

VILLA ROUTS ENEMY IN TERRIFIC BATTLE, SAYS REBEL REPORT

Engagement Lasting Nine Days Re- sults Favorably to Insurgents at San Pedro.

LOSS ON BOTH SIDES IS HEAVY In Neighborhood of Three Thousand Dead and Wounded.

SEVEN HUNDRED FEDS TAKEN Huerta Force Said to Have Num- bered Fifteen Thousand.

BATTLE LINE TWENTY MILES Combined Insurrecto Forces Come Upon Rejected Foe—Fight Pos- sibly More Desperate Than that at Torreon.

MEXICO, April 14.—A nine days' battle, possibly more desperate than that at Gomez Palacio and Torreon, has resulted in a victory to the rebels under General Francisco Villa, according to an official report made public here this morning.

The combined rebel force came upon the reunited federals, said in the last days of the battle to have numbered 15,000 at San Pedro, De Las Colonias, state of Coahuila, forty miles east of Torreon. Killed and wounded on both sides, it is said, will number in the neighborhood of 3,000.

The rebels claimed to have taken 700 prisoners. The federal army is said to have included the Torreon garrison, led intact out of that city in retreat by General Velasco April 2, the forces of General Maas, General Hidalgo, General de Moura and two others.

Maas, Hidalgo and De Moura were on their way to Torreon with reinforcements but Velasco retired before their arrival. Since then until the concentration at San Pedro and environs the federal columns, their routes determined by the presence of scattered supplies of water, have been maneuvering in an endeavor to mobilize in force while rebel detachments have scoured hither and thither between Viesca, Parras and San Pedro to prevent their concentration.

When the general engagement was brought on it is reported that the battle line measured twenty miles in a semi-circle about the city.

ATTORNEY FOR BECKER WITHDRAWS FROM CASE

NEW YORK, April 14.—White District Attorney Whitman was issuing a statement today declaring that he believed the confession made by "Dago Frank" Croft before he went to the chair, would aid, rather than hinder the prosecution in the case of former Lieutenant Charles Becker, the latter's attorney, Joseph A. Shay, formally resigned as trial counsel.

The district attorney said he believed "Dago Frank's" mental state was such when he made the confession that no faith should be placed in it.

Shay said he resigned as trial counsel for Becker because the latter's brother, Detective Lieutenant John Becker, had insisted on listening to the stories of "an assortment of petty crooks," who wanted to sell alleged information. Shay said he could not prepare the defense of Becker with the brother interfering.

WHITE TAKES BRITISH VIEW OF CANAL TREATY

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Henry White, who as secretary of the American embassy at London, first suggested to Great Britain that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty be superseded by a new one that the United States might build a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, told the senate committee today that in all the negotiations of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty no suggestion ever had been made that American coastwise ships might be exempted from the payment of canal tolls.

"During all these negotiations I heard no suggestion that our coastwise ships might be exempted from tolls," said Mr. White. "It was my understanding that the words 'ships of all nations,' used by Lord Salisbury in our first conversation and copied by me to Secretary Hay, included ships of the United States, domestic or foreign."

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Sioux Falls Man Found in Kansas After Year's Search

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 14.—(Special.)—After a search extending at intervals over a number of years, and which covered many of the states of the union and Alaska, Herman Wagner, who disappeared from Sioux Falls about fifteen years ago, has been located and found to be alive and well.

The search for him was prosecuted more vigorously when his deserted wife in Sioux Falls, under the belief that he was dead, demanded payment of an insurance policy for \$2,000 which he held in the local lodge of United Workmen. After the disappearance of her husband Mrs. Wagner kept up the payments on the policy.

The grand lodge refused to authorize the payment of the policy and instituted a nation-wide search for the missing man. Members of the order recently received a tip that a man answering Wagner's description was in a Kansas town and Mitchell Cox and J. A. Ward, members of the Sioux Falls lodge, who are well acquainted with the missing man, were sent to Kansas to investigate.

After some difficulty they were confronted by a man whom they after a close inspection knew to be Wagner. He at first denied his identity, but finally weakened and admitted it. While in the Kansas town the two Sioux Falls men also secured information which will enable the deserted wife in Sioux Falls to make her husband atone for abandoning her, for they discovered that he is holding a position which pays him a salary of \$200 per month.

Further developments in the case are expected at an early date, and it is possible that Wagner will be prosecuted on the charge of bigamy and may be brought back to Sioux Falls on the charge of wife desertion.

