

The O'Neil Frontier

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For some little time the Mawson expedition in the southern polar regions has been in communication with the outside world by means of the wireless station which Mawson established at Adelie land, which is the base of the expedition. The wireless station had been in place nearly a year before it was put to working order, owing to the difficulties encountered in operating the gasoline engine which drives the dynamo, due to the unusual conditions existing at this point, and accidental happening to the pole. The troubles were at last overcome and frequent messages exchanged with the outside world.

Fifty years ago a federal recruiting officer in Kennebec, Me., persuaded men who were working in the fields to enlist in the civil war, and one of them placed his scythe in the crook of a tree when leaving. The scythe remained there, and although the wooden handle has rotted away, the blade remains, imbedded in the tree trunk, which is now 20 inches in diameter.

The French minister of public instruction announces that the late Marquis Arconati-Visconti has left her beautiful art collections to the Louvre museum. The collections contain unique specimens of all branches of art of the middle ages, and of the eighteenth century. Among pictures of the Italian masters some fine canvases by Ghirlandajo, Lunni and Malnardi.

Foreign universities are now receiving some of the large private benefactions for which they have long envied American institutions. Cambridge university has recently received \$450,000 for general purposes and \$50,000 for a chair of astrophysics; Bristol university has had a gift of \$100,000 from one donor, \$90,000 from another, and \$750,000 from two others.

The natives of the island of Martinique and other of the West Indies are addicted to the use of whitewash to such an extent that their settlements resemble white cities. The walls of the stone buildings are whitewashed, and likewise the roofs, which are in this manner kept clean, so that the water which falls may be run into cisterns for domestic purposes.

That the fishing industry is an important one in British Columbia is evidenced by the figures given in government statistics. There are 100,000 men and boys engaged in the fishing industry, while the annual catch is valued at nearly \$35,000,000. The amount of capital invested in boats and other equipment exceeds \$20,000,000.

Observations and records to the general age of trees have shown that the pine tree attains 700 years as a maximum length of life; 425 years is regarded as the allotted span of the silver fir; the red pine, as a rule, about 275 years; the red hemlock, 245; the aspen, 210; the birch, 200; the ash, 170; the elder, 135; the elm, 130.

The people of the United States paid more than \$6,000,000 for mineral water in 1912. New York leads in the number of springs, quantity of water, total value of table waters, but ranks seventh in the value of medicinal waters sold. Indiana takes first rank in the value of medicinal water sold and is third in total value.

It is reported in the London Times that the government of Tunis is about to establish a reserve to give refuge to the rapidly disappearing fauna of that country. It will include about 4,000 acres of mild mountainous country and an adjoining marsh of 5,000 acres.

A ship building slip is maintained in connection with the high school in San Pedro, Cal., where, under the practical instruction of a nautical architect, the students learn how to build a boat, make and place the engine, and launch and run the craft.

In a new hotel in Worcester, Mass., there will be a lock set into the floor of the lobby. The lock will be of glass one inch thick and will be 2 1/2 inches in diameter. The lock will be run entirely by electricity and regulated daily by telegraph.

In Wood Green, a suburb of London, there has been opened a labor exchange for boys and girls leaving school, the object being to find suitable employment for them and situations that, as far as possible, are what they desire.

W. F. Passett, who has done more than any other man to make the fabric one of New Jersey's most extensive and profitable crops, has been raising this flower for more than 70 years. He is now 88 years old.

A clock which was presented to Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., stopped recently after 34 years' constant running. After slight repairs it was started and promises to run a long again.

Coal is by far the most important mineral product of India. The value of the output of the coal fields in 1912 reached a total of \$16,088,374, which represents an advance of more than 32 per cent.

One hundred men took part in a municipal game hunt in Platteville, Colo., to destroy animals which do damage to crops. In all 1,000 animals were demagogues to muskrats.

Within an area only 8 per cent larger than Rhode Island the English county of Lancashire produces the world with 70 per cent of its cotton manufacture.

In the last year 13,214,346 letters arrived at the dead letter office in Washington, and of these 6,440,944 were returned to the senders.

A Wyandotte hen belonging to Francis Paines of Wiltshire, England, laid 583 eggs in the three years it has lived.

The value of gold produced in the Gold coast and Ashanti during 1912 was \$2,645,465, the largest production on record.

Three Chinese are among those studying forestry in the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y.

Efforts are being made to form a flour and bread trust in Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Rosario.

More than one-half of the money derived from England's income tax is collected from Londoners.

