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WRITERS OF MEXICO ARE IN DANGER

Huerta Enraged Because They Have Referred to Defeat at Torreón.

REBEL SUCCESSES AT SEVERAL POINTS

General Carranza Gets News of Important Gains Made by His Forces.

Austin, Texas, April 8.—Governor Clegg received word today from Medero 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.

Mexico City, April 8.—For having allowed to Torreón's fall in dispatches they have sent to their newspapers, several foreign correspondents were in danger of arrest here today.

President Huerta stuck to the story that the town remains in the federal hands, and not only insisted that he must not be contradicted directly but was suggested even by an indirect reference to its capture by the rebels. The local newspapers had orders to say that General Villa had been routed.

Huerta was not alone in wanting the news suppressed. Bankers and big business men were anxious to keep it from the public until they have had time to unload their doubtful securities and prepare for the confusion they believe will follow when the facts leak out.

Rebel Victories Reported.

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

Part of the city of Tampico was already in the constitutionalists' hands, it was stated. Troops under General Caballero were said to have made the capture at 11 a. m. Tuesday, following a 12 hours' battle Monday, 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 would be completely occupied within a few hours.

San Luis Potosi, it was stated in another dispatch, was surrounded and the rebels were only awaiting the order to attack. Monterey, too, was said to be completely invested. The news was something of a surprise, since it had been supposed there would be several days' delay in the start on operations against Monterey and Saltillo.

The federal union General Maas and General De Mouro, who hovered persistently around Torreón while it was resisting the rebel attack, trying to break through the constitutionalist line and relieve the beleaguered garrison, had finally been engaged by the rebels, it was announced, at San Pedro de Colonias, 68 miles east of Torreón. No details were given further than that the General Benavides and General Ortega were in command of the rebels, who were trying to surround and capture the enemy.

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

Torreón Spaniards, expelled by General Villa, began arriving here today. They had been allowed to take practically none of their belongings except the clothes they wore, and were penniless and hungry. Four of the first party reaching here died on the road from Torreón. Members of the Spanish colony at El Paso took the refugees in, and El Paso business men were raising a fund to help them.

Will Join in Advance.

Brownsville, Texas, April 8.—General Gonzalez, Mexican rebel commander at Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from here, left with most of his force today for Rimonos, whence he will join in the advance on Monterrey.

Sharp Fighting at Tampico.

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 fighting all night. At nightfall the federal 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."

Seattle Begins War on Ragging

YOUNG PEOPLE BLAMED BY DANCING TEACHERS FOR THINKING IT IS SMART.

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—Seattle has begun a war on rag dancing. Following the issuing of a ban on it Monday by Police Chief Griffiths, a censorship board of all dances, whether public or private, is being considered today at a meeting of the recreation league, mothers congress, dancing masters of the city and the police department. The city council also is considering further restrictions.

"Most of the young people who go to these clubs, I think, would like to have the ragging stopped," today said Mrs. Austin E. Griffiths, president of the mothers' congress, and wife of the police chief.

Dancing masters blame it on the young people.

"They think it is smart to be just as 'risque' as they can," says one. "The 'walk' et al are danced in good homes, at the well-known clubs, in the good apartment houses—everywhere."

An invitation I saw the other day read: "Caterpillar crawl, we creep at nine."

"Plenty of people who are old enough to know better are trying to rag, but they are too stiff. It's the young ones that are doing it."

OSTEPATHS MAY APPEAL CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Portland, Or., April 8.—Adherents of osteopathy are considering today the advisability of appealing to the courts from the decision of the state board of health, which held that Dr. P. A. Van Brakle, an osteopathic physician, who for 8 months has been acting as health officer of Clatskanie county, was holding the position and drawing his salary illegally.

The decision was reached on the petition of members of the Clatskanie county medical society, who charged that Dr. Van Brakle was incompetent to fill the position because of the school of healing in which he was an exponent.

MRS. FOREMAN IS HAVING HER TRIAL IN CLATSKANIE

Clatskanie, Or., April 8.—Clatskanie's population is greatly agitated today by the presence of a large delegation of Quincy residents, mostly socialists, who are to attend the preliminary hearing of Mrs. Flora L. Foreman, a deposed school teacher, and eight other socialists implicated with her on a charge of inciting riot at the Quincy school last week.

The hearing opened this afternoon in justice's court, County Prosecuting Attorney Dillars and Glen I. Metaker conducting the prosecution.

Mrs. Foreman has been teaching a class of two pupils in the socialist hall at Quincy this week.

