

REBEL SHELLS  
RAIN IN TAMPICO  
SMASHING CITY

Federals Hold Town, Despite Three Days' Battle — Non-Combatant Population Flees—Rebels Capture Railroad Embankment.

Fight Becomes Artillery Duel Between Warships and Rebel Guns—News From Front Meager.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—Rebel shells were raining upon Tampico today, it was learned from a telegram which somehow passed the censor.

From a hill a mile outside the city the rebel artillerymen had got the exact range and did frightful execution. Many persons had been killed. Buildings were tumbling.

Practically the entire non-combatant population had fled in terror, following the foreigners, who had gone earlier, to the water front.

The rebels were understood finally to have captured the railroad embankment into the city, to have mounted batteries in the suburb and to be pouring a murderous artillery fire among the federals. The latter, however, were said to be putting up a surprising resistance.

## Gunboats in Action

Opening with its big guns, the Mexican federal gunboat Brava joined today in the fight with the rebels at Tampico, according to a message received from Admiral Fletcher today.

During Wednesday's and Thursday's fighting the two federal gunboats in Tampico harbor were unable to aid in the town's defense because the struggling forces' positions were such that they could not fire on the rebels without sweeping the town itself.

There was an airtight censorship on telegraphic communication between the capital and Vera Cruz, which made accurate information impossible to get. Even the embassies, legations and consulates were without news.

The impression was, however, that the rebels at Tampico were not succeeding well in their fight today with the federals as yesterday. It was stated that all foreigners at Tampico spent last night on ships in the harbor.

## \$250,000 Ransom Asked

At the demand of Spanish Minister Caligan, War Minister Blanquet today ordered the federal commander at Torreón, recently recaptured from the rebels, to send troops to protect 100 Spanish refugees on their way overland from Chihuahua to Torreón.

Caligan said the party had women and children with them; that a body of General Villa's men were pursuing and he feared the fugitives would be overtaken and massacred.

For Luis Terrazas, junior, the Mexican millionaire's son, captured at Chihuahua City, the rebels asked \$250,000 ransom.

HOUR IN JAIL  
FOR SHIP MATING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—One hour imprisonment in the city jail was the sentence imposed here today by Police Judge Sullivan upon eight members of the crew of the British tramp steamer Rosalia, who recently were put off the vessel at this port, charged with mutiny.

The men are all British subjects and wished to return home. They could not be deported unless convicted of some offense, so they elected to plead guilty to vagrancy, and the mutiny charges were dropped. At noon they were turned over to Immigration Commissioner Thomas Crawford and will be returned to England.

ALSEA, Or., Dec. 12.—"I can't have privileges other girls have, so good-bye," was the message written to her parents by Marvel Lowry, aged 15, who died today as the result of drinking carbolic acid.

The girl was despondent because her father had reproved her for walking with a boy schoolmate.

DOCTORS STATE  
SCHMIDT'S ACTS  
PROVE INSANITY

Physician Consulted by Miss Aumüller Before Her Death Asserted That Priest Was Wholly Crazy and She Feared Him.

Despite Disgusting Testimony, Women Greedily Devour It—Schmidt Kept Death Certificate on Desk.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Testimony so disgusting that little of it was printable was devoured greedily today by a crowded courtroom in which women were perhaps in the majority, at the trial here of Hans Schmidt, for the murder of his sweetheart, Anna Aumüller.

Dr. Arnold Leo, whose story, relating mainly to Schmidt's mental condition, was the least shocking of the session, recited that the prisoner brought Miss Aumüller to him for medical attendance some time before the murder and told how, seizing an opportunity when Schmidt was not listening, the girl said to him:

"Father Schmidt is wholly crazy. I am afraid of him. I think he will harm me."

## Thinks Schmidt Crazy

Later, just before the murder, Dr. Leo said Schmidt called on him to have a cut finger dressed. He was pale and looked worried, the doctor said.

On visits he paid to Schmidt's room, he continued, he noticed that the latter had blank death certificates on his desk. He told the jury that he considered the ex-priest eccentric and irrational. Once when he was visiting him, he said, Schmidt seized a zither and began slugging wildly.

The bulk of the day's testimony related to an incurable disease from which it was said Schmidt was suffering.

At the afternoon session Inspector Faurot of the police department described how he traced Schmidt to his flat, where signs that a murder had been committed were still plainly visible.

## Stopped Self Destruction

Visiting Schmidt at the rectory where he lived, Faurot said he told the young man who he was, and then, as he saw him tremble and clasp his hands nervously, drew from his pocket Anna Aumüller's photograph, held it up and asked twice: "Did you kill her?"

Finally Schmidt said: "Yes; I loved her."

With the words he started for the bathroom, and Faurot was sure he would have killed himself had not the inspector stopped him and taken away a razor he had.

