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WEATHER
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MEXICAN REBELS WIN GREATEST VICTORY

FEDERALS FLEE LEAVING DEAD ON BATTLEFIELD

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Battle Raged Over Twenty-Mile Front—Federals Forced to March 200 Miles to Base.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 26.—Parties of Mexican rebel soldiers were searching the desert south of Juarez today for the victims of their battle with the federals Monday and Tuesday, in which the latter were decisively defeated.

Estimates of the number of killed varied from 300 on both sides to a total of 1500. The first figure seemed certainly too low. The latter was perhaps an exaggeration. The wounded, however, were fully twice as numerous as those who perished outright, and of the wounded it was evident that a frightful proportion would succumb.

Supplies Inadequate
Medical attention, surgical supplies and hospital accommodations were so ridiculously inadequate that only those with the most desperate hurts received the slightest treatment. Men with bodies torn by shrapnel or with crushed and broken bones cared for themselves as best they could stolidly and uncomplainingly.

El Paso physicians and nurses did their best, but they were completely swamped and from the rebels' appeal to the Red Cross no response had yet been received.

That it would die some time, perhaps several days, before the number of casualties in the battle could be determined with even approximate accuracy was evident.

Twenty-Mile Front

The fight raged along a twenty-mile front and throughout the entire length of this line the opposing forces surged forward and backward, in many instances for several miles at a time, so that there was an immense area of desert to be searched. Of the wounded who still remained on the field today there was not much hope of finding any alive. Thirst alone, if nothing else, it was believed, would have finished them.

The rebel losses, their officers said, would be comparatively easy to learn, when the men are gathered together again, by a simple process of setting those down as dead who are unaccounted for.

The federals, however, fled into the desert to the southward, where, without food or water, and, forced through the loss of their trains, to tramp the 200 miles to their base at Chihuahua City, it was believed they would perish by scores, more miserably than if they had fallen before rebel bullets.

SHANK THREATENS TO RESIGN OFFICE

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 26.—Flar declaration that he would resign his office to escape impeachment charges he believes will be preferred by big business because he favored the strikers in the recent street strike here, if the teamsters go out on a strike, was voiced here this morning by Mayor Smith. Union officials have promised to notify Shank in ample time for him to resign if the teamsters decide to walk out.

Union labor and organized capital were lining up here today for a finish fight. The merchants assert they do not wish to be handicapped by a mayor friendly to unionism and openly accuse Shank of violating his oath of office by aiding the car strikers.

HUERTA REGIME TOTTERS, ARMY NEAR REVOLT

News of Rebel Victory Causes Panic in Capital—Soldiers Demand Pay and Threaten Revolt—Treasury is Exhausted.

President Wilson Believes End is Near—Carranza Expected to Attack Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—General Villa's victory over the Mexican federals near Juarez precipitated a desperate situation in Mexico City, according to messages from there today.

Despite all the government's efforts to suppress it, the news leaked out that the federals had been crushingly defeated. The soldiers in the Mexican capital long unpaid, instantly jumped to the conclusion that they must get their money promptly or they would lose it forever, as the Huerta regime seemed to be tottering.

Soldiers in Revolt
They became violent in their demands and threatening in their attitude. Unless they were paid off, a military revolt appeared imminent. Blauquet and perhaps other high officials were in danger from the enraged soldiers.

With his treasury empty and his credit exhausted, Huerta was trying desperately to extort loans from local bankers. It was understood that none would be forthcoming unless taken by the dictator practically by force. That he would dare to resort to virtual bank robbery was considered doubtful.

Huerta's End Near
President Wilson was known to believe the end was near. He did not say, however, what steps he would take after Huerta had been eliminated.

Should General Carranza, the rebel leader, capture the Mexican capital, it was authoritatively stated he would not be recognized unless he called an immediate election.

Wm. Bayard Hale, who conferred with Carranza at Nogales recently, was expected here tomorrow or Friday to report to President Wilson personally.

CONGRESS PROBES COST OF FOOD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—A resolution providing for congressional investigation of the cost of food in connection with the trust inquiry at the next session of congress was introduced in the house today by Representative Britton of Illinois. The chief purpose of the resolution is to disclose facts about cold storage eggs and meats.

