

REBELS VICTORS IN BATTLE AT TORREON

VILLA'S REBELS
ROUT ENEMY AT
GOMEZ PALACIO

Federals Driven Within Last Defenses of Torreon After Fighting Desperately for Hours—Main Body Retreat Behind Fortifications.

Attack on Torreon Begun at Once—Early Estimates of Federal Losses 1500, Rebels' Not Given.

GOMEZ PALACIO, Mexico, Mar. 24.—Driven within the last defenses of Torreon the federals were making their last stand against General Villa's rebels today.

The fight for Gomez Palacio raged for hours with furious earnestness and ended in the federals' rout. They fought desperately but the impetuosity of the rebels' assault was finally beyond their power to withstand.

The rebels followed hard on their heels as they ran for Torreon. General Villa did his utmost to get between them and the city's defenses but this was too much for him to accomplish. Many were cut off and killed or taken prisoners but the main body got safely behind the fortifications, taking with them, it was believed, all their artillery except a few small mountain guns abandoned on the slope of Cerro del Pilar.

Attack on Torreon Began
Villa gave neither his own men nor the enemy time for an instant's repose and the attack on Torreon began as soon as his men, at the double quick, got within range of its defenses.

The general himself was in the saddle all night except during a brief interval when he visited Benavides to order fresh supplies and send messages to the rear. He was constantly ordering up fresh supplies and troops to prevent the slightest lull in the fighting during which the federals might rest.

His early estimate of the federals' losses was 1500 in killed, wounded and captured. His own he did not state.

Benavides Victorious
General Benavides reported to him that he had driven back every federal outpost at East Torreon and controlled all the railroad lines running in that direction. With his compliments to General Villa, he expressed the hope that he might meet the latter at luncheon in the Cafe de Gambirino in Torreon.

Up to 9 o'clock nothing had been heard from Generals Natera and Contreras.

The forces of Generals Urbina and Trinidad Rodriguez, who, after capturing Lerdo, assaulted Torreon from the west, joined General Villa's men in the attack on Gomez Palacio and today were taking part in the storming of Torreon.

Villa established headquarters at Gomez Palacio as soon as he had taken it, arranged for more regular telegraphic communication to the northward and said he would have trains running by tonight.

ASSAULT COMMITTED
ON HILLSBORO GIRL

HILLSBORO, Or., March 24.—The citizens of Hillsboro were in a state of intense excitement as a result of an assault on Miss Gladys Hensley, 16-year-old daughter of City Street Commissioner John Hensley, last night, during which she was seized by an unidentified man, thrown into a buggy and driven several blocks before she succeeded in freeing herself and leaped from the vehicle. She was found unconscious in the street by a number of citizens who were aroused by her screams while the wild ride was in progress.

Miss Hensley was unable to give a description of her assailant, except that he spoke with a foreign accent. Miss Hensley was quite badly bruised in the fall from the buggy.

JUSTICE MUST WAIT ON DEATH



Mrs. P. T. Anderson, Los Angeles probation officer, was sent to Chicago with a requisition from the governor of California for Miss Helene Young, wanted in the coast city for forgery. She found the young woman at the bedside of her dying sister, Mrs. Laura Hall, at 4139 Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Hall was afflicted with cancer, and it was only a matter of days, the physician said, before she would die. The sister was the only one left to nurse her. Of course, Mrs. Hall did not want the sister to leave her, nor did Helene want to go. She got a lawyer to appeal to the court for a writ of habeas corpus, and three judges decided that the young woman could stay with her dying sister to the end.

KOETTERS ON TRIAL
FOR MURDER OF
EMMA KRAFT

CHICAGO, March 24.—"A cold-blooded murderer," was the way "Handsome Jack" Koettters, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft, was referred today by Assistant State's Attorney Malato. The prisoner sat behind his three sisters and white-haired parents and smiled derisively as Malato demanded his death.

In his opening statement Malato charged that Mrs. Kraft was infatuated with Koettters; that he lured her to the Saratoga hotel, registered under an assumed name and then crushed the woman's head with a hammer.

"Then," added Malato, "Koettters robbed Mrs. Kraft of \$4000 and fled to the Pacific coast. When he was captured in San Francisco he was trying his wiles on another woman. Her life undoubtedly was saved by his arrest."

