

AMERICANS AT TAMPICO TOLD TO LEAVE CITY

Fighting Still Continues, Gunboat Bravo Shelling Rebels—Refugees Packed on Gunboats and Battleships—Foreigners Are Safe.

Rebels Trying to Repair Railroad and Bringing in More Artillery—Trainload of Troops Arrives.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—The Tampico situation was worse today.

Fighting was not completely suspended. It continued in the harbor's vicinity and the federal gunboat Bravo was still shelling the rebels.

Admiral Fletcher ordered all Americans from the city. Five hundred refugees who were packed like sardines on board the gunboat Wheeling and the cruiser Tacoma were transferred to roomier quarters on the battleships Virginia, Rhode Island and New Jersey outside the harbor.

The steamship Morro Castle was expected tomorrow to take off all those who wish to leave Tampico's vicinity.

Foreigners were safe, Fletcher announced by wireless, but he could not answer specifically concerning individuals.

The rebels were trying to repair the railroad, to bring more artillery from Victoria as an offset against the Bravo's fire.

Strenuous efforts were being made to reinforce the federal garrison. A trainload of troops arrived today from Mexico City and negotiations were opened with the Mexican Navigation company to transport them to Tampico.

It was understood, too, that the federal gunboat Zaragoza had been ordered to Tuxpan to take General Maas and his force from there to the scene of the battle.

TEXAS APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD REGION

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 13.—With thousands suffering and hundreds actually at the point of death from starvation and exposure, relief workers in the Texas districts swept by the recent floods today sent an appeal to Washington for aid from the federal government.

Unless something is done speedily, persons who have been through the stricken sections said, the death toll will be appalling. Families for scores of miles along the Brazos valley lost absolutely everything but the clothes in which they escaped. Even those who own farms will have to be assisted until they can again get on their feet. The extent of the disaster was such that local charity was swamped.

Sickness was still spreading today. There were many cases of smallpox and typhoid. Vigorous action will be necessary, it was said, to prevent widespread epidemics.

FINE PROSPECTS FOR BANNER WHEAT CROP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—The promise for the 1914 crop of winter wheat in Oregon, Idaho and Washington is by odds the best in history, according to Hyman H. Cohen, commercial editor of the Journal today. Not only has there been a very heavy increase in the acreage sown to grain but the yield per acre promised at this time is beyond all previous years.

Cohen estimates that the yield will be 81,016,000 bushels for the three states, compared with 53,857,000 bushels produced on last year's winter acreage.

BATTLE ORDER FROM ADMIRAL PROVES CANARD

British Minister in Mexico Denies Receiving Message Stating That Fletcher Had Ordered Combatants to Fight—Fake by Enemies.

Purveyors of False News Worked So Skillfully That Story Was Sent Out in Good Faith.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Sir Lionel Carden, British minister in Mexico City, today gave the following exclusive interview to the United Press:

"The story that I received from Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, British naval commander in Mexican waters, a wireless message saying Admiral Fletcher had stopped the fighting at Tampico last night is absolutely false.

"I received no such message.

"The story is untrue in every particular.

From a semi-official source, it was learned that the story referred to by Sir Lionel was inspired and disseminated by interests inimical to President Wilson.

It was to the effect that Fletcher had ordered both federals and rebels to cease firing, threatening to open on them with the gunboat Wheeling's big guns if they disobeyed.

The purveyors of this false news worked so skillfully that they deceived the correspondents here as well as the public and the story was sent out in good faith and widely circulated.

Americans in the capital were much excited by it and considerable bitterness was expressed concerning the falsehood's authors.

WOMEN JEER DOWN ASSAILANTS OF MRS. YOUNG

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Reinstatement of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young as superintendent of Chicago's public schools was demanded of Mayor Harrison today in resolutions adopted at a meeting of 7000 club women in the Auditorium.

Following her reinstatement, it was further demanded that Governor Dunne call a special session of the legislature to make members of the school board elective officials instead of appointees of the mayor, as at present.

Jane Addams and other speakers denounced Mrs. Young's enforced retirement as the work of "little politicians."

Several men who tried to defend the school board were jeered down. "If women," said L. E. Hamburg, starting to make a speech, "were educated enough to go to the polls—"

That was as far as he got before he was booed from the Auditorium.

CONWAY AND RICHEL GUILTY, SAYS JURY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—A verdict of guilty was returned today by a jury in the federal court here in the case of J. T. Conway and Frank Richet, general manager and president, respectively, of the Oregon Inland Development company, on charges of having misused the United States mails in the exploitation of lands in Central and Eastern Oregon. They were convicted on all five counts in the indictment, which was returned in March, 1912. A recommendation of leniency was made to Judge Bean but no reason for this was given.