TO PROBE CAMPAIGN FUND, LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—Investigation of the campaign fund of H. H. Rose, recently elected mayor of Los Angeles, was begun today by the county grand jury.

RUMORS RIFE AS WAR CLOUDS HOVER OVER HEAD OF MEXICO'S RULER.



PRESIDENT VICTORIANO HUERTA



NATIONAL PALACE, MEXICO CITY

DRASTIC PLAN TO RUSH THROUGH CURRENCY BILL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Drastic plans to hasten currency legislation were made at the senate democratic conference here today. It was decided to begin holding sessions immediately from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily without a holiday recess. At these sessions the three currency bills before the upper house will be considered, the democratic senators being pledged to support the caucus draft.

It was understood that orders for the speeding up of currency deliberations came direct from the White House. Senator Owen said he thought it possible the bill might pass before Christmas, in which case a week's adjournment would be possible, otherwise there would be no rest for the lawmakers except on Christmas and New Year's days. Incidentally, it seemed likely President Wilson's plan for a three weeks' holiday vacation would be interfered with.

The currency conference was resumed this afternoon after the regular senate session, the bills being considered in detail. It was said the caucus would continue tonight and most of tomorrow until the final draft had been approved.

The republican senators had not decided whether or not to accept the democratic plan. Some of them threaten a filibuster.

VILLA ASSERTS VICTORY AVENGES MADERO'S DEATH

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 26.—Arriving from the front at Juarez at noon today, General Villa issued the following statement through the United Press:

"Nothing I could say would make matters better. It is what my valiant soldiers did that speaks loudly and convincingly. They fought for a just cause and they triumphed. 'Madero's death is avenged. Soon constitutional government, just as our great martyr, Madero, would wish. 'Tell your country that I will always protect Americans. Should the federals aim another attack at a border point I shall go to meet it within our own country, as I met the enemy at Tierra Blanca. 'I want your friendship, and I tried to show it. No bullets will fall on American soil while I am in command. 'I cannot divulge our future plans nor have I anything to say concerning an attack on Chihuahua City, but it will be taken care of.' There was no demonstration at Juarez over the rebel victory.

HIGH PRICE OF EGGS IS DUE TO STORAGE TRUST

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—As a result of last night's conference between several hundred egg consumers and representatives of the Sonoma County Egg Producers' association, one of two things will be done, persons who took a prominent part in the meeting said today, to reduce egg prices:

If the supervisors can be prevailed on to open a municipal cold storage plant the producers will ship all their eggs to it so that the commission men will be deprived of all chances to juggle prices, or, the supervisors refusing, the producers propose to form a co-operative society of their own to build the plant.

The proposition was to establish a direct from producer to consumer system, freezing out all middle men. J. M. Murphy, the speaker of last night's meeting, summed up the situation thus: "Egg producers are getting no more for eggs now than at any other time. Prices are high because fresh eggs are scarce and the commission men have a monopoly on the cold storage supply."

SEARCH FOR BEACHEY IN AIRSHIP PROBE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 26.—Officers from District Attorney Utley's office have been searching since early last evening for Lincoln Beachey, the aviator, to serve with subpoenas for his appearance at 1 o'clock today, to learn the causes of the deaths of Lieutenants Kelly and Ellington, who died in an aeroplane accident Monday on North island.

Beachey could not be found, and it is believed that he is dodging the officers in order not to give evidence against the government. Utley declared today that a subpoena had been served upon Captain Cowan, who is in charge of the government aviation camp here, and that he would cause trouble for the army officer, who left here for the east last night in spite of the subpoena.

STRIKER FATALLY SHOT AT CALUMET

CALUMET, Mich., Nov. 26.—During a mine strike riot here today, Philip Mihelodich, a striker, was fatally shot in the back. Lloyd Lyman, a mounted deputy on guard over the Calumet & Hecla property, was arrested, charged with the shooting. The outbreak resulted from an attempt by deputies to arrest strike sympathizers accused of stoning strikebreakers on their way to work.



