

VELASCO WITH DEFEATED ARMY ELUDES REBELS

Defeated Federals Reach Viesca, 45 Miles From Torreon—Half Dozen Rebel Successes Reported to General Carranza.

Part of Tampico Secured by Constitutionalists—San Louis Potosi and Monterey Invested.

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 8.—Rebel successes at half a dozen important points were reported in official messages received today by General Carranza today.

Part of the city of Tampico was already in the rebels' hands, it was stated. Troops under General Caballero were said to have made the capture at 11 a. m. yesterday, following a 12 hours' battle, during which the rebels took the suburbs of Dona Cecilia and Escuela Delmonte, commanding the entrance to the harbor. Carranza's messages said it was expected Tampico itself would be completely occupied within a few hours.

San Louis Potosi, it was stated, in another despatch, was surrounded and the rebels were awaiting the order to attack. Monterey, too, was said to be completely invested.

The federals under Generals Maas and Moore, who hovered persistently around Torreon while it was resisting the rebel attack, trying to break through the constitutionalist line and relieve the besieged federal garrison, had finally been engaged by the rebels, it was announced, at San Pedro Colonias, 68 miles east of Torreon. No details were given.

It was admitted that General Velasco, with the survivors of the Torreon federal garrison, had succeeded in eluding the rebels, and was at Viesca, 45 miles east of Torreon.

Torreon Spaniards, expelled by General Villa being arriving here today, penniless and hungry. Fellow countrymen and business men of El Paso took the refugees in, and were raising a fund for them.

WEST DEFENDS CONSERVATION AT GOVERNORS' MEET

DENVER, Colo., April 18.—Governor Ernest Lister of Washington voiced strong opposition to the anti-conservation program advocated by Governor Ammons of Colorado at today's session of the conference of western governors. As a result the governors adopted the Lister committee's report that no anti-conservation sentiments be shown, pending action on national legislation for leasing coal and oil lands, and until it had been fully discussed at the governors' and irrigation conferences.

Henry J. Pierce, a promoter of Washington state, was granted an opportunity to plead against conservation. He urged the limitation of government regulation and more definite stipulations regarding "water-power" contracts. Governor West of Oregon defended conservation as a means of preventing monopoly.

Governor J. F. A. Strong of Alaska sent his regrets at being unable to attend the conference in a telegram received today. Governor F. M. Byrne of South Dakota arrived this afternoon.

\$2000 WEDDING GOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mrs. Blanche Gregg Laux is suing the Bekins Storage company for approximately \$2,000 because a warehouse fire destroyed her wedding gown, which she had promised to the first of her nieces to marry.

CARRANZA REFUSES AMERICAN REQUEST FOR PROTECTION SPANIARDS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The state department announced today that General Carranza had refused an unofficial request, made by the department's representative at Juarez, for the protection of Spaniards in Mexico or the cancellation of General Villa's order expelling them. Carranza said he could not interfere with Villa's orders.

SHARP FIGHTING AT TAMPICO SAYS ADMIRAL FLETCHER

WASHINGTON, April 8.—"Sharp fighting continued all of Tuesday at Tampico," said a wireless message received by the navy department today from Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz, "and the federal gunboat Vera Cruz kept firing throughout the night. At nightfall the federals had been driven back into the town.

"Admiral Mayo does not believe this is a serious attack on Tampico, as nothing indicated that the rebels had artillery, but I am informed that they expect it soon.

"There was some alarm in the town, and Mayo brought American women and children in from the outskirts. Some noncombatants were injured.

"The Cincinnati, Dolphin, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Chester and San Francisco are at the scene and able to cope with any situation. The German cruiser Dresden has also arrived there, and Admiral Craddock, the British commander, will leave for there today on the Essex."

ANTI-TRUST PROGRAM LAUNCHED ON MAY 1

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Democratic leaders were planning today to launch the proposed anti-trust program May 1, beginning with the trade commission bill. It was believed that the anti-trust bill and the rural credits bill could be enacted within three months. To carry out the program, it was believed the house would decide to hold night sessions.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION RESUMES ITS HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The federal industrial commission resumed its hearings here today with the testimony of several garment workers. The hearings will close tomorrow, when President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor will testify.

