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## VILLA IS ACCUSED OF BUTCHERING HUNDREDS OF FEDERAL PRISONERS

### Shocking Charges Made Against Head of Revolutionary Army Following Taking of Torreon—He Admits 500 of His Men Were Killed and 1500 Wounded During Eleven Days' Fighting—Believes 1000 Federal Were Killed in Battle But Does Not Estimate Number of Wounded—Plans an Attack on Monterey and Saltillo Next—Steps Taken to Clean Up Torreon—Inhabitants Facing Starvation.

Torreon, Mexico, April 3.—With Torreon at last completely in his hands, General Francisco Villa was already preparing today for attacks on Monterey and Saltillo. In the meantime his men are doing their utmost to get in food supplies and make city habitable. A thorough cleaning up was urged, if a pestilence was to be avoided. The inhabitants were on the verge of starvation. Villa is accused of butchering hundreds of prisoners.

Considering the number of men engaged in the past 11 days' fighting, the losses were enormous. Of the rebels 200 were killed in Sunday night's fighting alone, and it was estimated 5000 federales were slain and 1,000 were wounded the same day. Villa put the number of rebels killed after his men got inside the city at 500 and the wounded at 1,500.

Asked how many federales fell from first to last, Villa replied: "You'll not go far wrong if you say the federal loss was total."

General Velasco Escobedo, Officially Torreon fell at 10:30 last night. General Velasco, the federal commander, escaped at the last moment. Last Tuesday a detachment of his men succeeded in reaching the Canon del Guarniche, several miles outside the city, where they entrenched themselves strongly. Velasco and a small body of men broke through the federal cordon during the confusion of the final assault and managed to join the force in the canon. A body of rebel cavalry pursued them hotly. Up to today it had neither returned nor reported.

Villa promptly put his prisoners to work burying the dead, caring for the wounded and clearing up the wreckage. The damage done by shells, bombs and fire was enormous, and the removal of debris will be a heavy task.

The food problem, too, was a serious one. Supplies were ordered rushed from Chihuahua City and Juarez, and details were sent out to drive in herds of cattle from the neighboring ranches. Soap, kitchens were opened under military management and all applicants, men, women and children, federales and rebels, combatants and non-combatants, shared alike while the food lasted.

**Puts Prisoners at Work.**  
To facilitate the assault upon Monterey and Saltillo, Villa had forces of federal prisoners at work repairing the railroad eastward and rebuilding the destroyed over the Nazas river, which was destroyed during the fighting.

Villa was inclined to think Monterey and Saltillo would fall easily. In view of the Torreon prisoners' destruction and the city's capture with a greater store of artillery and military supplies than the Huertistas possessed anywhere outside Mexico City, he could not believe it would be deemed worth while to reinforce the defenders of either of his next points of attack. And unless they were strongly reinforced, he felt confident of making short work of them.

**Differences Soon Forgotten.**  
The fighting at Torreon over the rebels and their federal prisoners fraternized rapidly. By their desperate resistance—a resistance which was a great surprise to Villa—the federales had won the respect of the rebels. On the other hand the federales were surprised at being fed and well treated. Many of them would have surrendered sooner, they said, but their officers convinced them they would be tortured to death if captured.

**Volunteers Missing.**  
It was a noticeable feature, however, that the prisoners were all soldiers of the federal regular army, and that there were no "banderos colorados"—a corps of volunteers organized by General Orozco in 1912 when he rebelled against Huertista rule.

These volunteers were declared traitors by General Villa, who pronounced

to execute every one who fell into his hands. It was believed he did so.

Not counting the preliminary fighting in the suburbs, the main attack on Torreon began Saturday night.

**Fight Opens Dramatically.**  
It was opened dramatically. Riding along the line of his troops, General Villa pointed to the city and shouted: "Comrades, there's Torreon. We must take it. Will you follow me?" The response was a thunderous chorus of cheers. "Esta bueno," cried Villa. "Let us go."

The roar of the rebel artillery and the rattle of rifle fire followed immediately. From that time forward the constitutionalists closed steadily in on the town. The federal artillery and riflemen fought coolly and courageously but their enemies' advance was at no time even checked.