Amateur Bandits Are Nearly Beaten to Death by Passengers

SEATTLE, Wash., April 14.—Two men are dying as the result of an unsuccessful attempt by two bandits to hold up a Seattle-Tacoma interurban train at Riverton, south of Seattle, late last night.

Clarence Trew, aged 23 years, one of the bandits, lies unconscious at a hospital in Seattle, with his skull fractured. His death is expected momentarily.

Charles F. Swartz, aged 28 years, of Snohomish, Wash., a passenger, is at a sanitarium in Riverton suffering from a bullet wound that just missed the heart and lodged in his lungs. He is conscious.

William Sears, the second bandit, is in the city jail, suffering from a dreadful beating, administered by all the passengers who could reach him. He will recover.

Sears' young man, made a full confession to the police today. They boarded the Tacoma bound train that left Seattle at 10:30 o'clock last night. Near Riverton the men masked themselves with red handkerchiefs, produced pistols and undertook to rob the passengers. Sears took the smoking compartment, Trew the other.

They must have impressed the passengers as amateurs, for both were immediately assaulted from behind and knocked down. Trew was struck senseless with a sand drill and Sears beaten down by blows on the head. Sears' pistol was discharged, wounding Swartz. The fallen bandits were beaten until they ceased to move, then bound hand and foot and delivered to deputy sheriffs for transportation to Seattle. The police say the men have no criminal record, and the men themselves say they were out of work.

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SEVEN PERSONS DIE IN FIRE AT BOSTON

Large Five-Story Apartment House in Hub City Suburb is De- stroyed.

FIVE OF VICTIMS One is Infant Parents Among Those Dying.

ANOTHER PART IS MISSING Many of People Living in Place Have a Narrow Escape.

SEVERAL PAINFULLY BURNED Blaze Starts in Basement Near the Waste Paper Chute and Whole Edifice in Flames When Firefighters Arrive.

BOSTON, Mass., April 14.—Seven lives were lost in a fire which wrecked the Melvin, a five-story brick apartment house at Commonwealth avenue, in the Alston district, early today. It was feared that one other occupant of the building who was missing several hours after the fire, also had been burned.

The dead:
MRS. C. L. SHACKFORD.
MRS. H. E. BEMIS.
MRS. E. C. BEHARRRELL, sister of Mrs. Bemis.
JAMES RAYMOND POWER, MRS. POWER and their INFANT SON.
MISS MARY CONNORS, Mrs. Power's maid.

Many others among the 125 persons living in the house had narrow escapes and several were painfully burned. The loss was \$20,000.

Mrs. Bemis' sister, Mrs. F. C. Beharrell, and Miss Ellen Hazel are missing. The unidentified body may be one of them.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis met death by jumping, one from the fourth floor and the other from the fifth. The bodies of the other victims were found on the fifth floor, two hours after the discovery of the fire. All had been suffocated.

The fire started in the basement, near a waste paper chute, and the flames shot rapidly up through this chute and an elevator shaft. The whole building was ablaze when the firemen arrived.

Miss May Boyd, living next door, was the first to see the fire. While another neighbor rang in an alarm, Miss Boyd rushed into the burning building and rang the bells in all the suites. The occupants were quickly aroused. Many were able to escape by the stairways. Others used the fire escapes in the rear, until the flames made this impossible. The firemen carried a number of men and women down ladders. Several persons jumped from upper floors into the life nets.

Trapped on the fourth floor, Mr. and Mrs. Clemente R. Rogers and Mrs. Robert Adams hastily fashioned a rope from bed clothing and let themselves to the ground.

No one had time to dress. The survivors found shelter in nearby apartment houses.

Higgins is Given Life Term; Trial of Girl is Postponed

GALESBURG, Ill., April 14.—Robert Higgins was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary by Judge Olmstead in the Moyer county circuit court today for the murder of Mrs. Higgins, his wife, for love of whom Higgins killed his wife, has not been tried for her part in the crime. Judge Olmstead encouraged Higgins to hope for pardon later. Higgins pleaded guilty. Higgins' crime merited death. Judge Olmstead said in pronouncing sentence, but the wife murderer's life was spared because of good behavior as a prisoner and the plea of the state's attorney.

"You may make partial reparation of the dreadful sin you have committed by being a model prisoner in the penitentiary," said Judge Olmstead. "It may be that you can cling to the hope that in later years you may deserve and receive a pardon and have years of freedom in which to redeem your past."