RANK SUFFRAGETTES  
WITH ANARCHISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A movement by republicans to bar, under an amendment to the immigration laws, militant suffragettes, anarchists and others convicted of or believing in the destruction of property and sabotage to right political wrongs, developed today in a meeting of the house immigration committee.

Representatives Moore of Pennsylvania and Gardner of Massachusetts favored the plan. Representative Manahan of Minnesota denounced the proposal as "an iniquitous scheme to prevent America from continuing as a refuge for liberty-loving people."

WASHINGTON WANTS  
\$3,000,000 DRYDOCK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A bill providing a drydock 1000 feet long for Puget Sound at a cost of \$3,000,000 was introduced today in the senate by Senator Jones of Washington.

Representative Humphrey of Washington introduced a similar measure in the house.

GOETHALS WANTS  
TO MANAGE CANAL  
FOR SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—That Colonel George W. Goethals wants to run the Panama canal for the first six months of its operation and also would like to be the head of the zone's permanent government was learned today from a reliable source here.

Under the Adamson law, there is no limit to the positions which the governor of the zone may create. Politicians believe that if Colonel Goethals is appointed, a minimum of positions will be created. If a practical politician is named as governor, it was believed here that the spoils system would reign.

Colonel Goethals filed today his views regarding a permanent zone government with Secretary of War Garrison, and the latter will discuss Goethals' recommendations soon with President Wilson.

It was also reported that Colonel Goethals may go to Alaska. Congress expects to authorize the construction there of a government-owned railroad, and administration officials believe Goethals is the ideal man to superintend the work.

ARRAIGNED, LIBELED  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Editor Max Eastman and cartoonist Arthur Young of the satirical weekly, The Masses, were arraigned today before Judge Swann on a criminal libel charge with the Associated Press as complainant.

Last July The Masses published a cartoon captioned "Poisoned at the Source," in which the Associated Press was portrayed as pouring what was labelled "poison of lies," "suppressed facts" and "hatred of labor organizations," into a reservoir marked "the news."

Eastman and Young entered pleas of not guilty and were released on bail of \$1000 each.

DISCHARGED PRISONER  
SHOTS COMMANDANT

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 12.—Frederick Reichardt, aged 22, of San Francisco, a discharged naval prisoner, today shot at Major George Thorpe, commandant of the naval prison here, as he drove across Market square in his automobile. The bullet penetrated the car door, but Major Thorpe escaped injury. Reichardt was arrested. He said he had been laying for the major for several days.

CRISIS REACHED  
IN CURRENCY FIGHT;  
VOTE TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A crisis in the currency fight in the senate was expected today with a vote on the Hitchcock amendment to the administration bill.

The amendment calls for four regional reserve banks and for sale of their stock by public subscription. Unnamed, the administration measure provides for from eight to twelve regional banks controlled by member banks and for sale of stock to the public only in case the regional banks are not financially strong enough to meet requirements after the member banks have done their stock buying.

It was hoped to get a ballot on the amendment by tonight or tomorrow. The regional proposition was the main point in dispute. That he disposed of, it was believed the rest of the bill would pass without discussion after a few roll calls.

Answering Senator Hitchcock's denunciation of the caucus handling of the currency bill, Senator Newlands declared on the floor today that it is only through party caucuses that campaign pledges can be made good.

LEAKY VALVE CAUSE  
OF LOCOMOTIVE RUN

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—Due to a leaky valve, the engine drawing Great Northern passenger train No. 455, ran away here early today while the crew was lunching in the depot, and was entering Chehalis yards, five miles away, before a baggage man discovering that the engineer and fireman were not aboard, went forward over the tender and applied the emergency brakes. The train ran slowly and no damage was done.

LIMIT TERM TIME  
OF MARINE CAPTAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate passed a bill today, already approved by the house, providing for appointment of the marine corps commandant for a four-year term instead of for life, as at present.

MORE RIFLES SEIZED  
BY BRITISH AUTHORITIES

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 12.—Under the order prohibiting further importations of arms into Ireland, last night they figure in the threatened home rule fight, the authorities here today seized 200 rifles, just in on a German boat.

BOMB EXPLODES  
KILLING GIRL WHO  
RECEIVED PACKAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A bomb delivered to the O. K. Bottling company here exploded in the firm's office today and instantly killed Miss Ida Annoswitz, aged 20 years, a stenographer. The girl's face was blown in and her body badly mangled.

Just where the bomb came from was not known, but presumably it was delivered by an express company.

Thomas McCabe was standing near Miss Annoswitz when the bomb exploded. His left ear was nearly severed. Thomas Ryan, a stableman, sustained cuts about the face. Every window in the office was shattered and the furniture wrecked.

McCabe thought an expressman delivered the package, but could not remember whether the man wore a uniform. On one corner of the package was written, "23 State street, New York."