Madras, India, has an electric street railway with 14 miles of track, employing 760 persons.

Lloyds is insuring Englishmen against mumps, which is epidemic in London.

There are 3,500,000 goats in Spain.

ANTI-SUFFS FAIL IN NERVE FOR PROPOSED MEETING AT LINCOLN

Fear of Causing Social Feuds Killed Plans Launched for Demonstration.

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Anti-suffragists of Omaha, who proposed to invade Lincoln, the headquarters of the suffragist movement of Nebraska, have abandoned their plans. And it was all because those society leaders who believe with them did not have the nerve to make the alignment desired. A committee of Omaha women came down for the purpose of inviting Lincoln women to a luncheon at which speeches were to be made and a propaganda started. But every one of those whom they invited sidestepped in a great big hurry. Several of them said they were suffragists and wouldn't come, but the others gave a variety of excuses. Most of them said that they were on terms of friendship with women who were prominent in the suffrage cause, and they would not risk the possibility of a social feud that would be aroused by such action.

FORMER IOWAN STARTS SUIT FOR SEPARATION

Fairbury, Neb., May 18.—Asserting that her newly wedded husband became insanely jealous of her and started a system of espionage by employing private detectives, after she left Fairbury to go to Rock Valley, Ia., to secure her personal belongings in a hospital so that she might properly furnish her home in this city, she caused Mrs. Mary V. Ratz to file a suit in district court for alimony against her husband, Arthur J. Ratz, a wealthy property owner of this county and who is rated at between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Prior to the marriage, March 30, the plaintiff had been a nurse and a superintendent of a hospital at Rock Valley. She asserts her husband has never expended any money on her, notwithstanding the fact that he owns three valuable tracts in St. Louis and approximately 500 acres of land in this county.

The plaintiff is 20 years old and is unusually pretty.

NEGRO CONVICT THINKS HE'S MULTI-MILLIONAIRE

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—The fact that J. T. Marshall, a negro murderer who asked the pardon board for a release from prison, felt compelled to mention that Jay Gould owed him \$16,000,000 will militate against a compliance with his desire. Marshall has been in the penitentiary for 12 years, for killing a sister and a niece. He said he was willing to give half of the \$16,000,000 if the board would let him out. He felt that he could do this because he owned considerable property—the state university campus, for instance. Asked if he did not fear the loss of this by university removal, he said that he did not, because he also owned the farm campus. Marshall will be handed over to the prison physician for examination for his sanity.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE PINS HIS FAITH TO BRYAN

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—In a declaration of the principles upon which he proposes to run for the democratic nomination in the Sixth district, F. J. Taylor, of St. Paul, declares that the credit for the great awakening of the nation should be given to W. J. Bryan. He says that the democrats and popular party, rightly because of the things they stood for, and yet today they are the vital essences of the legislation being enacted at Washington. Mr. Taylor favors a national law for the guaranty bank deposits, and insists that a closer supervision over federal appropriations would give some relief in the matter of the high cost of living.

RAILROADS REBELLIOUS AGAINST EXTRA EXPENSE

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—The railroads of Lincoln are up in rebellion against the city commissioners. An ordinance recently passed went into effect yesterday, but the railroads ignored it. The law requires the maintenance of flagmen at certain named grade crossings. The roads say that there is no reason for maintaining these men, since no accidents have occurred, and that traffic so great as to require their employment. The ordinance was leveled principally at the Rock Island, which goes through a well-developed residential district and which has been fighting the city's efforts to compel it to build viaducts.

ADMITS SETTING FIRES; ASKS TO BE LOCKED UP

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Fire Commissioner Ridgell received a telegram from Harvard saying that the mystery connected with the three fires that have caused excitement in that town during the past six months has been cleared up. George Bennett, aged 23, who lived with his widowed mother in that town, called up the mayor yesterday and said that he had set all of them. He said that he possessed an uncontrollable mania for setting fire to buildings, and that he wanted to be locked up where he could not further damage. He will be sent to the Hastings asylum. He had previously received treatment at the Lincoln asylum.

STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT LAW OVER LANDS

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Deputy Attorney General Edgerton is back from Grant county, where he represented the state in a lawsuit involving the ownership of certain lands. The state claims such lands as property of the permanent school fund, but homesteaders have filed on the land, asserting it to be government property. If the homesteaders are right the state will lose a large acreage of hay land, and will have nothing left but sandhills. The case was continued to allow government surveyors to finish their work.