REBELS UNDER OBREGON OF CALUMET PRESIDENT

EL PASO, Texas, April 8.—Heavy fighting was reported in Mexican constitutionalist circles here today to be going on at Mazatlan. It was said the rebels, under General Obregon, were pressing a hot attack.

SURGEONS TO OPERATE UPON KING OF SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, April 8.—His doctors decided today to operate on King Gustav tomorrow. He was growing weaker and suffered great pain. Physicians said they thought he had a stomach tumor.

WILSON FAVORS LOCAL OPTION NOT PROHIBITION

Recent Order Against Intoxicants on Warship and Naval Stations Not an Indorsement of Prohibition, Asserts Secretary Daniels.

Order Makes a Hit With Sailors Who Objected to Discrimination in Favor of Officers.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels was at pains today to tell visitors that the order against intoxicants on American warships or in naval shore stations was not taken as committing the administration to a prohibition stand. It was simply to promote efficiency, he said, and to some extent in the interests of fairness, since if the enlisted men are not allowed to drink, it did not seem right that the officers should be allowed to do so.

Friends of President Wilson quoted a letter which he wrote, while governor of New Jersey, as illustrative of his views on the liquor question. "I am in favor of local option," said this letter. "I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and believe that every self-governing community should have the right to control that matter of the regulation of the withholding of licenses.

"The questions involved are social and moral, and not susceptible of being made parts of a party program. Whenever they have been made the subject matter of party contests they have cut the lines of party organization and party atwart to the utter confusion of political action in every other field. They have thrown every other question, however important, into the background and have made constructive party action impossible for long years together."

Investigation developed that, while Secretary Daniels' order was a long way from being satisfactory to a majority of naval officers, it had made a tremendous hit with the enlisted men. The latter, it became evident, have long resented, not so much the denial of intoxicants to themselves, but the fact that the officers were allowed to use them while to the rank and file they were strictly barred.

AIRCRAFT USED IN LOCATING WRECKED SHIP

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., April 8.—Aircraft was used, probably for the first time, here today in locating a ship in distress at sea. Clifford Webster and Sterling Burgess in an aeroplane answered a call for assistance and located the steamer Coastwise, en route for Norfolk, which had become lost in a thick fog. The aviators guided a lifesaving launch to the vessel, which also was hampered by engine trouble, the damage was repaired and the Coastwise proceeded on its way.

ASQUITH RETURNED TO PARLIAMENT FROM FIFE

CUPAR, East Fife, Scotland, April 8.—No candidate opposing him, Premier Asquith was returned to parliament automatically here today. He will immediately resume the Irish home rule fight in the house of commons.

WILSON FAMILY GO TO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—President Wilson and the members of his family planned today to leave Washington tomorrow for White Sulphur Springs, Va., on an Easter vacation. The president will return Monday.

YOUNG JEWISH GIRL CRUCIFIED TO CROSS BY RUSSIAN ZEALOTS

BERLIN, April 8.—That three young Russians had mistreated and then crucified a Jewish girl, the daughter of a poor fisherman of Stavropol, on the Volga river, was stated in a St. Petersburg despatch received here today.

The girl was nailed to the cross over a grave in the local cemetery, and the message, nails being driven through her hands and feet and into her eyes. The trio was arrested but friends released them and they escaped.

OLIVER DEFEATS BANKHEAD AS HOBSON'S CHOICE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 8.—Returns were still coming in today on the primary vote for the senatorial toga sought both by Congressman Oscar W. Underwood, democratic floor leader in the house, and Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, whose chief campaign cry was "national prohibition." While exact figures were unobtainable, it was clear that Underwood's majority would be very large, probably running well over 20,000.

In Underwood's district it seemed unlikely that any candidate had a majority of the votes for the seat he will vacate in the lower house, and it was expected a "run-off" primary would be necessary.

As Hobson's successor, William Oliver defeated William Bankhead by a safe majority.

SIR LIONEL GARDEN SAILS FOR AMERICA

SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 8.—Sir Lionel Garden, British minister to Mexico, sailed on the Olympic today for New York on his way back to his post. It was understood, however, that his stay in Mexico City would be brief, and that he was slated for transfer to Brazil. The change was understood to have been considered desirable on account of the obvious fact that his Mexican views have from the first been in conflict with the policies of the present Washington administration. The belief was that he was allowed to go back to Mexico temporarily to "save his face."

