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SLAUGHTER IS ON IN TORREON AT CLOSE RANGE

Federal Garrison Desperately Trying to Hold Back Villa's Men and Thousands Said to Have Been Slain Since Battle Started--Terrible Fire Tearing Town into Pieces--Villa Believed to Have Upper Hand and Decisive Battle of Mexican War is Nearing End--Attack on Tampico on and Desperate Effort being Made to Capture It.

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 28.—(4 a. m.)—Torreón's federal garrison was still fighting at this hour. The rebels were in the town, however, and all night long the battle raged in the streets. From the house tops the federals poured a murderous rifle and machine gun fire upon the rebels below. There was a constant smashing of barricaded windows and doors as the rebels forced their way into the houses to get at those who were raking them from the roofs.

Much of the town was on fire. Villa estimated the rebels' dead at 350 and the federals at more than 300. One Thousand Dead. Mexico City, March 28.—A battle between federals and rebels started at Tampico at midnight, according to messages received here today. It was estimated that in the past few days fighting in various places 1,000 have been killed, not counting the dead at Torreón.

TRIAL OF KOETTERS NEAR CLOSE AND STATE HAS INNING

Chicago, March 28.—The defense rested at noon today in the trial here on "Hardsome Jack" Goetters, accused of killing Mrs. Emma Kraft at the Saratoga hotel a year ago. The state expected to occupy the afternoon with testimony in rebuttal of the defense's evidence. Goetters himself was the last witness on the stand in his own behalf. His cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Malms was one of the most savage ever heard in a Chicago courtroom.

PLAINTIVE WAIL FROM MAN WHO IS DOWN ON LIST AS PROHIBITED

A pathetic case came to light this morning. It was that of a democratic candidate for the legislature, but from where we refuse to say. He wrote the secretary of state saying that he would have to withdraw from the race for the legislature for the reason that early last spring he registered as a prohi and thinking the registration had been set aside he later registered as a democrat, and then filed his petition for nomination for the legislature as a democrat, then he plaintively said: "I registered as a prohi, but then later I registered as a democrat and I cannot run as a democrat for the clerk tells me I am a prohi. I thought I was a democrat but I am only a prohi. I thank you for all the trouble I have made you but I cannot run and I must withdraw for I am only a prohi. I thought I was a democrat when I filed but I find I am a prohi and so I cannot run."

INCOME OF BETWEEN 15 AND 20 PER CENT FOR WATER FIRM

The case of the city of Salem against the Salem Water company is nearing an end so far as the taking of testimony is concerned and unless the defendant company has some considerable evidence in rebuttal it is possible the case will be finished tonight. Captain T. C. Davies was in the stand this afternoon for the purpose of showing the charges for water in other places and the relation of charges to rates. It was also shown by the company's books that the annual gross income is about \$72,000. Calculated on a basis of \$480,000, the company's valuation of its property, this would be an income of 15 per cent, and figured on the estimate made by the commission's engineer, \$359,480, it would be at the rate of a little more than 20 per cent per annum. Of course this does not allow for operating expenses, but these were unable to get. They will be available before the case is completed. It is probable this would reduce the interest about one-fourth, or to about 11 per cent on the company's basis and about 15 per cent on the railroad engineer's basis.

Among contrary men is the chap who would refuse to take whiskey if the doctor prescribed it.

OVER \$300 SECURED IN SALEM THIS YEAR FOR INDUSTRIAL FAIR

From \$1 to \$25 Given Toward Cause by Individuals of Capital City.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

Those Who Extend Substantial Aid Toward Enterprise of Much Importance to Children.