Julia Flake was not brought here for the trial from the girls' school in which she is an inmate. State's Attorney Wilson said she would not be given a hearing at this time of court. He declined to say definitely at what time her case would be considered. On account of the youth of the girl and the sensational nature of the case Wilson intimated he favored delaying her trial indefinitely.

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Mexico Again on the Boards



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

WILL NOT BURDEN PEOPLE Dahlman Refuses to Vote for How- ell's Water Board Levy.

SENSELESS PROFIT MAKING Mayor So Stigmatizes Efforts of the Water Board to Pile Up Huge Amount at Expense of the Citizens.

"I will never vote to burden the poor people of this town with a tax of \$100,000 for the Water board unless a court forces me to do it," said Mayor James C. Dahlman to the city commissioners when the request of General Manager H. B. Howell for the levy was read to the council. "The Water board now has nearly \$1,000,000 on hand. What do they want with more?"

The Water board, under the metropolitan water district law, may ask the city commission to authorize this levy "in lieu of hydrant rentals." It is the sum paid by the city to the old water company for hydrant service. The sum requested this year of the council is \$107,700. The Water board intends to try to collect a similar rental from South Omaha and Dundee and Florence.

Howell Much Exercised.
General Manager Howell was much exercised when told the position the mayor had taken. He said:

"If this levy is not authorized it will affect reduction of water rates to private consumers. It would not be a burden on the poor people and it would catch such taxpayers as would not otherwise pay toward the maintenance of the water plant—such places as the City National bank and the Ames estate."

Howell sought to show that the Water board does not have \$1,000,000 in cash on hand. The report of the treasurer, he said, showed that on the first of this (Continued on Page Two.)

Mob is Driven from Jail by Armed Guards

CANON CITY, Colo., April 14.—Masked and armed, a mob numbering about fifty, said to have been citizens of Florence, reached here in automobiles early today, seized Sheriff Newcomb, and with axes and ropes marched on the county jail with the avowed intention of lynching Charles Ragland, a negro under arrest, charged with the murder of Joseph Petty, a Florence merchant.

While the mob was battering at the doors of the jail, Mrs. Newcomb, the sheriff's wife, who had hidden the key to the jail, turned in a general fire alarm and telephoned to Warden Tynan at the state prison. Members of the fire department and half a dozen prison guards armed with saved-off shotguns were soon on the scene.

Several shots were fired, but so far as is known no one was wounded. After some display of resistance the members of the mob re-enters the jail, automobiles and drove away. An investigation has been started by county authorities.

The National Capital Tuesday, April 14, 1914.

The Senate.
Henry White and Fred Smory Johnson repudiated on the Panama tolls exemption report before the canal committee.
Senator Hitchcock's resolution calling on the federal reserve organization committee for the conclusions on which it selected the twelve reserve bank cities was passed without discussion.
Secretary Daniels endorsed the plan for a naval cruise to the line to South America and a bill for that purpose was introduced.

The House.
Met at noon.
Resumed debate on the legislative appropriation bill.
Representative Henry's resolution calling on the Interstate Commerce commission for information of relations between coastwise steamship lines and transcontinental railroads was favorably reported by the commerce committee.

Union Pacific Goes on Eight Per Cent Basis Next Quarter

NEW YORK, April 14.—Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific railroad, announced today that the next quarterly dividend on Union Pacific common stock would be at the rate of 8 per cent instead of the 2 1/2 per cent heretofore paid. Should the preferred stockholders succeed in their suit to participate in the distribution of the Baltimore & Ohio stock, he said, the stockholders would receive the difference between the 8 per cent and the 10 per cent rate.

In January the directors of the Union Pacific declared a special dividend on the common stockholders of \$3 cash on each share and also \$12 on the preferred stock and \$2.50 in the common stock of Baltimore & Ohio. This stock was obtained, for the most part, in trade with the woman known as "Blonde Kitty" Fitzgibbon. He died almost immediately. The Fitzgibbon woman is being held by the police pending an investigation by the grand jury. According to her story Franche did the shooting.

"Duffy the Goat," Wanted for Killing a Man, Surrenders

CHICAGO, April 14.—James Franche, alias "Duffy the Goat," wanted in connection with the shooting last Wednesday night of Isaac Henzgow, a traveling man known in San Francisco and Chicago, surrendered to detectives early today. For five days he had been in seclusion in a Chicago suburb.

