargo scarcely less strict on all news from Balkan capitals makes it almost impossible to get real information as to the progress of the struggle between Turk and Christian.

Among the few families received here today was the information that the bombardment of Adrianople is continuing with great severity and that fighting in the Gallipoli peninsula has been less severe. The Bulgars there, it is said, are fortifying heavily in anticipation of a mass Moslem attack.

Dispatches from Cetinje say the allies' attack on Scutari has been delayed pending the completion of new military dispositions there. This is taken to mean that more cannon are being rushed to Scutari to hammer the Turkish fortress.

Advices were received here today by Turkish leaders which denied the reported assassination of Enver Bey.

RUSSIA PRESENTS ARMS TO SERBIA

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Russia has recently presented Serbia with arms and equipment for 100,000 men according to news agency dispatches received here today. It is declared that German diplomats fear that Russia is giving Serbia active backing against Austria. The outlook for European peace is considered dark.

SPOKANE WANTS TO CEDEDE FROM STATE

OLYMPIA, Wn., Feb. 18.—"The state of Lincoln" to add a new star in the flag, is the proposition made today by Senator "Hiek" Hutchison of Spokane. He prepared a resolution memorializing congress to create a new state out of all of eastern Washington and five Idaho counties, which he claimed are more logically united than are the eastern and western counties of Washington.

WARSHIP'S CANNON BURSTS CAUSING THREE DEATHS

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Causing three deaths a cannon aboard the French battleship Danton exploded off Toulon today according to a dispatch in "Patrie," a local newspaper.

READY TO RUSH SUPPLIES TO FRONT IN CASE OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Just how rapidly the greatest munitions of war—food supplies—could be moved should the United States send troops into Mexico, became known today, with information as to the vast preparations of the quartermaster's department of the army. Sufficient stores to feed an army of 50,000 for a month are today in readiness for removal aboard trains and transports at an hour's notice.

In the quartermaster's department at Washington, whence the greatest amount of stores would go, there is waiting sufficient food and "housing" supplies to care for 15,000 soldiers. Everything is ready for shipment to Newport News to be placed aboard the transports the moment the intervention order is issued. In addition to the supplies on hand, arrangements have been made with great wholesale houses to ship on immediate notice vast quantities of prepared food-stuffs.

The greatest movement, in case of intervention, would be made from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, across the border, and from Omaha, Nebraska.

In case of war, the quartermaster's department has authority to take over entire railroad and steamship lines if necessary, and to obtain supplies from any source they desire. The lesson taught by the mobilization of troops on the Mexican border two years ago, will be used. From Washington, orders as to what stores shall be shipped and what troops shall embark in the case of intervention, have already been issued.

LISTLESSNESS FEATURE OF STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Listlessness marked the entire session of the stock market today. There was a good demand for the speculative favorites, Reading and Steel each gaining a point. The announcement that the firemen on the eastern railroads had practically settled their difficulties with the railroads without a walkout, forced a higher range in the dealings. Improvements in the standards was offset somewhat by steady selling of long stock in other quarters. The market closed dull. Bonds were irregular.

TO PRESENT MRS. TAFT WITH \$10,000 NECKLACE

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Under the direction of the Red Cross society here a campaign was started today to collect \$10,000 for a necklace for Mrs. William Howard Taft. It will be presented to her at the expiration of the president's term.

GOOD ROADS COUNTY BONDING ACT RESCUED BY REAMES, PASSES BOTH HOUSES; NOW UP TO THE GOVERNOR

SALEM, Feb. 18.—Breaking the deadlock for good roads legislation, both senate and house last night concurred in the amendments to the Barrett county bonding bill (S. B. 12) reported by conference committee from both houses, and the measure is up to the governor for signature. The bill enables counties to issue bonds or warrants for building highways.

Reames Breaks Deadlock

Credit for breaking the deadlock belongs to Representative C. L. Reames of Jackson, who is being showered with congratulations by the legislators. The bill as finally passed is practically the same as that introduced by Reames early in the session, enables county courts to call special bond elections when petitioned by one-fourth of the voters, the petition to set forth the amount of bonds proposed, time they run and rate of interest. The county court in its order states what roads within the county are to be built and improved with the money.

The court can, if it desires, call a road bond election upon petition of one-twentieth of the voters, but it is not mandatory. Bond interest must not exceed 6 per cent, and bonds can-

not be sold for less than par. Warrants may be issued in lieu of bonds. The building of highways is entirely under jurisdiction of the county court.

Story of Deadlock

The story of the legislative deadlock is an interesting one.

The situation presented to the two houses was without parallel and nothing but the strong desire of all of the members to compromise and to assist in the enactment of a county bonding bill prevented the deadlock that has existed since the opening of the session from causing the defeat of all good roads legislation.

The house had passed the Hurd bonding act which provided that before any county should bond that a county convention should first be called, which convention should determine the kind of roads to be built, the place where they were to be built, the grade, cost, and all other details relating to the bond issue and to the building of roads. This bill was sent to the senate and that body refused to act upon it but retained the bill.

House Held Up Measure

The senate passed the Barrett bill which provided for a blanket issue of

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2000 MARINES READY TO LAND IN OLD MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—By Sunday 2,000 United States marines, ready for immediate use in Mexico will have landed at Guantamao, Cuba. The transports Meade and McClellan will leave Norfolk tomorrow with the marines on board.

The government still retains its non-intervention policy but it is preparing for action if wanton slaying of Americans or other foreigners should start in Mexico City or any of the other towns in the disturbed republic.

Except in the south, Mexico is surrounded by American battleships and troops. The state department has almost abandoned hope of the Mexico City situation clearing and hopes American residents and other foreigners will leave there as quickly as possible.

Official dispatches received here today say that hundreds of refugees are arriving at Vera Cruz. The refugees declared the food supply in Mexico City is steadily diminishing and the natives of the city are reported greatly aroused over the situation.

STATE AID ROAD COMPROMISE BILL IN BOTH HOUSES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18.—By unanimous consent there was introduced Monday, by Representative Spencer on behalf of committees of roads and highways of both houses, a compromise highway state-aid bill, and the prediction is made that it will pass both houses.

The bill provides for a Board of Highway commissioners to consist of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, who in turn are to appoint a state highway engineer. Provision is made that the automobile fund shall be turned over to the commission and that a levy of one-half mill shall be made. Two-thirds of the money is to be used by counties of the state in building permanent roads. The other third is to be used by the state. In the event that a county does not use the money allotted to it, the money reverts to the state highway fund and will be used by the state.

This bill together with the compromise bill authorizing counties to issue bonds to build roads will do much to solve the road problem in the state, it is said.