GENERAL BLAUQUET

MANTLE OF SMOKE WRAPS CHICAGO IN VEIL OF DARKNESS

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Chicago was in darkness throughout the busiest hours of today, all downtown buildings being lighted. Weather bureau officials said this condition resulted from a low barometer pressure and local cloudiness which prevented the city's smoke from lifting.

Automobiles displayed lights and all traffic moved cautiously in the gloom. Tickers announced that the usual cash grain quotations of the board of trade would not be carried as the inspection board had reported that it was too dark to inspect grain samples.

A pall of smoke settled over the city and filled the streets until the upper outlines of skyscrapers were almost invisible.

MADERO BROTHERS LANDED AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Nov. 26.—Daniel and Evaristo Madero, brothers of the late president of Mexico, with several followers, were landed here today by the American scout cruiser Chester. The party took refuge in the United States consulate at Vera Cruz when sought by the Mexican authorities, and were put on board an American warship in the harbor.

KEEL LAID FOR LIPTON'S CHALLENGER, SHAMROCK IV

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The keel of Sir Thomas Lipton's latest American cup challenger, Shamrock IV, was laid today at Napoleon's shipyard, Gosport.

Price of Eggs Slumps

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Fresh egg prices slumped today. The wholesale rate was 54 1/2 cents per dozen. The retail price averaged 65 cents. The high mark of last Saturday was 65 cents wholesale.

PLOT EXPOSED BLACKEN NAME OF TOU VELLE

Disappointed Contractors Who Threatened to "Get Bowly's Goat" Make Entry on Books of Auto Tires for County Judge

Traveling Man for Beall & Co. Admits Falsity of Charge, But Refuses to Sign Statement to Effect.

Unscrupulous methods of contractors, disgruntled because of failure to dictate policies to the state highway commission and county court in the matter of contracts for the Jackson county highway construction, are coming to light. Unsuccessful bidders raised a howl here when the contract for grading was let to the lowest bidder, a Tacoma firm, instead of to an Oregon bidder and represented to Portland papers that widespread indignation existed in Jackson county on account of the award—all of which was fabrication. It is reported that letters attacking State Highway Engineer Bowly have been sent broadcast to county courts to prejudice them against Major Bowly.

After Bowly's Goat
Among these contractors are Beall & Company, who in addition to selling road machinery, specialize on corrugated steel culverts. Because Major Bowly did not specify corrugated steel culverts, but left the field open for reinforced concrete culverts, Beall sent him word, according to Bowly, that they intended to "get his goat." He sent back word for them to get it.

When the contracts were awarded, T. J. Patterson traveling representative of Beall & Co., who was present, exclaimed vigorously against the contract going outside of Oregon, and demanded a list from the county clerk of engineering expenses incurred on the Siskiyou road—evidently part of the program to "get Bowly's goat."

Offered Tires at Cost
Last spring the county court purchased a car of corrugated steel culverts from Beall & Co., through Patterson. County Judge Tou Velle gave Patterson a ride back to the Medford Hotel. When Patterson got out, he told Tou Velle that if he desired any auto tires, Beall & Co. would be pleased to send him a set at cost—explaining that they were in a position to secure them at a very low price and would be pleased to send a set. Judge Tou Velle thanked him, and said that he needed no tires and when he did, preferred to buy them himself.

Beall & Co., evidently to further their campaign, have been showing their books to interested Portland parties, to whom Beall's offer to Tou Velle was told by the judge himself. On these books appear the charge, "March 10, F. L. Tou Velle, 126, \$71.72." The entry occurs in July, though dated in March, and is between two July entries.

Beall's Statement
Mr. Beall, in writing of the matter said:

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GENERAL ELECTRIC TIE-UP COMPLETE

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 26.—Two thousand strikers crowded about the gates of the General Electric company's plant here today and stopped workers who sought to resume operations. The women strikers were the most active among the pickets. They were led by Miss Jennie Tredeau. It was estimated that 15,000 workers went out, forcing the shops to remain closed today. The American Federation of Labor, it was said today has not sanctioned the strike, as the shops are only partly unionized.