

MEXICAN REBELS CAPTURE TORREON AND PREPARE TO ATTACK MONTEREY

TWO BRIGADES OF REBELS OFF FOR MONTEREY

Urbina and Herrera Already on the Way—Railroads Cut in Every Direction and Federal Assistance Impossible—Federals in Full Flight.

Rebel Losses Placed at 1500 Wounded and 500 Killed—Federals Lose 1000 Killed.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Special Agent Carothers of the state department telegraphed officially to Secretary Bryan from Torreon itself that the rebels were victorious. The dispatch was dated last night, and said the federals were routed after eleven days' fighting, but gave no other details, explaining that the crowded condition of the wires made impossible an extended report.

JUAREZ, Mex., April 3.—The brigades of Rebel Generals Urbina and Herrera were already on their way today from Torreon to Monterey and Saltillo, according to a Torreon message received here. It was not believed they would attack, however, until a fresh supply of ammunition reaches them. The rebel commander ridiculed reports that fresh forces of federals were converging upon the city. The railroads were cut in every direction, he said, and his scouts were alert fifty miles out. He declared he would be sure to know it if any considerable federal detachment were nearer than that.

Killing Rebel Wounded
The rebels accused the federals of killing rebel prisoners and wounded. At Gomez Palacio, following the first attack, which the federals succeeded in beating off, they asserted there was a veritable massacre. They were compelled to leave many wounded on the field, and when they finally took the position they found all these had been butchered, as well as 200 or 300 prisoners. General Carranza, announcing the capture of Torreon, was as follows:

Villa's Message
"At this moment the remnants of the federals are leaving Torreon in flight, after eleven days of terrific fighting, in which we lost 1500 wounded and 500 killed, and the federals, judging from the enormous number of bodies burned, must have had more than 1000 killed. Their number of wounded I am unable to estimate. "Our forces have full possession of Torreon. "I regret to announce that among the wounded were Generals Yzabel Robles and Calisto Contreras. "I congratulate and salute you with the respect and esteem I have had for you always."

SUFFRAGETTES FIRE OLD IRISH CASTLE

LONDON, April 3.—Militant suffragettes last night set fire to Lieburn Castle, in Antrim, Ireland. The flames were extinguished and it was said today the damage was not serious. It was admitted at the home office that Mary Richardson, who mutilated Velasquez, Rokeby Venus in the national museum, was being fed forcibly in prison to keep her from starving herself to death.

SURVIVORS OF NEWFOUNDLAND CAUGHT IN ICE

Belle Venture With 58 Dead and 35 Survivors of Sealer Wirelessly That It Is Fast in Ice of Cape Bonavista.

Other Vessels With Other Survivors—Most of Those Rescued Severely Frozen—Vessel Itself Escaped.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 3.—With 58 of the steam sealer Newfoundland's dead and 25 survivors from the same boat on board the sealer Belle Venture wirelessly at noon today that it was fast in the ice off Cape Bonavista. The ship, a powerful one, was bucking the floes and the Captain said he hoped to make port by Sunday. It was added that many of the survivors were in a serious condition from exposure. Hundreds of relatives of the seal hunters had gathered here, anxiously awaiting news.

The Stephanoa was said to have one corpse and two living men on board, and the Florizel five dead. This left nineteen unaccounted for, as, as stated, 120 of the Newfoundland's company were seal hunting on the ice when the blizzard struck the fleet.

It was stated in several wireless messages that most of the survivors were severely frozen and preparations were being made to care for them in the local hospitals. Last night's advices left no doubt that the Newfoundland, with Captain Wesley Kean and 29 of his men on board, weathered the storm, though unable to pick up the hunters who were on the ice when it broke.

ONLY ANOTHER OF VILLA'S LIES—BLANQUET

MEXICO CITY, April 3.—People here did not know today that Torreon had fallen. President Huerta has forbidden publication of news from the front. The city was quiet. "It's only another of Villa's lies," said War Minister Blanquet when shown dispatches saying definitely that Torreon was in the rebels' hands. "The federals still hold the town, and the battle there is over. "We are fighting the constitution-alists now in other places nearby."