- With 4,363 school children already enrolled in the garden clubs throughout the state and others joining at the rate of 150 a day as the spring urges a "Back to the Soil" movement, an added impetus has been given the workers soliciting funds for prizes. In Salem alone where the canvass was completed last evening by Mrs. C. H. Pickett, over \$300 was contributed in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$25, but because many contributed from small purses at a sacrifice greater than that felt by the donors of larger amounts, Superintendent Smith, in charge of the work has made public only the names and not the amounts contributed by individuals in the following list: Fletcher & Byrd, Bullock Studio, Trover & Weigel, C. F. Ruef, U. G. Shipley Co., Salem Bank & Trust Co., Mrs. Enos Pressnell, Roth Grocery Co., Crown Drug Co., C. J. Pomeroy, Smith & Burdick, McNeil Sisters, E. L. Stiff & Son, Gibson Millinery, T. J. Cronise, W. W. Zinn, N. P. Elliott, Chas. K. Spaulding Logging Co., Beetz Fur Co., Wade Pierce Co., The Variety Store, Parker Studio, Needlecraft Shop, A. C. Devoe, Jacob A. Rice, Watt Shipp Co., Josse & Moore, W. J. Porter, H. W. & M. L. Meyers, E. T. Barnes, Rostein & Greenbaum, Ray L. Farmer, J. L. Stockton, George C. Will, Patton Brothers, A. A. Manning & Son, George W. Weeks, J. C. Parry, Portland Flouring Mills Co., Capital Journal Publishing Co., Salem Lumber Co., Barr Jewelry Store, Mrs. F. A. Smith, Quaker Nursery, Mr. Lansing, Fair Grounds Store, H. Doe & Son, The Price Shoe Store, The Hob Nob, The new Needlecraft, Mr. George Smith, Melwood Grocery, Falls City Lumber Co., Foster & Baker, J. W. Johnson & Co., A. H. Moore, Steusloff Bros., Jacob Vogt, C. H. Jones, The Toggery, W. J. Jenks, W. H. Loose, Ward K. Richardson, Mrs. A. Shinn, J. D. Waring, F. E. Shafer, Red Cross Pharmacy, LeBlair & Co., Grocery, R. P. Peters, music, Caley Bros. furniture, J. W. Gairard, U. S. National Bank, Yokohama Tea Store, C. M. Lockwood, J. B. Cooley, Mrs. L. G. Curtis, T. J. Buford, Spencer Hardware, Relhart Shoe Store, Willamette Hardware Co., Salem Hardware Co., Salem Woolen Mill Store, Ladd & Bush bank, D. A. White & Sons, P. B. Fleming, The Frame Shop, R. Gilbert, prop., Horticulture Fire Relief Co.

TEACHER IS MURDERED AND EXPELLED PUPIL IS ACCUSED OF CRIME

Believed Slayer Attempted to Tie Girl and When He Failed Slew Her.

GIAMMI SEEN WITH HER

Reported He Had Threatened to Get Even with Her, After Being Expelled from School.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Little Falls, N. Y., March 28.—Lydie Beecher, aged 21 years, a school teacher, was found murdered in a clump of bushes today on the roadside near Poland. She left her boarding house last night to mail a letter to her home at Kennett N. Y. A youth named Giammi was seen talking with Miss Beecher last night and he was taken into custody today. It is believed the girl was murdered on the highway and her body dragged into the bushes. The body was frightfully cut and there were several stab wounds about the head and face. Miss Beecher recently expelled Giammi from school and it is reported that he had threatened to get even. Later information indicated that an attempt had been made to assault the teacher and that she was slain when she resisted. A rope and a club were found near the body. It was believed the slayer attempted to tie the girl and when he failed, struck her on the head with a club.

United States Army Still Talks About Koehler Case



At right, Colonel Kirby. Left, Major Koehler. Lower picture, fort where trial was held.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New London, Conn., March 28.—United States army circles are deeply stirred by the court martial recently of Major Benjamin M. Koehler of the coast artillery, located at Fort Terry, New London, Conn. He was charged with grave offenses, but alleged that the attack upon his character was a conspiracy by officers who had long had a feud with his family. The trial was conducted behind closed doors at the library of the fort.

Says Republicans Will Get Control as Result of Split

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 28.—Prediction that the republican party would regain control of congress as a result of the split in the democratic ranks over the resolution providing for the repeal of the exemption clause of the Panama canal bill was voiced today by Representative Knowland of California. "The ranks of the opposition are badly broken," said Knowland, "and this will mean a big advantage for the republicans in the coming November election. It's too bad that political capital has to be based on a proposition like the canal tolls but it affects every American regardless of party. "The solidarity of the democratic party vanished when President Wilson split in the democratic ranks over the party. Solidarity is impossible when President Wilson advocates an un-American policy."

