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## AMMUNITION FOR DICTATOR HUERTA NOT TO BE LANDED

### Agents of German Steamer to Return Shipment of War Goods

## ACTION RELIEVES CRITICAL SITUATION

### City of Tepic Reported Cap- tured After a 24-Hour Battle Saturday

(By John Edwin Nevins.)  
Washington, May 18.—The German steamer Bavaria was due at Puerto Mexico today with ammunition for President Huerta. The agents for the liner's owners assured the Washington administration, however, that the shipment would not be landed. Instead, they said, it would be returned to Germany, having been dispatched from there before the American-Mexican situation became acute.

Whether the owners acted as they did voluntarily or at the German government's request was not announced. At all events, their course was much appreciated. It relieved the administration of serious embarrassment. Had a landing been permitted in the United States could not have prevented the ammunition from reaching Huerta, for possible use against Americans later, except by seizing Puerto Mexico, which surely would have been interpreted as a breach of the armistice pending mediation negotiations.

United States Consul Stillman of Saltillo, still remained at that city. Secretary of State Bryan said he was satisfied, however, with the explanation from Mexico City that his departure had been delayed only by the railroad's destruction. He offered no comment on the case of Private Parks, concerning which it was understood nothing further had been heard.

### Bridge Is Dynamited.

The war department admitted considerable concern over the news that the San Francisco bridge, 23 miles outside Vera Cruz, on the Inter-Oceanic railroad, had been dynamited. It was conceded that this would hamper an American advance on Mexico City, if one should become necessary.

Preparations were proceeding for the mediation negotiations at Niagara Falls. A member of the diplomatic corps here received a Mexico City dispatch from an authoritative source today confirming the news previously sent by William G. Shepherd, the United Press correspondent at Vera Cruz, to the effect that President Huerta was willing to retire on certain conditions.

These conditions, as outlined by Correspondent Shepherd, were that Huerta was to be consulted concerning the choice of his successor, that this successor should not be General Carranza, and that Huerta be permitted to be a candidate at a presidential election to be held in July.

The understanding here had been all along that the Washington administration would not consider anything but the dictator's unconditional retirement.

### Tepic Is Captured.

(By Charles H. Raymond, staff correspondent of the United Press.)  
Cesa Blanca, Sinaloa, Mex., May 18.—(Delayed in transmission)—Rebel troops under General Obregon last night captured Tepic after a battle which lasted 24 hours.

It was reported here that the Mexican ship Pequeira left Guaymas two days ago with 500 officials and officers, and that that city is prepared to surrender. Rebel troops were closing in around Mazatlan today, and its evacuation by the federalists was expected hourly. In a personal interview General Obregon told me that he plans an immediate campaign through Guadaluajara to Mexico City.

Obregon left this afternoon for Tepic to cut off all communication between Mazatlan and Guadaluajara. When he returns he will concentrate his forces for the final assault on Mazatlan.

The constitutionalist gunboat Tampico is now afloat at Topolobampo and will be used to bombard Mazatlan.

## MAY 22 IS GOOD ROADS DAY IN WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash., May 18.—A hard day's work is ahead for every good roads enthusiast that turns out for service on Good Roads day, May 22, when Governor Lister, clad in a flannel shirt and old trousers, will personally supervise work on roads across the state, from Blaine to Olympia.

Lister and his party will leave Blaine at 6 a. m., will stop an hour at Silver Lake for luncheon, as guests of the Everett commercial club, and are due at Olympia at 6 p. m. En route the governor will make a speech at each of the 17 towns through which he passes, and will greet the mayors and other officials.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE CAUSES DEADLOCK

### Convening of Swedish Parliament Shows Progressives Are Still In Control But Split On Questions of Armament.

Stockholm, May 18.—The new Riksdag, or Swedish parliament convened today. All indications were for a prolonged deadlock over national defense. The progressives remain in control but by a reduced plurality. Moreover, they are split on the question of increased armament and lengthened period of military service. The socialists oppose both propositions. The conservative support King Gustava's "big navy" and "greater army" policies. The liberals are for some increase but on nothing like the scale proposed by the king and the conservatives.

In the upper house the conservatives have indeed a majority over all other parts. On joint ballot however, they are in a minority of 43. This means they will be unable to force their program through unless they can win converts from the progressives or liberals. It was the general opinion that they could not do this.