FAILS TO RESPOND WHEN BENCH WARRANT IS ISSUED

San Francisco, April 8.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, Hall C. McClaughey, divorced husband of Anita Baldwin McClaughey, had not appeared in court in answer to the bench warrant issued for his arrest late yesterday. The warrant was issued at the request of Mrs. McClaughey, who feared her husband might make another attempt to kidnap their two children, similar to that a year ago, when he took refuge on his ranch near Galt.

McClaughey has a legal right to custody of the children at this time, as the court ordered that they should visit him during school vacation time. He is believed to have taken the children to his ranch.

POWERS SAID TO BE SLATED HERE AS SCHOOL HEAD

Man Who Was Ousted by Board of Education Is Due to Come Back Again.

PATRONS OF SCHOOLS WILL TAKE HAND

Stated That They Will Endeavor to Prevent Changes Being Made.

That the Salem school board intends to reinstate Superintendent Powers, who was ousted a few years ago to make way for Kuntz, was stated on Monday by a group of school patrons in good authority today. Powers was supplanted after one of the bitterest of the many bitter political fights that have marked the history of the capital city and his friends have bided their time with a view of putting him back in office. Following a recent star chamber session of the board of education, it leaked out that Kuntz and Principal Kirkpatrick had been fired, their alleged offense being failure to do their work properly. Since then there has been a scurrying for new jobs on the part of teachers of the high school and elsewhere who have a hunch that Powers is coming back to rule the roost.

Pile Work up on Him.

Some time ago the board of education, among other alleged silly things, ordered Kuntz to prepare a map on which the residence of each pupil in the schools should be shown by a red pin mark. At the recent board meeting Kuntz was accused of neglecting his work, although much time was taken up with the map.

Andy Lee Gets Credit.

A. A. Lee is given credit for manipulating the recent meeting at which Kuntz and Kirkpatrick were ousted. He is an old-timer and a staunch friend of Powers.

The board is on record as opposed to the holding of the junior-senior banquet in the Marion hotel and it will be given in the high school rooms. Simplicity in dress is advocated.

Seven other teachers besides Principal Kirkpatrick have declined re-election, four high school teachers being included, as follows:

Miss Miriam Barstow, domestic science; Miss Liza E. Ferrin, mathematics; Peter Brown, manual training; Mr. Yokel, general science. The others were: Principal Schott of the Highland school; A. P. Schott, manual training department of the American training school, sixth grade in Lincoln school.

Will Be on Hand.

The city is deeply stirred over the situation and Monday night action toward forcing a change in the attitude of the board in regard to the faculty is promised. It is expected that the board will act in regard to filling the positions superintendent and principal and probably other offices Monday night.

GARMENT WORKERS HEARD.

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.

REVEALS IDENTITY.

ADMINISTRATION NOT COMMITTED TO PROHIBITION

Daniels Tells Visitors Action in Barring Intoxicants Is Moral One.

FRIENDS OF WILSON QUOTE OLD LETTER

In It He Said While Governor of New Jersey, He Was for Local Option.

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 to be taken as committing the administration to a prohibition stand. It was simply to promote efficiency, he said, and to some extent in the interest 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 which constitutes a social unit should have the right to control that matter of the regulation or the withholding of licenses."

Questions Are Social and Moral.

"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 out-lined party organization and party activity in every other field. They have thrown every other question, however important, into the background, and have made conservative 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 officials, 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.

MAN OWNING SCORES OF NEWSPAPERS 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.

The attending physician said they probably would be able to issue a definite statement as to his condition at noon.

LISTER STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANTI-CONSERVATION PLAN

Denver, Colo., April 8.—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 sentiment be shown, pending action on national legislation for leasing coal and oil lands, and until it had been fully discussed at the governors' irrigation conference.

Harry 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 stipulation regarding "water power" contracts. Governor West, of Oregon, defended conservation as a means of preventing monopoly.

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

Elder Statesmen are Blamed for Misleading Ruler

Tokio, April 8.—If the emperor would seek some advisors other than the elder statesmen, up-to-date politicians were saying here today, there might be more hope of his escape from the difficulties in which the naval graft scandal and the Yamamoto administration attempt to add to the country's already crushing burden of taxation have involved him.

It was generally agreed that, however good it may be for the country, the failure of Viscount Kiyoura, whom the emperor had chosen to succeed retiring Premier Yamamoto, to get a cabinet together was an extremely black eye for the emperor. Really, of course, the elder statesmen and not the emperor selected Kiyoura, but the elder statesmen are entirely an unofficial group and the emperor must take the responsibility.