MILLIONAIRE WHITNEY'S CASE IS AGAIN POSTPONED

San Francisco, March 28.—The case against J. Parker Whitney, the Placer county millionaire rancher accused of transporting Genevieve Hannan from state to state for immoral purposes in violation of the Mann white slave law, was postponed again today by federal Judge Dealing. The delay was at United States District Attorney Preston's request. Preston wanted two more weeks and the court gave it to him. Whitney was not in the courtroom nor even represented by a lawyer. The annual Freshman Glee at Willamette university will take place this evening at 8:30. All the college classes have written the words and music to a college song and will render the same tonight. The freshmen have been to much trouble and expense in converting the chapel in a fit place for such festivities and everything is in readiness for the annual contest. As usual there will be a monster showing of class spirit, class yells and songs. The public is invited.

Weyerhaeuser is Dying According to Late Information

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Pasadena, Cal., March 28.—Information from private sources today indicated that Frederick W. Weyerhaeuser, the "lumber king," is not expected to live through the day. His physicians neither confirmed nor denied this report. Frederick Weyerhaeuser, Jr., is expected to arrive from St. Paul tonight. All other members of the family already are here. The Y. W. C. A. cabinet conference being held at Willamette University, continued in session today. Large delegations are present from all of the out of town colleges and high schools included in this district. The conference will end tomorrow afternoon with a vesper service followed by a closing service for conference delegates. The program, as outlined in yesterday's Journal, is being carried out.

FEARS WAR IF CLAUSE IS LEFT IN

Harrison Warns Congress Re- sentiment of Powers Might Be Very Serious.

BITTERNESS GROWS AS DEBATE PROCEEDS

Opposition Active and Split of Democrats on Resolution May Widen.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 27.—An all day debate on the resolution to repeal the exemption clause of the Panama canal tolls act was in progress in the house today. Proponents of the Sims resolution were confident of victory. The opposition, however, was fighting the resolution bitterly and the split in the ranks of the democrats threatened to widen as the bitterness increased. The 20-hour debate was expected to end Tuesday afternoon. Supporters of the repeal resolution predicted a majority of from 50 to 60 on the final vote.

Speaker Clark Present. Representative Harrison praised the stand taken against the repeal by Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood. "If this repeal is adopted," he said, "I believe it will mark the beginning of the disruption of the party organization."

Representative Stephens warned the house that resentment by the powers might plunge the country into war if the repeal resolution met with defeat. "Those loudly howling for patriotism," he said, "and demanding that we do as we please with our own and lay down American doctrines regarding American waterways, forget the nation's history. For a century we have insisted upon equal treatment, without discrimination, for our citizens in commerce everywhere. Now it is proposed to repudiate our promises, abandon our policies, and reverse our history. That is called patriotism."

SCHUNKE

Mrs. G. Schunke, wife of the pastor of the German Baptist church, of this city, died at her home at 925 North Cottage street this morning at 8:30 o'clock following an illness lasting but a week which was occasioned by a paralytic stroke suffered a week ago today.

MARRIAGES

DUNLAP-STEGE. At the home of the bride and groom, North High street, Salem, Or., March 28, 1914, at 2 p. m., Mrs. Minnie Dunlap of Portland to Herman Stege of Salem, Rev. P. S. Knight officiating. The ceremony was attended by a number of intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by Mrs. Minnie Anderson Vollmer and Master Frankie Hill was ring bearer. The brides were nicely decorated with choice flowers and a lunch was served after the ceremony. The bride is a popular Portland woman, formerly connected with the Estes Spanish grill. The groom has been in the employ of the S. P. company at Salem for the past 16 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stege will be at home to their many friends after April 1.

INSCRIPTION DECIPHERER.

New Haven, Conn., March 28.—Announcement that the inscriptions on clay cylinders in the Babylonian collection at Yale University have been deciphered as made here yesterday.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, tonight and Sunday occasional rain, west portion, and cloudy in east portion, and probably rain; southerly winds.



Uterites may not be quite as fierce as they seem, even if they are Irish.