"The Russian peril" will be the conservatives' slogan. "Lower taxes" will be their opponents' cry.

## TWO AGED WOMEN FOUND ASPHYXIATED

### Coroner's Jury in Investigating Deaths —Each Reported to Be Worth Ap- proximately \$100,000.

Chicago, May 18.—A coroner's jury was investigating the deaths of Mrs. Emily Backus, aged 77, and Miss Harriette Wright, 93, sisters, who were found asphyxiated in their home here yesterday. They lived alone. In response to a telegram from Mrs. Backus, Frank Croston, a cousin, came here from Rochester, N. Y., and found the women dead.

More than \$30,000 in bills and currency was found in the house. Each of the dead women were reported to be worth \$100,000.

## REPUBLICAN VOTE OF MARION COUNTY FOLLOWS

### Withycombe, McNary, Allen Lead in Their Race for Their Various Of- fices.

Below is the complete republican returns of Marion county, with the exception of Elkhorh, which is a small precinct with only about 30 voters registered. The vote is not given on national committee or on offices where there is no contest. Twenty offices not complete, but results known:

W. C. Hawley	5002
B. F. Jones	1261
Governor.	
Geo. C. Brown	222
A. M. Carter	361
A. M. Crawford	1439
Grant B. Dimick	1383
T. T. Gear	475
Charles A. Johns	421
Gus C. Moser	388
James Withycombe	1901
Justices Supreme Court.	
Henry J. Bean	3171
Henry L. Benson	2753
T. J. Cooten	1721
P. H. D'Arcy	2574
Lawrence T. Harris	2468
Thomas A. McBride	2660
Charles L. McNary	4460
Samuel T. Richardson	2034
Attorney General.	
George M. Brown	2273
Geo. N. Farrin	512
Frank S. Grant	1151
J. Johnson	605
Wm. P. Lord	1496
State Engineer.	
John H. Lewis	4540
L. R. Stockman	1216
Labor Commissioner.	
Fred S. Bryan	2785
O. P. Hoff	2101
John A. Madson	422
M. E. Miller	783
Railroad Commissioner.	
Frank J. Miller	2530
Hal D. Patton	2639
State Senator.	
C. P. Bishop	2475
James G. Helzel	2236
S. A. Hughes	1064
A. M. LaFollett	2366
R. J. Miles	1678
Frank T. Wrightman	1903
Representatives in Legislature.	
Dana H. Allen	3242
J. M. W. Bonney	1989
C. W. Brent	1544
Sam H. Brown	2980
Thos. Brown	2485
Tom J. Cronis	1796
Walter A. Deaton	1770
G. W. Farris	1769
A. C. Libby	1944
Ivan G. Martin	2059
D. C. Thoms	2110
A. A. Ulvin	1331
Geo. W. Weeks	2357
County Ticket.	
County Commissioner—Goulet, 1655; Hartman, 1040; Simmons, 1366; Skaffe, 1279; Whitney, 527.	
County Recorder—Aurane, 1218; Brooks, 2552; Gillingham, 830; Macy, 1287; Squier, 639.	
County Treasurer—Drager, 2040; Harding, 864; Pooler, 1502; Schellberg, 7; Zimmerman, 891.	
County Coroner—Clough, 3398; Van Winkle, 2355.	
Justice of the Peace—Via, 1544; Webster, 1931.	

## DR. SMITH RUNS AHEAD OF BENNETT BY 1,500 VOTES

### Dr. Withycombe Wins Repub- lican Nomination with 5,- 000 Votes to Spare

## McNARY IS CHOSEN FOR SUPREME BENCH

### Brown of Roseburg to be Op- posed by John Jeffrey in November

Portland, Or., May 18.—Although election returns are still missing from some of the outlying counties, none of the nominations for state offices are in doubt and the successful candidates have all sufficient pluralities or majorities to establish their claims to party nominations.

Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, and Dr. J. C. Smith, of Portland, are the nominees for governor on the republican and democratic tickets, respectively.

In the republican rank, Dr. Withycombe is winner with nearly 5,000 votes to spare. The republican totals as far as can be ascertained from the counties which have reported thus far are as follows: Withycombe, 17,504; Moser, 13,797; Crawford, 11,986; Dimick, 8,984; Carter, 8,384; Gear, 6,730; Johns, 6,405; Brownell, 4,100.