"The clerk at the hotel and a bell-boy will positively identify Koettters as the man who registered at the Saratoga hotel with Mrs. Kraft."

Dr. Joseph Blake, house physician at the Saratoga hotel, was the first witness today. He testified to finding Mrs. Kraft's body.

DORR ELECTROCUTED
FOR MARSH MURDER

BOSTON, Mass., March 24.—William A. Dorr, murderer of George E. Marsh, was electrocuted in the state prison at Charlestown this morning. He was calm to the last.

Dorr slept until an hour before his execution. As he was strapped into the electric chair he waved farewell to the Rev. Harriman, Attorney Barney and General Bridges, warden of the penitentiary.

After Dorr's body had been cremated the ashes will be taken to Stockton by his mother.

TWO WOMEN SEEKING
DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

SALEM, Or., March 24.—Two women who aspire to legislative honors filed declarations of candidacy today. They are Cora C. Talbot of Portland, seeking the democratic nomination, and Maria L. T. Hadden of Portland, seeking the progressive nomination for representative in the eighteenth district.

CHAMBERLAIN
WOULD REPEAL
HARBOR LAWS

Oregon Senator Introduces Resolution for Elimination of Section of Rivers and Harbors Act of 1884 on Account Effort to Repeal Toll.

Democrats Demand Sidetracking of Waterway Improvements Until Canal Measure Is Disposed of.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Impatient because the rivers and harbors bill was delaying action on President Wilson's request for repeal of American coastwise shipping's exemption from Panama canal tolls, several democratic congressmen were threatening today to demand that the rivers and harbors measure be sidetracked in the repeal bill's favor.

Otherwise it was admitted that prospects were remote on the repeal proposition before Monday or Tuesday. Chairman Sparkman of the rivers and harbors bill disposed of by tonight, but not many lawmakers believed he could accomplish it before Thursday.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon introduced today a resolution intended to pave a way to the repeal of a section of the rivers and harbors act of July 5, 1884, providing that no tolls or operating charges be made on any vessels "through any canal or other work for the improvement of navigation belonging to the United States."

The resolution set forth in detail all purposes that the government sought in the act of 1884 and called upon the secretary of war for information relating to the maintenance of rivers and canals. A section of Chamberlain's resolution reads:

"If the free tolls clause of the Panama canal act is to be repealed and tolls are to be levied on the vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States, the policy of the government is to be completely reversed and the act of July 5, 1884, ought to be repealed and tolls charged on all the improved waterways and canals of the country, so that there might be a uniform system for the use of these utilities."

NEW YORK, Mar. 24.—"Roosevelt is all right," said a cable received here today from United States Consul Pickrell at Para, Brazil. "Arriving Manaus by way Tapagio river." The message set at rest all worry growing out of an earlier message from Anthony Flala a member of the Roosevelt party, stating that they had "lost everything in the rapids."

MAIN STREET OF TORREON, NEW SEAT OF MEXICAN WAR

MME. CAILLAUX, WHO KILLED EDITOR OF FIGARO,
AND HER HUSBAND, FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE

This is the first picture published in the United States of Mme. Caillaux, wife of the minister of finance, who killed Gaston Calmette, the editor of Figaro. It was taken in 1911 in a group with her husband, who is shown sitting at her left.

COLQUITT AGAIN
WORRIES WILSON
BY REWARD OFFER

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Governor Colquitt of Texas was worrying the Washington administration again today by his anti-Mexican activities.

"General Hutchins, adjutant general of the Texas militia," telegraphed General Bliss of the federal border patrol, from Eagle Pass to Secretary of War Garrison, "states the governor has offered a reward of \$200 each for the delivery to the authorities of the five men charged by the newspapers with complicity in the killing of Clemente Vergara."

Vergara's suspected slayers being Mexicans and now presumably in Mexico, Colquitt's offer was interpreted here as somewhat in the nature of instigating an attempt to bring them back by force, as likely to result in such an attempt and as containing considerable possibilities of future complications.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—Proposed cancellation of through and joint rates on green fruit from points on the Oregon Short Line to destinations east of the Missouri river was declared unjustified by the interstate-commerce commission. The commission ordered the old rates maintained.