Judge Bean allowed the convicted men thirty days in which to file an application for a new trial.

The trial lasted three weeks and over 100 witnesses were examined.

PITY THE POOR MAIL CARRIER DURING THE MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON



THE DOG—"G-R-R-R! I DO WONDER IF THAT'S THE POSTMAN!"

LONE TRAIN BANDIT MAKES HAUL OF \$4000 ON ESPEE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 13.—Railroad and express detectives and city and county authorities joined today in the hunt for the lone bandit who got into the express car on the Southern Pacific's Sunset limited last night at the suburb of Marahan, fatally wounded Wells Fargo Messenger James Arnold and dropped off with money packages estimated to contain \$4000.

Officials generally were of the opinion that the outlaw was hiding here and the city was being ransacked for him. A good description was lacking, however.

The success of a number of train robberies in various parts of the country recently has disturbed railroad officials greatly and it was expected a big reward would be offered for a capture.

It was learned that there was a \$100,000 cash shipment on an earlier train, and express company officials thought it was this that the bandit sought.

COULSON CONVICTED OF MURDERING ACKER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Arthur R. Coulson, a poultry dealer here, recently convicted of the murder of George Kovack and William Acker, was sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin prison here today by Superior Judge Dunne. The court granted a stay of execution for twenty days to permit Coulson to spend Christmas and New Year's with his two sons, Golden, aged 10, and Earl, 7.

PRESIDENT PLANNING VISIT TO GULFPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—If congress passes the currency bill and adjourns for the holidays, President Wilson, it was announced this afternoon, probably will go south to Gulfport, Miss., where he may play golf and indulge in other outdoor exercises.

LOPEZ STILL ALIVE THREATENS DEATH TO HIS PURSUERS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 13.—Shift Boss Sam Rogers of the Utah-Apex mine, near Bingham, told Sheriff Smith today that he saw and talked with Ralph Lopez Thursday and Friday and had an appointment to see him again some time today.

The Mexican murderer realized, Rogers said, that he would never come out of the mine alive, but he meant to die fighting. During the posse's hunts for him in the workings, Lopez had frequent chances, to wipe out whole parties at a time, but he did not care to kill unless it became necessary.

He made exceptions, however, of Julie Corrello and Michael Stefano, former friends, whom he blamed for leading the officers to his hiding place. These, Rogers said, Lopez was anxious to add to his present list of six victims before he himself died.

FEDERAL GENERALS SURRENDER TORREON

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 13.—The capture by General Tellez, Mexican federal, of Gomez Palacio, Lerdo and Torreón was reported here today in messages from Tellez himself to local federation sympathizers. Torreón was taken, Tellez said, after eight desperate assaults. He gave the number of rebels killed as 400, but did not mention his own losses.

2800 OUT OF 3000 STRIKERS AT WORK

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 13.—Agent Densmore of the federal labor department telegraphed to Washington today that 2800 of the 3000 teamsters who struck here recently had either gone back to work or agreed to do so. Their employers made union agreements with them.

BRITISH MEMBER PARLIAMENT TALKS WITH CARRANZA

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Dispatches telling of a conference at Hermosillo, Mex., between Major Martin Archer Shee, a conservative member of the British house of representatives, and General Carranza, Mexican rebel leader, caused considerable gossip both in political and business circles here today.

Convinced that the Huerta regime was doomed was some British interest opening negotiations with the leader of the one expected to succeed it? Was the question politicians and financiers asked one another. If any one could answer the question, he preferred not to do so. It was at least certain that the major did not represent the British government even unofficially, since, with a liberal administration, a liberal emissary assuredly would have been chosen.

The major's own version, as given in cabled accounts of the conference, was that the Mexican situation was likely enough to come up in parliament, and he thought it best to inform himself concerning it.

RAILROAD STOCKS MAKE GOOD GAINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Strength in stocks which have been conspicuously weak recently marked the opening of the stock market today. A lively demand for New Haven caused that stock to rise to 67. Pennsylvania, New York Central and Reading also made good gains. American Telephone dropped a point to a new low price at 115 1/4.

Later individual instances of short selling and liquidation upset the market again and prices generally went below yesterday's bottom figures. Pennsylvania and New York Central made new low records and New Haven dropped to within 1/8 of its lowest level.

Bonds were steady.

The market closed firm.

The biennial convention of the Order of Railroad Station Agents is to be held in Boston next February.

BRYAN DEMANDS PROTECTION FOR SPANISH SUBJECT

Wires Carranza on Request of Spanish Minister Against Outrages at Chihuahua City by Rebels Against Subjects of Alfonso.

Notwithstanding Protests of Admiral Fletcher, Prisoners of War Hanged by Both Sides at Tampico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Notwithstanding protests by Admiral Fletcher, both federals and rebels alike hanged their prisoners of war in sight of the town and the ships off shore at Tampico, states messages received from the admiral today.