Further returns show Dr. Smith is still running ahead of Judge A. S. Bennett by about 1,500 votes, and this number is almost sure to be the doctor's plurality when the complete vote is in, as he has maintained this lead since last Saturday.

The democratic results complete except for a few precincts show Dr. Smith leading with 11,505 votes; Judge Bennett second with 9,979; John Manning third with 4,555; G. A. Cobb fourth with 1,735, and Colonel Robert A. Miller, fifth and last, with 1,092.

State returns from missing precincts and outlying counties have cleared up any doubt that might have existed as to the four nominees for the supreme bench, and they stand: McBride, Benn, McNary and Harris, in the order named.

The eight candidates ran in the following order according to the last figures available: McBride, 36,060; Benn, 34,236; McNary, 32,696; Harris, 31,165; Cleeton, 27,497; Benson, 25,839; Richardson, 16,469; D'Arcy, 15,155.

George M. Brown, of Roseburg, bested his nearest opponent, Frank S. Grant, former city attorney of Portland, by nearly 7,000 votes, Grant running ahead of Brown in Multnomah county due to his wide acquaintance and popularity. He will be opposed next fall by John Jeffrey of Portland, the democratic nominee who had opposition in the primary election.

The several republican candidates for attorney general stand as follows, according to the latest returns: Brown, 24,005; Grant, 17,348; Farrin, 10,509; Lord, 10,310; Johnson, 8,114.

John H. Lewis, the present state engineer, running for re-nomination, unmercifully walloped L. R. Stockman of Baker some 12,000 votes. The vote for this office is: Lewis, 38,363; Stockman, 16,254.

Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff easily secured a re-nomination. The standing of the four candidates is: Hoff, 26,279; Bynon, 13,244; Miller, 10,746; Madson, 9,033.

Frank J. Miller, at present member of the railroad commission, was re-nominated over Hal D. Patton by a vote of nearly 2 to 1, receiving 37,860 to his opponent's 19,027.

Ralph E. Williams, the present republican national committeeman for Oregon, was re-elected over Charles W. Ackerman, by a majority of some 7,000 votes, while H. M. Esterly, of Portland, defeated W. H. Canon, of Medford, for democratic national committeeman by two votes to one all through the state.

## G. A. R. VETERAN IS FACING LIFE TERM

### Found Guilty of Killing His Business Partner and Firing Home to Hide the Crime.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 18.—Facing a life sentence for the murder of his business partner, Captain Wilson E. Davis occupies today a cell in the county jail here. He was found guilty late Saturday by a jury. His attorney filed a motion for a new trial.

## ITALIANS KEPT BOY LOCKED IN ROOM

### Four Men and a Woman Arrested for Kidnaping Joe Guina—Ellen M'Kee Missing.

New York, May 18.—Four men and a woman were arraigned today in the Yorkville police court here on a charge of kidnaping Joe Guina, son of Dominick Guina, a grocer, who was stolen from the front of his home here on the afternoon of April 28. The prisoners were Niva Mutna, who, the child said, kept him locked in her room; Mitra Randaza, who extorted \$10 from Guina for the return of his son, and Antonio Bacno and Pietro Bruceo, accused of turning the boy over to the Italians who brought the \$10.

When Bacno and Bruceo were arrested, the boy identified a picture found in Bacno's pocket as the woman who had kept him locked up. Niva Mutna's arrest followed.

Ellen McKee, aged 19, a stenographer, has been missing from her home here since Saturday. She left a note saying she was going to join a vaudeville act and would return in a few weeks. Her parents think she has been abducted and was forced to write the note.

## AMMONS TO REQUEST TROOPS WITHDRAWAL

### Strikers are Bitterly Opposed to the Move and May Protest to President Wilson.

Denver, Colo., May 18.—That Governor Ammons soon will request the withdrawal of federal troops from the Colorado coal field strike zone and replace them with state militiamen seemed certain here today. The strikers are bitterly opposed to such a move and urged their leaders to protest to President Wilson against it.

It was feared that the withdrawal of the regulars would result in a renewal of violence, but the governor believes he soon will be able to control the situation.