Henzgow was shot in a cafe in what formerly was the segregated district, while drinking with Franche and a woman known as "Blonde Kitty" Fitzgibbon. He died almost immediately. The Fitzgibbon woman is being held by the police pending an investigation by the grand jury. According to her story Franche did the shooting.

SHRAPNEL EXPLODES IN PHILADELPHIA ARSENAL

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—One workman was probably fatally injured, five others were badly burned and 130 women employed in the manufacture of cartridges were thrown into a panic today by the bursting of a shell in the shrapnel department of the United States arsenal here. The women fled from their work when the explosion broke windows and shook the buildings. Friction in the machinery is believed to have been the cause of the explosion.

RAILWAY COMPANY INDICTED ON CHARGE OF REBATING

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 14.—The United States authorities today officially confirmed the report that the federal grand jury had returned indictments against the South Dakota Central Railway company, on the charge of rebating. Papers in the case have been served on the railway company.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AGAINST MELLE DROPPED

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 14.—On recommendation of counsel for the state, Judge Tuttle today cancelled the charge of manslaughter brought against Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, as a result of a wreck at West Point in 1912.

FULMER HEADS THE NORMAL

Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan Chosen at Kearney.

TO TAKE PLACE AUGUST FIRST Nomination by Teachers' Committee Followed by Unanimous Vote of Members of State Board.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, April 14.—(Special.)—The State Normal board today chose Chancellor C. A. Fulmer of Nebraska Wesleyan university as president of the Kearney normal school. He will take his place on August 1, providing he accepts the tender. His selection ends some of the trouble which the board has had since Dr. Thomas' dismissal last fall.

The nomination by the teachers' committee of the board was followed by a unanimous vote in favor of the Wesleyan man. He had been proposed once before but under the shadow of other nominations and at a time when the members were not all prepared to vote on the matter. Members Gavines, Majors, Delsell and Vele, who have been opposed to election of a man proposed by the Thomas interests on the board fell in for the plan with a surprising agility. State Treasurer George and Rev. J. R. Gestey were well pleased with their carrying out of the program.

Dr. Fulmer was dean of the fine arts college for two years at Wesleyan and was given the chancellorship in March, 1911. Previous to that time he had been connected with the school field having been superintendent at Pawnee City, Edgar and at Beatrice during different times.

The name of Prof. G. W. A. Luckey of the University of Nebraska was suggested for the place some time ago by the Caviness-Delsell interests, but no attempt was made by them today to force the selection of that educator.

Newspaper Men Who Fought Duel Face Prosecution

CHICAGO, April 14.—The two Chicago newspaper men who fought a bloody revolver duel Sunday morning in a grove near Riverside park, today faced possible prosecution. Mackley Hoyne, state's attorney, yesterday began an investigation which may result in indictments.

Christian Botker, editor and publisher of Reven, a Danish-Norwegian paper, and Edward Peterson, the local correspondent of the Chicago Postel, a Danish paper published in Minneapolis, were the principals in the duel. Peterson is said to have challenged Botker because of an article attacking him which was published in the Reven.

The Illinois criminal code provides a sentence of from one to five years in the penitentiary and a fine of not more than \$2,000 for dueling. Sunday's duel was the eighth fought in Illinois of which there is record.

SEVERAL CITIES CONTEST FOR MEETING OF SAINTS

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., April 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Elder Daniel McGregor of Canada preached the evening sermon at the Latter Day Saints' conference here last evening and this morning. Holmes J. Davidson of California spoke at the business meeting today. It was decided that when the conference adjourned it does so to meet April 8, 1915, the place to be determined by the first presidency. Lamont, Ia., and Los Angeles, Cal., and Independence, were the places placed in nomination. The oratorio "Holy City" was again rendered by the big chorus. This was done to give opportunity to the many turned away on other nights to hear. E. W. Farrell of Boston addressed the overflow congregation tonight in the Auditorium.

ENTIRE ATLANTIC FLEET WILL BACK DEMAND OF MAYO

All American Fighting Ships on the Eastern Seaboard Ordered to Concentrate at Tampico.

CABINET DISCUSSES SITUATION Conference Lasts Two Hours, but All Members Refuse to Talk.

DANIELS HURRIES TO HIS OFFICE Secretary Quickly Prepares Orders to Battleships and Cruisers.