Fletcher's protests and the threatening attitude General Villa has assumed toward Spaniards in Chihuahua City made the Mexican situation serious.

Spain Files Protest
The Spanish ambassador here filed a formal demand for protection of King Alfonso's subjects. Just what was said in the ensuing communication sent by the state department to Generals Carranza and Villa, Secretary Bryan did not tell, but it was known that it was peremptory, emphatic and made it clear to both the rebel leaders that the Washington administration will hold them personally responsible for all foreigners' safety throughout the territory held by their forces.

The fear was plainly expressed that the murder of any Spanish residents of Chihuahua City would compel American intervention in Mexico.

WRECK TRAIN TO KILL PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL LINES

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 13.—An attempt to kill President Andrew Smith of the New York railroad in a train was what detectives today termed the ditching of the Lake Shore's England express near Wickliffe last midnight.

Though the suspected plot failed so far as Smith was concerned, his private car at the train's rear not even leaving the rails, four mail cars, a combination coach and three Pullmans jumping the track and only steel construction saved the passengers, while the locomotive rolled completely over, killing the fireman and seriously injuring the engineer.

Smith rushed from his car and saw four men running from the scene.

"Are you all in the ditch?" one of the men asked Smith.

FRANCE VOTES THANKS FOR LOST MASTERPIECE

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The recovery of the "Mona Lisa" was the chief topic of discussion at today's cabinet meeting. Government business was forgotten while the ministers congratulated themselves and the country on its good fortune. The event evidently was regarded as possessing an importance hard for an Anglo-Saxon to imagine.

The minister of public instruction then sent the nation's thanks to Rome and an official of arts will go to Rome to receive the painting.

SHIPPING INTERESTS FIGHT SEAMAN'S BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Hearings before the house merchant marine committee on Senator LaFollette's seamen's labor bill began today. The measure is opposed by ocean and lake shipping interests.

INITIATIVE BILL TO CUT PAY ROLL OF CITY FILED

Measure Restores Charter to Original Form, Taking Off Salaries of Mayor and Councilmen, Who Are Expected to Serve Gratis.

Will Be Submitted to People for Vote at January Election—Saves \$2700 a Year to Taxpayers.

The initiative petition for the amendment of section 18 of the city charter, taking the salary off mayor and councilmen, and restoring the charter to its original form, under which neither mayor nor council were paid for services, was filed with the city recorder Friday by Horace Nicholson and Fred Mears. It contained 341 signatures, over the 15 per cent required under the law.

The petition will be submitted to the people at the January election to be acted upon, and is pretty certain to carry by a large majority, as it will save the taxpayers \$2700 a year in expenses.

Not until three years ago did the mayor and council receive a salary. Then on account of the vast amount of public work in progress, the salary was voted. As there is little public work now, the originators of the petition, hold there is no necessity for salaries. Neither Grants Pass nor Ashland pay such salaries.

The amendment reads as follows: The people of the city of Medford, Oregon, be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read as follows:

Section 18. Neither the mayor, nor any councilman of the city of Medford, Oregon, nor the president of the council, shall receive any salary or compensation for any services performed by them, or any of them, nor shall such mayor, councilman, or president of the council, be a party to, or interested directly or indirectly in any contract to which said city is a party, or in which it has an interest, or over which it has supervision or control.

If any such mayor, councilman or president of the council, shall draw any salary or receive any compensation for his services as such, or be directly or indirectly interested in, or a party to, any such contract, they shall be guilty of malfeasance in office, and shall forfeit such office. Provided, that when the mayor or any councilman is required to perform special or extraordinary services, not strictly within his duties, as such officer, he shall be reimbursed for any money actually expended by him in such service, the claim therefor to be audited and passed upon as other claims against said city.

DOCTOR COE IS GRANTED DIVORCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—Severely censuring the wife and asserting that she had cunningly devised to deprive him of his property, Circuit Court Judge Henry McGinn today granted a decree of divorce to Dr. Henry Waldo Coe from Viola M. Coe. Coe is one of the most prominent members of the progressive party in the northwest, and Mrs. Coe is equally prominent in club and suffragist circles.

Judge McGinn decreed that the family home in Portland, valued at nearly \$100,000, is held only in trust by Mrs. Coe, instead of being her individual property, as claimed.

Other property rights were also settled.

WOLGAST NEAR-RANCH SOLD TO BARNETT

Barkdull and Miles Friday sold to M. V. Barnett of Los Angeles for \$18,000 the F. L. Heath ranch near Eagle Point once sold to Ad Wolgast for \$17,000, the ex-lightweight king renouncing on the deal. Barnett took possession at once.