"That many ultra-socialists if not anarchistic leaders have taken advantage of our strike conditions to come here and incite insurrection in defiance of the constituted authority of the law," Governor Ammons said.

## GOV. WEST APPOINTS HIGHWAY DELEGATES

### Waterways Association Convention in Portland Adopts Resolution to Have Committee Look Into Matter.

At the afternoon session, April 14, of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways association, fifth annual convention, Portland, Mr. Samuel Hill, of Maryhill, Washington, made the following motion, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association asks the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to appoint a committee—Oregon, two members; Washington, two members, and Idaho, one member, comprising a committee of five, who shall be empowered to look up and report to this association and to the several states those highways which in their opinion should be brought down to the river, over which traffic may pass for steamers on this line, and also select or designate proper and suitable ground for wharves on which that commerce may be placed to be transferred to the boats on the river.

Delegates appointed today by Governor West in response to this resolution, are Hon. J. N. Teal, C. S. Jackson.

## PIONEERS ENJOY TRIP TO SIMPLICITY OF SILVER CREEK

The employees of the Southern Pacific freight office and their families made up a party of 22 which chartered a motortruck yesterday and went on a picnic trip to Silver Creek falls. Lunch baskets were loaded to capacity with picnic dainties and the day was spent in absorbing rustic sunshine and shade as the spirit of the pioneers prompted. A few of the members of the party went fishing and cast about for a few trout but no data as to the catch was obtainable.

The party returned home in the cool of the evening and all reported a pleasant trip which may be duplicated in the near future.

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## WITH RIFLE AND REVOLVER FIRE MEXICANS RAKE DECK OF REFUGEE SHIP CETRIANA

### LANDING OF UNITED STATES TROOPS AT VERA CRUZ INFLAMED MEXICANS AGAINST AMERICANS—DOCKS AT WHICH SHIP MOORED WAS SOAKED WITH OIL AND MINED WITH DYNAMITE—FINE SEAMANSHIP ALONE SAVED STEAM- ER FROM DESTRUCTION—CAPTAIN TRIED TO CLEAR FOR OPEN WATER WHEN DOCK WAS FIRED—STEAMER WITH 300 CONVICTS ABOARD ATTEMPTED TO RAM CETRIANA WHILE SOLDIERS ON SHORE OPEN FIRE—PASSENGERS PRAISE HEROISM OF CAPTAIN MINISTER.

San Francisco, May 18.—Friends in and around San Francisco were caring today for the 87 men, women and children, refugees from the Mexican west coast, who arrived Sunday on the British steamship Cetriana, Captain Edward J. Minister, commanding, after some of the most thrilling experiences in the history of the present troubles between the Mexican and United States.

In reaching ports of San Blas and Manzanillo many of the fugitives suffered the greatest hardships, dangers and in some instances, indignities, even before passing through the peril which threatened the destruction of their ship and its entire company just before its final departure from Mexican waters. Most of them were repeatedly detained. A number were threatened. Some were robbed. All were compelled to abandon all but their most easily portable belongings and there were few who were not nearly or quite destitute on their arrival in San Francisco.

### Decks Raked By Bullets.

An overwhelming majority of the members of the party were convinced that General Viruegas, the commandant at Manzanillo, deliberately intended to burn the Cetriana and all on board the Manzanillo docks and declared there was no doubt that it was by intention, too, that the ship's deck was swept by a rifle and revolver fire from shore as it put out into the harbor to escape the incendiaries.

A few, however, were inclined to acquit Viruegas of a willful attempt at murder. They agreed that either he or his subordinates were guilty of gross disregard of the ships safety but they accounted otherwise than by a desire to kill the refugees for the burning of the Manzanillo docks and for the raking of the Cetriana's decks by volleys from the shore as the vessel put to sea.

The United States troops' landing at Vera Cruz, they said, unquestionably inflamed the Mexicans against Americans, and there was no imagination

about the dangers to which they were exposed until they got off at San Blas and Manzanillo.

This—though Captain Minister, his crew and the refugees, did not know it at the time and took it for granted that their deaths were what was sought—was because the United States warship Raleigh had been sighted entering the harbor.

While the Cetriana was maneuvering for safety, either by accident or design the transport Herrerias cast loose from its moorings and but for Captain Minister's skill at the wheel, would have rammed the British craft.