MILITANT GENERAL FINED AND RELEASED

LONDON, April 8.—"General" Flora Drummond, in court again today for an act of suffragette militancy, tried to repeat her yesterday's performance of screaming so loudly and persistently as to force an adjournment because the proceedings were drowned out. She failed, however. Hoarse from her vocal exertions of yesterday, she was compelled at length to stop for breath. Instantly, the judge, who had been awaiting just such an opportunity, fined her the British equivalent of \$10. This she paid and was released.

BENCH WARRANT ISSUED FOR SIEGEL

NEW YORK, April 8.—As a result of their failure to appear in his court and plead to indictments charging violation of banking laws, bench warrants were issued here today for Henry Siegel and Frank Vogel, stockholders in the Siegel Stern corporation, by Judge Mulqueen.

COLUMBIA GETS \$25,000,000 FOR PANAMA'S LOSS

News of Conclusion of Treaty With United States of Colombia Settling Old Scores Received With Satisfaction by Administration.

Amicable Relations Between Bogota and Washington Restored After Years of Ill-Feeling and Discord.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Great satisfaction was expressed today in administration circles at the conclusion of the treaty by which Columbia will receive \$25,000,000 from the United States for the loss of Panama.

Earlier accounts were that the United States was given the right to dig another inter-oceanic canal through Columbia, together with a coaling station on the Colombian coast. This was denied today. It was clear, however, that the southern republic had received what it considered satisfaction and that amicable relations between the Washington and Bogota governments had been restored.

Columbia was said originally to have insisted on free passage for its shipping through the Panama canal, but it yielded this contention as soon as it was learned that President Wilson opposed exemption of American shipping from tolls.

United States Minister T. A. Thompson and representatives of the Colombian government concluded the treaty at Bogota yesterday.

MANY ERRORS IN CANDIDATES' PETITIONS

SALEM, Or., April 8.—With many errors showing up in the completed petitions presented for filing by various candidates, it now looks as though a number of candidates would be shut out of the primaries by waiting until the last day to file their petitions and, finding errors in them, will not have time to make corrections.

Secretary of State Oleott pointed out today that only about 125 out of over 250 candidates who have filed declarations have filed their completed petitions. The time for filing completed petitions ends at 5 o'clock next Friday afternoon. He says under the law all petitions which are not correctly filed by that hour cannot be accepted.

ONCE WEALTHY FORGER PUT ON PROBATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 8.—J. P. Hutchinson, aged 70, was arraigned here today before Superior Judge Lawlor on a charge of forgery. The court put Hutchinson on probation for five years.

The evidence showed that Hutchinson made a fortune of \$750,000 in the gold fields of Nevada and lost it in speculation in Wall Street. He was accused of cashing a worthless draft for \$150 in Goldfield last November. Judge Lawlor said he believed Hutchinson's mind was probably affected by the quick change in his financial condition and ordered that he be put on probation.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN LEAPS INTO NIAGARA

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 8.—An unidentified woman committed suicide in the Niagara river, near Third Sister island today. Reservation Officer Martin pulled her out of the water once, but she leaped in again and this time resisted his efforts, although he caught her clothing with a pike pole. She braced herself against the rocky bottom until she lost consciousness. Efforts at resuscitation failed.

MEXICANS' CROSSED RIO GRANDE IN RAID UPON AMERICAN TOWN

AUSTIN, Tex., April 8.—Governor Colquitt received word today from Madero that 60 armed Mexicans crossed the Rio Grande yesterday, swooped down on the town, "shot it up," terrorized the citizens, sacked the stores and then fled back to the Mexican side. The governor did not intimate what he would do.

TEN SENATORS TO PRESENT ARGUMENTS UPON CANAL TOLLS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—That ten United States senators who have offered resolutions and bills on the subject of Panama canal tolls will appear here tomorrow before the senate inter-oceanic canal committee was announced today by Senator O'Gorman of New York, chairman of the committee. He said that Secretary of State Bryan and former Secretary Knox and a number of others, including Joseph H. Choate, probably would be requested to appear.