NO ULTIMATUM IS ISSUED United States Will Be in Position to Enforce One.

LIND ATTENDS THE CONFERENCE

Huerta Says that Officers Who Ar- rested Marines Were Acting Within Their Rights Un- der International Law.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—A general concentration of the Atlantic fleet at Tampico was ordered today by Secretary Daniels after a short cabinet meeting in which President Wilson laid before the cabinet the necessity for backing up the demand of Rear Admiral Mayo, that the American flag be saluted by the Huerta commander.

The cabinet had discussed the situation in a two-hour meeting, and the general consensus of opinion was that the Washington government should insist upon a salute. After the meeting there was a conspicuous silence on the part of all officers, and Secretary Daniels hurried to the Navy department, where he prepared a memorandum of naval orders.

President Wilson conferred with Secretary Tumulty and reports were current that later in the day a statement covering the American demand for a salute would be made.

The battleship South Carolina, enroute from San Domingo, has been intercepted by wireless and ordered to Tampico. The gunboats, Nashville, at San Domingo, and Tacoma, at Boston, also have been ordered to Tampico.

The torpedo flotilla at Pensacola, Fla., has been notified to be ready to join the battleships at Tampico on short notice.

The transport Hancock with 800 marines has been ordered from New Orleans to Tampico at once.

Secretary Bryan had made all arrangements to leave tonight for Miami, Fla., for a few days' rest. The developments of the Mexican situation, however, forced a change in his plans, and late today he canceled his traveling reservations. Mrs. Bryan and some of the family will go.

Officials said that while no ultimatum had been issued to the Huerta government, the mobilization of the fleet at Tampico was intended to put the United States in position to enforce one, should the immediate developments make it necessary.

Statement by Daniels.

A statement, issued by Secretary Daniels, follows:

"Secretary of the Navy Daniels this afternoon sent orders to Rear Admiral Badger, commander of the Atlantic fleet, to proceed at once with all the ships under his command, to Tampico. Admiral Badger is at Hampton roads. At the same time orders were issued for the Hancock, now at New Orleans with 800 marines, to proceed at once to Tampico. Orders were also issued to the South Carolina enroute to San Domingo, to proceed to Tampico. Orders were also issued to the Tacoma, now at Boston, to proceed to Tampico. The torpedo fleet, now at Pensacola, was notified to stand by for orders to proceed to Tampico."

Naval officials eagerly transmitted the orders to the fleet and there was a scene of activity and anticipation. The feeling that the Washington government had decided to show the Huerta government a fixed determination to insist on an apology and public salute pervaded official circles. It was learned authoritatively that while further investigation of the Tampico incident was being (Continued on Page Two.)

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
—Fair but not much change in temperature.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	42
7 a. m.	45
8 a. m.	47
9 a. m.	52
10 a. m.	57
11 a. m.	64
12 m.	64
1 p. m.	64
2 p. m.	67
3 p. m.	69
4 p. m.	71
5 p. m.	72
6 p. m.	72
7 p. m.	72
8 p. m.	72
9 p. m.	72
10 p. m.	72
11 p. m.	72
12 m.	72

Comparative Local Record.
1914 1913 1912 1911
Highest yesterday 71 72 69 68
Lowest yesterday 42 42 47 46
Mean temperature 55 57 53 54
Precipitation .00 .00 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature .00
Excess for the day .10
Total deficiency since March 1 .00
Normal precipitation .09 inch
Deficiency for the day .09 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 1.08 inch
Deficiency since March 1 .01 inch
Excess for the day .00 inch
Excess for the period 1912 2.24 inch

Reports from Stations T. P. M.
Station and state Temp. High-Rain-
of Weather. 7 p. m. 6 a. m. Fall.
Cheyenne, part cloudy. 53 69 .00
Denver, cloudy. 64 79 .00
Des Moines, cloudy. 42 47 .00
Dodge City, part cloudy. 74 78 .00
Lander, clear. 62 65 .00
North Platte, clear. 62 67 .00
Omaha, clear. 66 71 .00
Pueblo, clear. 68 72 .00
Rapid City, cloudy. 62 68 .00
Salt Lake City, clear. 62 68 .00
Sault Ste. Marie, clear. 66 68 .00
Shelburne, part cloudy. 62 67 .00
Sioux City, clear. 66 71 .00
Valentine, clear. 64 68 .00
T indicates trace of precipitation.
J. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.