POULTRY AND BUTTER SHIPPED BY MAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 3.—Postmaster General Barleson's recent order permitting the shipment of fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry and dairy products direct to the consumer by parcel post went into effect today in San Francisco and a number of other trade centers. This system, it was believed, will reduce the high cost of living by eliminating the middleman. If the experiment proves successful it will be extended throughout the entire country.

TWO CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF PASSING COUNTERFEITS

PORTLAND, Or., April 3.—Berthold Strauss and Henry Sandaul, arrested in San Francisco, last November, charged with passing counterfeit \$5 gold pieces, were found guilty in the federal court today on one of two counts. They were acquitted on the other. Judge Bean will sentence them tomorrow.

BUILDINGS DESTROYED DURING ATTACK ON TORREON



BUILDINGS BURNED IN TORREON



HOTEL SALVADORE

After resting his cavalry and infantry for nearly twelve hours, General Francisco Villa reopened the attack on Torreon from the north. In the interim artillery kept up a steady fire on the city, while the brigades of Benavides and Herrera, which are actually in the city, have been fighting in the streets of the business section at the eastern and northern ends of the town. They have driven the federals to the southwestern portion of the city, where they are bottled up. The loss of life has been enormous—heavier, it is said, than in any other battle fought in a Mexican revolution. Many buildings in Torreon have been burned, including the Salvadore and the Julian Lack Building, which houses the largest department store in the city.

STONE FILES AT SALEM FOR REPRESENTATIVE

SALEM, Or., April 3.—M. E. Miller of St. Helen's has entered the race for the republican nomination for state labor commissioner by filing his declaration today. His slogan is "Reduce expenses; encourage home industries; no class; no faction; absolutely independent." D. W. Stone of Central Point, republican, filed as a candidate for representative in Jackson county. Secretary of State Olett today issued a warning to all candidates who will be filing their nominating petitions between now and April 10 to be careful about having the petitions comply with the law or the candidates may lose out in the final rush to get on the ballot.

MISSOURI PACIFIC MARKET WEAK SPOT

NEW YORK, April 3.—Missouri Pacific was the weak spot at the stock market's opening today, dropping 1/4 on account of the plan to bring the Gould roads under control of the Rockefeller interests. Otherwise the market was firm, most of the changes being upward. Goodrich rose 1. Railroad stocks fell off later, in spite of a good report of March carloadings by western roads, and the market as a whole again declined. Bonds were irregular. Rock Island collaterals were off to 33 1/4. The market closed dull.

TAMPICO'S FALL TO REBELS NEAR ASSERTS FLETCHER

WASHINGTON, April 3.—An intimation that Tampico's capture by the rebels seemed near was telegraphed to the navy department today by Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz. They were surrounding the city, he said, and reports were current that the federals might give up without a fight. Smallpox was raging in the town, he added.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 3.—Jimmy Grant, a Chicago pugilist, died here today from a beating received Tuesday in a ten-round bout with "Knockout" Eggers. Grant was knocked out and never recovered consciousness. Eggers was arrested.

RAILROADS FACING DIREST DISASTER

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The interstate commerce commission decided late in the day to permit additional railroad witnesses to testify, and W. F. Maxwell, general manager of the Wabash railroad, was called. He declared that unless freight rates were reorganized the railroads in the Central Freight association would be unable to remain out of the hands of receivers. Maxwell declared a five per cent increase would help, but would not meet the situation. Permanent relief, he said, could only be obtained by a readjustment which would bring the rates in the central territory to a level with those prevailing elsewhere.

Will Vawter left Thursday to visit friends in Eugene for a few days.

KEEPS SECRET OF HIS IDENTITY UPON SCAFFOLD

Thomas Green, Murderer of William A. Bowles, Cashier of Bank at Blythe, Cal., Pays Final Penalty—Dies Without Sign of Fear.