**Sorry to Miss Fun.**  
The wounded rebels seemed to care less for their hurts than for the fact that they would be unable to participate in their comrades' final triumph.

"I don't care so much about this," said one officer to a newspaper correspondent, as he touched a shaft of an arm, "but I'm sorry to miss the fun."

What surprised the rebels most was the federales' continued resistance after the former were actually in the streets of Torreon. They had expected a fight to get into the town, but once inside they had believed it would be over.

**Strongly Barricaded.**  
Instead, the thoroughfares were held strongly barricaded and held by federal troops who contested every step of their foes' advance, fighting from behind the barricades and pouring a murderous fire into the rebel ranks from the tops of the flat-roofed adobe houses.

Villa had by this time been compelled to stop his artillery fire to avoid moving down his own men. Hand grenades were used instead. Much of the fighting was at such short range that occasionally a federal on a house top would succeed in catching an unexpecting grenade in midair and hurling it back at the rebels.

Villa seemed to be everywhere, rifle in hand, cheering his men on and being cheered by them in turn.

## Grants Pass Baron Commits Suicide

BECKER, HEAD OF MINING COMPANY, HAD BEEN WORRIED BY LITIGATION RECENTLY.

Grants Pass, Or., April 3.—Arnold Becker, president of the Althouse Placer Mining company, which has extensive operations on Althouse creek, near Holland, committed suicide last night about 6 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a 32-calibre revolver, death being instantaneous. Broken health is supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

Becker was an Austrian nobleman, born at the Austrian consulate 43 years ago. His Austrian title 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 Mining company, and a Bucyrus elevator, the most extensive equipment on a Southern Oregon placer, had just been put into successful operation, and was handling 1000 yards of gravel per day.

Injunction proceedings instituted against the turning of the water of Althouse into Democrat gulch by the Becker company, in its mining operations, worried Becker and aggravated his nervous condition, his associates allege. Becker's wife and daughter reside in New York City.

## WOMAN AND CHILDREN KILLED BY UNKNOWN

Arbadelphia, Ark., April 3.—Intense excitement prevailed here today over the murder last night of Mrs. Ellish Francis and her two children.

The slayer killed his victims with an axe. Francis and another child escaped. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the murderer this afternoon.

Francis, who is 25 years old, told the authorities that the murderer killed his wife and children and then burned their home to cover the crime. He said he was awakened at 4:30 o'clock this morning by the barking of a dog, and found the house to be in flames.

"I seized my 8-year-old boy," he said, "and started to awaken my wife. I saw a man with an axe leaving her room, and I picked up my boy and ran."

The bodies of the three victims were cremated.

**BRYAN HAS COLD.**  
Washington, April 3.—Secretary of State Bryan was suffering this afternoon from a severe cold. He remained at home all day.

## ICE HALTS BARK OF TROUBLE

Belle Ventura Delayed With 58 Dead and 35 Survivors by Ice Field.

**MOST OF SURVIVORS ARE IN BAD SHAPE**  
Several Frozen While on Ice Floes During Terrible Ocean Storm.

St. Johns N. P., April 3.—With 58 of the steam sealer Newfoundland's crew dead and 35 survivors from the same crew on board, the sealer Belle Ventura wireless 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 Stephano was said to have one corpse and two living men on board, and the Florida five dead. This left 19 unaccounted for, it was stated, 120 of the Newfoundland's company were seal hunting on the ice when the blizzard struck the fleet.

**Many Severely Frozen.**  
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 hospital.

Last night's advices left no doubt that the Newfoundland with Captain Wesley Keen 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.

Much relief was also felt at the news that the Southern Cross, whose loss, with 170 men, had been feared, was safe at Channel, N. F.

**Claim Ship Not Safe.**  
New York, April 3.—A private dispatch from St. Johns today said the steamship Southern Cross was not at Channel, N. F., as reported. The source of the information was not stated.

Attorney Gale Hill, of Albany, was in the city on legal business yesterday.