In the past few years there has been general complaint that the elder statesmen were out of touch with the times, and the late emperor grew to depend very little on them. His son turned to them at once, however, and it is the widely expressed opinion that their advice is largely responsible for the present political situation.

RUSSIANS MISTREAT AND CRUCIFY JEWESS

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

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

UNION LABOR WILL FIGHT ROCKEFELLER STATE CAN LEASE DAM

New York, April 8.—That union labor stood ready to fight John D. Rockefeller and his millions at any time, was the declaration here today of Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated union. Bohm's statement was provoked by the testimony offered on Monday by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., before the house investigating committee which probed conditions in the Colorado coal fields.

"We are going to maintain unions and unionism," Bohm declared, "no matter how many millions Rockefeller and his associates spend trying to put them out of business. Money is a powerful weapon but it is not omnipotent."

SPAULDING'S DEY KILN IS DAMAGED BY SMALL BLAZE

Fire, which broke out in the dry kiln of the Spaulding Logging company this afternoon about 2:30, threatened the entire plant.

Fireman Lucas of the mills sent out a general alarm with the fire whistle and before the department arrived many streams of water were being played on the flames by the employees of the firm. The fire started in the east end of the big dry kiln and the whole building was soon wrapped in flames and dense smoke.

The central and East Salem apparatus arrived on the scene and, with the assistance of many willing hands, it was not long before a dozen lines of hose were connected up with hydrants and the pumps and the fire was gotten under control in short order.

It is not known exactly how the blaze started, but it is believed by the millmen that the tar roofing got too warm and some of the material melted and dropped upon the hot steam pipes on the interior of the place. The damage was not ascertained by the company at a late hour this afternoon, but will no doubt amount to several hundred dollars.

OPERATION SCHEDULED TO SAVE KING'S LIFE

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.

SEVEN MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Steam Shovel Strikes Missed Charge of Dynamite and Men Soon Die.

ONLY ONE VICTIM SO FAR IDENTIFIED

Blown From His Seat on Shovel and His Body Ground Into Pieces.

The Dalles, Or., April 8.—Seven men were reported killed and six seriously injured today when a steam shovel struck a missed charge of dynamite and caused its explosion in The Dalles-Celilo canal a mile and a half above Big Eddy. Ed. Kendler, a steam shovel engineer, was the only one of the dead thus far identified. Kendler was blown from the seat of the shovel into the machinery and his body ground to pieces. The scene of the explosion is somewhat isolated and details are meagre.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS RAPPED BY MANN

Washington, April 8.—President Wilson was criticized by Representative Mann, of Illinois, the republican floor leader, during a free-for-all discussion in the house this afternoon. He denounced the president for characterizing Representative Knowlards' reference to a "deal" in the tolls matter as the "crowning insult."

"If the president said that," declared Mann, "then he forgot his position. It is not the position of the chief executive to comment on debate in the house."

Mann also read President Wilson's letter to James J. O'Byrne, in which he declared the election in New Jersey would show the judgment of the people regarding the administration.

O'Byrne, however, was defeated, in his candidacy to succeed the late Representative Bremner.

"And did he give thanks," asked Mann, "that there have been democrats who have placed allegiance to their country ahead of personal bowing to the boss—the bowing to the will of a man without reason?"

Mann said he did not know what excuse O'Byrne had made, but declared he was still loyal to the president, and had said "to Hades with the Democratic platform and the country."

SAYS HE WILL CONTINUE MEET AND MAKE ORAL BETS

Norfolk, Va., April 8.—Manager Levy, of the Jamestown race track here, announced this afternoon that the meeting would continue until April 17, as originally planned, notwithstanding the arrest during the running of the second race yesterday of about 20 bookmakers, an order of Governor Stuart, telephoned from Richmond. The oral betting system, Levy said, would be tried, and instead of purses for the winning horses, the receipts would be divided among the owners.

Detectives were distributed through the crowd at this track this afternoon to suppress gambling.

WILL NOT PASS SEAMEN'S BILL.

Washington, April 8.—Both friends and opponents of the LaFollette seamen'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.

AIR CRAFT USED IN LOCATING SHIP AT SEA

Marblehead, Mass., April 8.—Air craft was used, probably for the first time, here today in locating a ship in distress at sea. Clifford Webster and Sterling Burgess in an airplane answered a call for assistance and located the steamer Constance, en route for Norfolk, which had become lost in a thick fog. The system guided a life-saving launch to the vessel, which also was hampered by engine trouble; the damage was repaired, and the Constance proceeded on its way.

The Weather

WISH I WAS PRESIDENT

The Diskey Bird says: Oregon generally fair tonight and Thursday, variable winds.