On the Herrerias were 300 convicts, and, taking advantage of the confusion large numbers of them attempted to escape by jumping overboard. Mexicans on shore promptly opened fire on them. Most of those on board the Cetriana were of the opinion that it was not particularly desired to hit the fleeing men, but that the incident was made an excuse for raking the British craft.

At any rate the Cetriana was in line of the fire, bullets whizzed across its decks and several of them struck the ship. Captain Minister ordered his passengers below but himself remained on the bridge and in personal charge of the situation.

Despite the ringer, Minister hauled alongside the American barkentine Geneva, as he made for the sea, having learned that the vessel had been seized by the Mexicans, and took off Captain W. H. Ferguson and his men.

### Escape Matter of Minutes.

The Cetriana's escape to a place of safety, was a matter of not many minutes but it was agreed on all hands that but for Captain Minister's courage, coolness and skill as a seaman these few minutes would have sufficed for the destruction of his ship and the death of all on board.

On his way out Minister reported to Captain Magruder of the Raleigh what had happened and at Magruder's demand the Geneva was released by the Mexican authorities.

### Wax Poured into Lock.

A box was returned to Mill City and one to Elkhorh because the paper seal was pasted over the vent in the lid of the ballot box, successfully preventing anyone from slipping any more ballots into the aperture, but leaving the lock clear so that it might be opened and any number slipped into the box through the open top. Both boxes were sent back to be properly sealed. One box, however, was well sealed up. The election statement was put inside the box, the paper seal plastered over the opening in the lid, the keys locked up inside the box, which is equipped with a spring lock, and the keyhole of the lock was poured full of melted wax.

This box was sent back, where it was opened with the aid of a key of dynamite or some other means at the disposal of the resourceful election board.

## WOMEN CLERKS BETTER THAN MEN ON BOARDS

### Eight Ballot Boxes Out of 73 Had to be Returned for Proper Sealing or Correction.

## CANVASS BOOTHS USED FOR THE FIRST TIME

### Many Voters Thought Fraud was Being Perpetrated When Board in Booth Acted as Carbon Paper.

Last Friday's election was the first one in which women have served on the regular election boards. Last autumn a number of women voters served at the polls, but they were appointed to fill vacancies caused by the absence of some of the regular board. When asked how the women got along, County Clerk Max Gehlhar said: "They did as well or better than the men because they did not presume to know all about election procedure, but looked it up and got it right. The men thought they knew and did not in many cases."

Despite the assistance of the women, it was necessary to send eight ballot boxes out of the 73 back to the election board and have them properly sealed up or some minor fault corrected before they could be received by the county clerk. Yet with these minor delays, men who have been following elections for years say that the returns were checked up faster this year than any previous election held in this county for a long time, considering the fact that the number of voters is practically doubled by the enfranchisement of the women.

### Must Seal Boxes.

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votes received by each candidate is to be put in an envelope provided for this purpose and fastened to the outside of the box so that it may be opened by the county clerk's force and the official returns are computed from these statements. The boxes were not opened except in case of an election contest.

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Several of the ballot boxes of the city of Salem are round boxes, and the lid is put on like the lid of a baking powder can. A few of these boxes with the label pasted only on one side. If it were desired to open these boxes, the seal would only act as a hinge, and

all thus sealed were sent back for repairs. On the round boxes it is necessary to put two seals, one on each side.

### In Case of Fire.

In this election the canvass voting booths were used in this county for the first time. These particular booths were designed by Mr. Gehlhar and were produced at a cost of \$1.30, the tin one formerly in use in this county costing over \$4 each. Most of the voters preferred the new canvass booths on account of the smaller first cost and the fact that they could be stored easily and were more easily handled. One voter objected, however, saying that in case of a fire if the tin booths were used, a voter might get ahead and finish the marking of his ballot before seeking safety in flight. Mr. Gehlhar admits that this is one weak point in his new booths, as he has made no provision for fire at the polls. It is doubtful, however, if many of the voters would stop to finish their ballots in these days of equal suffrage if a cry of "fire" or "mouse" were heard to echo through the polling place.

The board upon which the ballots were marked in the new booths being newly stained and finished shortly before the election, acted as a carbon paper in a number of instances and caused some of the voters to accuse the election board of fraud. The trou-

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