NEW ENGLAND STOCKS  
SLUMP AT BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—New England securities continued to slump today in the stock market here. Boston and Maine dropped nearly 7 points, opening at 42 and selling down to 35½, a new low record. New Haven dropped 2½, touching 66. Fitchburg lost 7 points, dropping to 68.

SCOUR SANTA CRUZ  
HILLS FOR MURDERER

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 12.—Santa Cruz county was being combed today for James Denton of San Francisco, who last night shot and killed Lot Morell at Boulder Creek, near here. Denton used a shotgun, tearing off the right side of Morell's head.

CARNEGIE FOR ROOT  
FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Andrew Carnegie, in town today, gave out an interview booming Elihu Root for the next republican presidential nomination. He called also at the executive offices and said he intended to see Secretary of State Bryan for a talk on universal peace.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY  
PORTLAND HOME;  
CHILD DISCOVERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—As the result of what is believed to have been a double murder and suicide, the bodies of Mrs. Mary Birnie, her niece, Miss Agnes Ravineau of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Birnie's son, Frank Simmons, were found in the home of Richard Birnie, a lumber mill employe this afternoon. All three had been shot to death.

The shooting is believed to have been done by Simmons, who after killing the two women, turned the revolver on himself.

The triple tragedy was discovered by the twelve year old daughter of the family who came home from school and was unable to get into the house. Opening a bedroom window, she crawled directly over the body of Simmons.

The mother's body was found lying in a pantry off the kitchen, while the body of Miss Ravineau was in a bedroom. A 38 caliber revolver with three discharged chambers was found on the bed.

The position of the bodies indicated that Simmons shot Mrs. Birnie, then the niece, Miss Ravineau as she attempted to leave the kitchen, and then going into the bedroom killed himself. Both women had been shot in the breast. No cause for the tragedy has been learned by the police.

BATTLESHIP VERMONT  
DISABLED AT SEA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The battleship Vermont was crawling toward Hampton Roads this afternoon under convoy of the battleship Delaware, with her starboard mainmast broken and several of her compartments flooded. The Vermont was en route to Hampton Roads from the Mediterranean cruise when the accident occurred early yesterday morning. At 8 o'clock last night the disabled warship was 1200 miles from Hampton Roads and 600 miles from Bermuda.

LAND FRAUD CASE  
IN HANDS OF JURY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Closing arguments were being heard in the federal court this afternoon in the trial of J. T. Conway and Frank Richet, officers of the Oregon Inland Development company, charged with misuse of the mails in connection with the sale of Oregon lands. It was believed the case, which has been on trial for three weeks, would be in the hands of the jury before night.

RECALL PETITION  
FOR COUNCILMEN  
LARGELY SIGNED

Object Is Complete New Deal in City Affairs, So That Council Will Be Unhampered by Affiliations of the Present Administration.

Many Signatures Also on Initiative Bill Amending City Charter to Take Off Salaries from City Officials.

The initiative petition amending the charter of the city of Medford so as to take the salaries off mayor and councilmen and restore the charter to its original form, first step in the campaign of municipal economy planned by business men, is being largely signed wherever presented. Few have refused signatures, indicating the move a popular one. The petition will be presented the city recorder in the next day or two and will be acted upon at the next council meeting and submitted to the people at the January election.

Recall petitions are in circulation in the three wards for the holdover councilmen. Porter in the first ward, Miller in the third and Stewart in the second. Over 200 signatures have been secured for the recall in the second ward, and nearly as many in the third, while the petition in the first is being largely signed. Despite influence brought to bear upon the circulators, who allege that the administration is working hard against the petitions and peddling promises of jobs and stories of recall failure without foundation in fact.

The idea of the recall, as explained by one of those pushing it, is to enable the election of a complete new council, not affiliated in any way with the present council, which can put into effect a program of economy unhampered by acts of the previous administration.

There is no recall petition out for Mayor Purdin, as has been reported, as the law requires that an officer must hold office for six months before the recall can be invoked.

HENNEY CANDIDATE  
FOR TWO OFFICES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Francis J. Henney issued a statement here today, declaring his intention of seeking either the progressive nomination for governor or that for the United States senate to succeed Senator George W. Perkins. It all depends the statement said, upon the position taken by Governor Johnson.

If the governor decides to be a candidate for re-election Henney will fight for the progressive nomination to succeed Perkins. If Johnson finally decides to make the senatorial race, Henney will withdraw and make a fight for the progressive gubernatorial nomination.

ASK PRESIDENT TO  
HELP GOOD ROADS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The American good roads congress appealed today to President Wilson to appoint a commission to consider a federal appropriation for the improvement of state highways. Resolutions urging such action were unanimously adopted, as well as a recommendation favoring the amalgamation of all organizations seeking better roads. If the amalgamation plan is carried out the American Automobile association, the Automobile Club of America, the American Highway association, the United States Highway association and the American Roadbuilders' association will merge and hold a single convention.

Efforts are being made to organize the school teachers of Boston into a union.