## CRASH OF AUTOS IS BAD ONE

One Man Missing and Five Injured as Result of Two Mishaps at Venice.

**JENNINGS HAS HIS SKULL FRACTURED**  
Cars Go Crashing Over While Negotiating Sharp Curve at High Speed.

Santa Monica, April 3.—One man is dying and five others are more or less seriously injured as the result of two automobile accidents which occurred here early today. Both mishaps were at the same spot, a sharp curve on the Washington boulevard at Compton avenue, just outside of the Venice city limits.

Fatally injured: R. P. Jennings, of the Phoenix Manufacturing company, skull fractured; probably will die.

Seriously injured: Warren Vance, of the Vance-Cannon Automobile company, Los Angeles.

Warren Huckemuth, chief King George Hotel, painfully cut.

A. B. Cone, clerk Empress hotel.

James Howard, traveling salesman.

Henry Lesner, of Ocean Park.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning the car occupied by Lesner and Howard overturned. The second accident was at 6 o'clock, when the automobile in which the second party was driving threw a wheel and smashed into the ditch.

**RAIL CASE NEARS END.**  
Washington, April 3.—Representatives of eastern railroads, who have asked permission to increase their freight rates five per cent, closed their testimony today, and asked the interstate commerce commission to finish the case next week in order to expedite its decision. The commission is expected to render its decision May 1.

**MISSOURI PACIFIC WREAK SPOT IN STOCK MARKET**  
New York, April 3.—Missouri Pacific was the weak spot at the stock market's opening today, dropping a quarter on account of the abandonment of the plan to bring the Gould roads under control of the Rockefeller interests. Othertwice the market was firm, most of the changes being upward.

Goodrich rose 1/2. Railroad stocks fell off later, in spite of a good report of March earnings by western roads, and the market as a whole again declined.

## Thomas Green Pays Penalty

MAN WHO KILLED CALIFORNIA BANK CASHIER SHOWS NO SIGN OF FEAR ON SCAFFOLD.

San Quentin, Cal., April 3.—Thomas Green, murderer of William A. Bowles, cashier of a bank at Blythe, California, went to his death on the scaffold in the state penitentiary here at 10 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 sounded an alarm, shot and killed him.

Green mounted the scaffold at exactly 10 o'clock. Before the black cap was adjusted he thanked for his kind treatment. Asked if he wished to reveal his true name, Green said:

"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."

**His Neck is Broken.**  
The trap was sprung at 10:08 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 signs 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 was carried through without a hitch."

**COOPER WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO DAKOTA**  
WEST FINALLY DECIDES

**CRIMINAL ACTS OF DETECTIVE MAKE OREGON'S EXECUTIVE DECIDE AGAINST APPLICATION FOR HOOD RIVER MAN.**  
Governor West this morning refused to honor the requisition of Governor B. Hanna, of North Dakota. His reasons are as follows:

"In view of the developments in the McLain-Cooper case, which disclose J. A. Sullivan's criminal acts while in this state, and make his statements unworthy of credit, I believe requisition should not be honored. Believe you will agree I have taken proper course, when you read evidence taken at hearing."

Cooper was wanted in connection with alleged jury-bribing in a case wherein he was defendant on a charge of murder. Tracy R. Bangs, a leading North Dakota attorney, is having a hearing today on a charge of being implicated in the bribery of several jurors.

## KUNTZ TO QUIT HIS JOB HERE

Superintendent of Schools and Principal End Their Service This Year.

**DEPREDACTIONS OF STUDENTS ONE CAUSE**  
Action Taken at Recent Meeting of Salem Board of Education.

At a star chamber meeting held by the members of the Salem school directors last Wednesday evening at the high school, it was decided by the majority of the members that Superintendent P. J. Kuntz, of the city schools, and Principal Earl Kilpatrick, of the Salem high school, must not make application for re-election at the end of the present school year which ends upon the first of next June.

Much effort was made to keep those facts covered up by certain members of the school board since the meeting Wednesday evening, but the facts leaked out this morning when a certain local business man was overheard commenting upon the action of the board in virtually "kicking" Superintendent Kuntz and Principal Kilpatrick.