Answers to requests for hearings on the matter from the Pacific coast along with invitations to testimony, were telegraphed this afternoon to the following:

The Seattle chamber of commerce, the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association of Seattle, the Polson Implement company of Seattle, the Aberdeen chamber of commerce, the commercial clubs of South Bend, Rainier, Raymond and Centralia, Wash.; the chamber of commerce of Astoria, the commercial club of Silverton; George Savage, president of the Tacoma chamber of commerce; William H. Wheeler of San Francisco; L. A. Lewis of Portland and Mayor Little of Raymond, Wash.

CANADIAN PACIFIC SLUMPS IN MARKET

NEW YORK, April 8.—A slump in Canadian Pacific was the feature of early trading in stocks today. This stock fell 5 1/2 points and Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie lost five points. The general list also was heavy. Business was large. Later there was a recovery as the result of the Lackawanna's victory in the anti-trust suit. Reading and Lehigh each moved up about a point. Still later most of the opening losses were partially retrieved. Canadian Pacific rallying a point.

Bonds were steady. The market closed steady.

POSTPONE APPEARANCE OF CALUMET PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The scheduled appearance today of Quincy Shaw, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, before the house sub-committee which is investigating the Michigan copper strike, has been postponed. Chairman Taylor said the committee was too busy with other phases of the investigation to hear Shaw at this time.

LA FOLLETTE'S SEAMAN BILL NOT TO PASS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Both friends and opponents of the La Follette seaman's bill admitted today that the measure was not likely to become a law at this session of congress. Its fate even next winter was considered doubtful.

SWITCH ROAD WORK TO NORTH END OF VALLEY

State Highway Engineer Bowby Plans Construction of Central Point-Gold Hill Section Instead of Barron-Ashland Stretch at Once.

State to Pay for All Road and Paving Machinery Used, as Well as Engineering Expense Incurred.

The improvement of the Pacific highway from Central Point to Gold Hill, instead of the immediate improvement of the stretch connecting the Siskiyou grade with Ashland was forecasted by State Highway Engineer Bowby upon his return to Portland Tuesday evening after two days spent in the valley. He said:

"The action of the county court in holding up the highway construction at either side of Ashland, until the people of that city furnish the county with right-of-way, meets with the state highway commission's approval and paving operations will be stopped this side of the Billings farm. Instead of connecting up the new grade with Ashland, on account of the threatened injunctions and lawsuits, we shall probably proceed with the Central Point-Gold Hill improvements. The difference between the north and south ends of the valley is that in the north the fight is to secure the highway and in the south the fight is against it. The farmers of the north end appreciate the value of a paved road near their place, without cost to themselves.

"The paying of the Central Point road is progressing satisfactorily. The cost during the initial portion, the period of organization, has of course been heaviest, but the pavement so far laid has not cost over \$1.25 per square yard, and this will be reduced to below \$1.10 possibly \$1 for the entire stretch.

"The state, in addition to paying all engineering expenses on the Pacific highway, will pay for all the machinery used, refunding to the county the money so expended. Thus at the conclusion of the work, the state will have a complete equipment for road building."

The Central Point authorities, for some unknown reason, shut off the water supply from the paving gang Wednesday morning, and had it not been for the rain, the necessary sprinkling of the new concrete would have been impossible. The supply is metered and paid for as used and was turned on after a visit of protest by Engineer Kittridge.

WARSHIPS RESCUE TAMPICO REFUGEES OIL TANKS BURN

VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 8.—Furious fighting between federals and rebels was in progress today at Tampico, according to messages from Admiral Mayo, the American naval commander there.

Much damage was being done by the federal artillery fire to property in the suburbs, where the rebels had gained a foothold.

The United States warships took off many foreigners last night and were taking off more today. The refugees were being cared for on the warships, but the accommodations for them and Mayo asked that a transport be sent to take them on board.

Shells from the gunboat of the federal's Progresso, stationed in Tamisi river, had set fire to the Pierce oil tanks in the outskirts of town, and they were burning. The refinery at Dona Cecilia and fifty freight cars in its vicinity were also destroyed.

WILLIAM A. SCRIPPS, MILLIONAIRE, IS DYING

PASADENA, Cal., April 8.—William A. Scripps, millionaire, believed to be suffering from pneumonia and heart disease, is reported in a serious condition at his home here today.