PENALTIES UPON
DELINQUENT TAXES
ARE HELD INVALID

PORTLAND, Or., March 24.—Circuit Judge Cleeton today held that the penalties of 1 per cent a month imposed by the 1913 legislature on taxes not paid before April 1 are invalid and granted the restraining order prayed for by Roger B. Sinnott against Tax Collector Lewis enjoining the latter from collecting the penalties. Judge Cleeton held that taxes do not become delinquent under the law until September 1 and that penalties can be collected only on delinquent taxes.

Tax Collector Lewis said after the decision that he deemed the only possible mode of procedure would be to take an appeal and on request from him the county commissioners appointed Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a meeting at which future action will be determined.

To this meeting all elective officers will be invited, also Governor West and the members of the state tax commission. The state officers are included because the decision is expected to throw the entire state in a turmoil regarding what method to pursue as to tax collections.

Under the terms of the injunction penalties can be collected on no taxes whether the first half before April 1 or not. Sinnott asked only that penalties on deferred half payments be stopped, but Judge Cleeton went further and declared invalid the entire provision as to penalties on taxes unpaid prior to April 1.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 24.—Advised that Judge Cleeton has granted an injunction restraining the county officials of Multnomah county from imposing a penalty on taxes not paid by April 1 in the suit brought by R. B. Sinnott, Chairman Charles V. Galloway of the state tax commission said he would endeavor to get a meeting of the tax commission this afternoon or tomorrow to decide what action should be taken regarding the collection of taxes in other counties or whether the commission shall take some action to have the case in Multnomah county carried to the supreme court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24.—The contract for the construction of the East Side public dock at a cost of \$299,447 was awarded by the public dock commission today to Guthrie, McDougall and company. The dock is to be built between East Washington and Oak streets, and work is expected to begin about April 10.

CABINET WINS;
CRISIS OVER IN
HOME RULE FIGHT

Government and Ireland Appear Victorious After a Life and Death Battle—All Misunderstandings Swept Away—Bill to Be Passed.

Army Officers Go Back to Posts—Unionists Claim Government's Hand Forced.

LONDON, March 24.—John Redmond stated here tonight that the nationalist party will insist on the passage of the Ireland home rule bill. His announcement forecasts further disturbances in Ulster and bitter parliamentary fights.

Redmond's statement followed reports that Premier Asquith might dissolve parliament even before the measure could be passed.

LONDON, March 24.—The crisis in the home rule for Ireland fight was over today.

As matters stood, the government and Ireland appeared victorious after a life and death battle between three parties—the king, the cabinet and the opposition. The exact part King George played in the momentous affair was not discovered, but it was generally believed that he forced the cabinet to placate recalcitrant army officers.

Official statements issued today declared that all misunderstandings had been swept away. The home rule bill, it was said, will be put in force just as Premier Asquith and the cabinet intended it should.

Army Officers Return
Following a conference in London with government officials, General Gough, Colonel McEwan and Colonel Parker returned to their regiments today with the assurance, it was generally understood, that they would not be compelled to fight against the Ulstermen. Many considered this a distinct surrender by the government and Ulstermen were jubilant.

The Unionists today flatly charged the government with making a scapegoat of the commanding general, Sir Arthur Paget, for their "own colossal blunder." Prior to their departure for Ireland, Gough, McEwan and Parker said all misunderstanding had been cleared away and that they were entirely satisfied with the result of their visit. Premier Asquith also expressed satisfaction over the outcome and he also declared that the defection of the army officers who refused to serve in Ulster was due to a misunderstanding and that "it was a closed incident now."

Unionists Triumphant
Unionists insisted that the army has checkmated the government and that the covenants of Ulster have won their fight. To the outsider it appeared as if the future of the home rule bill was still wrapped in dark clouds, but government officials insisted the bill would be sent through as the cabinet wished.

Caustic comment over the entire affair was voice editorially today by London newspapers.

FINDS ANTIDOTE FOR
BICHLORIDE POISON

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 24.—Dr. V. C. Thomas announced today that he had discovered iodide of potassium and albumen will save the lives of persons who have swallowed bichloride of mercury, if administered without too much delay. The antidote, he said, changes the mercury bichloride into iodide of mercury, only one-eighth as potent.