**Three Favor Change.**  
It is understood upon first class authority that the reasons given why Kuntz is no longer desired as superintendent of Salem's schools are that he has failed to work harmoniously with the grade teachers in the respective institutions and that he has been unable to bring about conditions in the schools in general befitting a standard which the school board has adopted within the past six months.

It is said that Superintendent Kuntz cannot get along with the grade teachers and the result is that the schools have been retarded to a considerable extent in efficiency and general conduct.

At the star chamber meeting, Director Miles, Lee and Burns voted in favor of a proposition which means that Superintendent Kuntz and Principal Kilpatrick shall not be retained by the board when the selection of such officers is made for the coming school year.

**Poor Discipline Charged.**  
Reasons given at the star chamber session of the board for refusing to accept Principal Kilpatrick again as the head of the high school were to the effect that the principal has failed to maintain discipline in the school of which he has charge. Certain members of the board contended that the students at the Salem high school were absolutely out of the proper control of the principal and voted to dispense with Principal Kilpatrick's services after the coming end of the present school year.

It was also charged during the last Wednesday's meeting that Principal Kilpatrick is incompetent and unfit to hold the position as principal any longer.

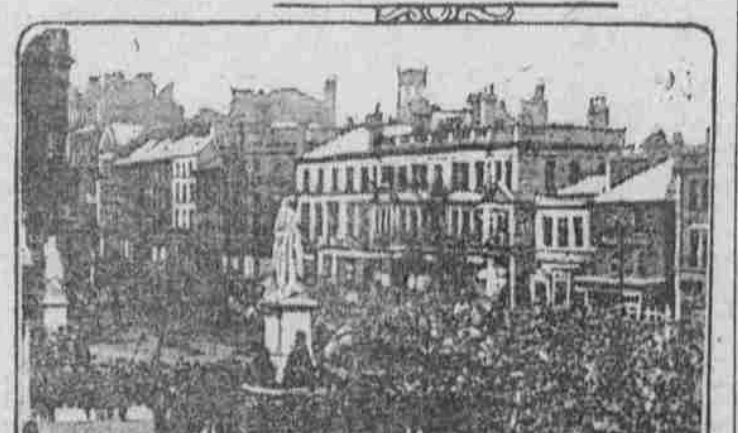
**Will Resign.**  
Being thoroughly advised as to the opinion of the majority of the board, both officers of the local institution signified their intention of resigning when school closes next June. Principal Kilpatrick of the board during the secret meeting and was asked numerous questions concerning the charges which were made against him by certain members of the directorial body. Principal Kilpatrick, it is said by one of those who attended the meeting, showed a willingness to make everything clear to the best of his ability concerning the charges that he has failed to keep discipline in the high school.

It seems that the whole trouble has arisen out of the many depredations which have been performed in the high school during the past four months. Because the principal has failed to prevent or detect the proper parties who have been destroying property and breaking into the school building, the board, or the majority at least, have come to the conclusion that the principal is lacking in discipline.

**Politics Charged.**  
If what well known local citizens who have become acquainted with true action of the school board say is true, politics has created so small amount of prejudice between three members of the board, or the majority, and the superintendent and the principal. It is asserted by some while there are no grounds for the charges made against Superintendent Kuntz and Principal Kilpatrick, they are so remote as to be subject to a wide and unpublicized investigation before any action should be taken to bar the instructors from making applications for another term.

Nothing the outcome will be remains to be seen, but it is an assured fact that Superintendent Kuntz and Principal Kilpatrick will not succeed themselves in the Salem schools in the event the majority of the board adheres to the opinion they expressed last Wednesday evening at the star chamber session.

## Recent Anti-Home Rule Meeting and Signal Corps



The above pictures were taken at a time when Ulster was at fever heat over the Home Rule bill. A typical mass meeting of protest in one of the public squares of Belfast is shown above. A Unionist army signal corps on review is shown below.

## The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, to night and Saturday showers, north west portion; partly cloudy in south and east portions, probably showers; light southerly breeze.

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Washington, April 3.—Mexican (Continued on page 5.)