Will Not Tell Real Name—Says Parents Good People and Must Remain in Ignorance of His End.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 3.—Thomas Green, murderer of William A. Bowles, cashier of a bank at Blythe, Cal., went to his death on the scaffold in the state penitentiary here at 1 o'clock today. He died without a sign of fear. Green, in company with Paul Case, attempted to rob the Blythe bank and when Bowles tried to escape and sound an alarm, shot and killed him. Green mounted the scaffold at exactly 10 o'clock. Before the blackcap was adjusted he asked for Warden Johnston and thanked him for his kind treatment. Asked if he wished to reveal his true name, Green said:

Parents Good People
"I will not tell my real name. My mother and father are good people. They raised me properly and gave me every advantage. "I want to go to my death with my identity still unknown. My aged parents know nothing of this affair, and now I know they never will. I brought this thing on myself. Of course I am sorry that I killed the cashier of that bank. I fired before I knew what I was doing. I am ready to take my medicine and the quicker you get this thing over now the better satisfied I will be."

Neck Broken by Fall
The trap was sprung at 10:05 o'clock and the body was cut down 17 minutes later. The neck was broken. After the execution Warden Johnston said: "Green went to his death like a man. He showed no sign of fear and walked unassisted from the death house to the scaffold. He seemed anxious to get it over as quickly as possible and the execution as carried through without a hitch."

MILITANT TRIES TO REACH PREMIER ASQUITH

NEWCASTLE, Eng., April 3.—A suffragette attempted today to reach Premier Asquith in the train on which he was traveling to East Fife. She struggled furiously when the police interfered, and after a hard tussle was carried away unconscious.

GLASGOW, April 3.—Suffragettes today tried to blow up Belmont church here. Though they exploded three bombs under it, not much damage was done.

SLUGGER INDICTED WITH TRACTION CHIEF

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 3.—David Masterson, confessed slugging and gunman, and T. F. Grover, general manager of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction company, were jointly indicted here today on a charge of invading the rooms of Joseph Colgan, an international organizer of the Carmen's union, and removing books, papers and correspondence. Union leaders here charge Grover sought to get possession of the union's charter and roll book.

ARNOLD BECKER, MINE ENGINEER, KILLS HIMSELF

Well-Known Operator of Althouse Placer Shoots Himself at Holland, While Suffering From Ill-Health—Was Austrian Nobleman.

One of Consulting Engineers for Croton Aqueduct, New York—Left Notes to Friends and Relatives.

Arnold Becker, in whose veins flowed royal blood, and who was one of the consulting engineers in the construction of the Croton aqueduct that supplies New York City with water, committed suicide at Holland Thursday evening about 6 o'clock by shooting himself with a .32-caliber revolver in the left temple. Death was instantaneous. Broken health and business worries, undervaluing his mind, are given as reasons for the rash act. He had suffered from neurasthenia for years and had a nurse in charge of him at the mine. Dr. R. J. Conroy was summoned from this city and made the trip in an auto driven by Seely Hall. A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict of suicide returned. The body will be shipped to New York, where his family resides. Notes to business associates and relatives, found afterwards, briefly told of his grim intention, and bade them farewell. He was well known in this city and Grants Pass and made the Medford hotel his headquarters.

Becker was an Austrian nobleman, born in the Austrian consulate in Washington forty-three years ago. His Austrian title and name was Baron Arnold Becker von Rosenfeldt. He was educated at Berkeley, Cal., and at Harvard, and had attained national prominence as a mining and civil engineer.

He had recently organized the Althouse Placer company, and a Bucyrus excavator, the most extensive equipment on a Southern Oregon placer holding, had just been put into successful operation, and was handling 10,000 yards of gravel per day. Injunction proceedings instituted against the turning of the water of Althouse creek into Democrat gulch by the Becker company in its mining operations worried Becker and aggravated his nervous condition, his associates allege.

WEST REFUSES TO SEND COOPER BACK
SALEM, Or., April 3.—Governor West today decided not to honor the requisition issued by Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota for McClain S. Cooper, whose case was aired in Portland recently at a hearing held by Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's secretary. Cooper was arrested at Hood River, Ore., charged with jury bribing in North Dakota in connection with his trial and acquittal on the charge of murdering James Ross.

SEEKS REGULATION OF ALASKA FISHERIES

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Delegate James Wickersham of Alaska told the house committee on territories today that the world's salmon supply would be ruined if methods now prevailing in Alaska were extended to the Pacific coast and other districts. He advocated a bill regulating fisheries. Secretary Redfield wishes to send E. L. Jones to Alaska to investigate the industry before any legislation is framed.

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