O. H. DURAND ELECTED GRAND ARMY COMMANDER

Grand Island, Neb., May 16.—The encampment of the Grand Army closed yesterday afternoon with the installation of the officers elected this morning as follows: Commander, O. H. Durand, Fairbury; senior vice commander, Ira Griswold, Lexington; junior vice commander, M. S. Pollard, Cambridge; medical director, Dr. S. H. Omaha; chaplain, S. W. Dungan, Waverly.

The same council of administration was re-elected for the ensuing year.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

COLUMBUS—Mention of Judge I. L. Albert as a possible candidate in the democratic primary against Congressman Dan V. Stephens, is futile and unauthorized, according to Judge Albert himself. When his attention was called to a newspaper report Judge Albert said: "I have neither the time, money nor inclination to become a candidate for congress or for office of any kind. The report is wholly without foundation."

GREELEY CENTER—The 7-year-old son of August Potiski, while visiting at the home of his uncle, Paul Doubt, found a 28-caliber cartridge, which exploded when he struck it with a hammer. Part of the cartridge entered the abdomen of the child, wounding him severely and his condition is critical.

HASTINGS—John Cullivan petitioned Judge Burton to probate the will of John O'Connor, of Hastings, in his favor. Some time ago O'Connor, who is an Omaha real estate man, pre-arranged a will giving him O'Connor's \$100,000 estate. He failed to receive the property because the will was not witnessed. He has informed Judge Burton that he has a second will, legally made.

PLATTSMOUTH—The bunk car occupied by a Burlington pile driving gang located here was robbed while those who occupy it were sleeping. The occupants had retired about 9 o'clock, and the foreman, John Murphy, hung his trousers to the bunk railing. He awoke to find that someone had entered and relieved him of his pocketbook.

ORLEANS—F. P. Shields and Karl Spence, president and secretary of the Republican Valley Press association, are issuing a call for a meeting to be held in Franklin on Friday, June 12. The last meeting was held at Orleans February 14.

AUBURN—Harry Gerds died as the result of injuries sustained when a part of a farm building roof fell upon and crushed him. With other men he was engaged in raising the roof of the building which was being remodelled.

MADISON—An appeal from the action of the village council of Newman Grove in granting licenses has been filed in district court. At the village election it is claimed that the wets carried by one vote.

MADISON—Judge M. B. Foster, of Madison, is about to open an operation for appendicitis at Rock Valley, which was done a few days ago, and word has come that he is rapidly recovering.

DUNBAR—John Clark, a farmer living six miles north of Dunbar, was kicked by a mule and received injuries which may prove fatal.

IOWA.

CEDAR FALLS—The merging of the majority of the women's social and literary clubs of this city into one big organization known as the Cedar Falls Women's club has just been completed. Mrs. Marion McFarland Walker, dean of women at Teachers' college and district chairman of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs, presided at all the preliminary meetings and was largely responsible for the successful conclusion of the consolidation campaign.

DES MOINES—Improvements aggregating at least \$1,500,000 will be made on the local city railway system during the next three years, according to the terms of the proposed franchise prepared by Emil G. Schmidt, president of the company. The prospective ordinance provides for the expenditure of \$500,000 a year. With the completion of the new franchise negotiations broken off with the city before the election will be resumed by the street railway company.

AVOCA—A. Johnson, the aged bailiff of the district court at the branch county seat of Pottawattamie county, Iowa, is now completing his 19th consecutive year in that position. He has been retained under both republican and democratic administrations of the county sheriff's office, and the older judges of the district feel that it would be almost impossible to hold court here without Mr. Johnson.

BURLINGTON—Burlington is still without a regular night force of policemen. The seven officers who struck because of the appointment of a new night captain have had notice of discharge. Five new men are walking the night beats temporarily and Chief of Police Willard says he will have a full force appointed in a few days.

MOUNT Ayr—The Independent, a weekly newspaper published at Mount Ayr, Iowa, will be leased to Sheriff H. W. Terrell, who will publish it. Mr. Laughlin established the paper a year ago last September. Mr. Terrell, the present publisher, is now in the race for sheriff of Ringgold county for the fifth time. He is making the race on the progressive ticket. The Independent is to continue as a progressive paper.

LEMARS—Prof. F. E. Palmer, who has been superintendent of the Lemars city schools for the past six years, has been elected to the superintendency of grade work in the Mason City schools. The new position brings him an increase in salary and affords him a greater opportunity for advancement.

BROOKS—About 30 farmers of this vicinity enjoyed a real fox hunt yesterday. After a strenuous chase the riders closed in on the crafty animals and at the end of the hunt five brushes had been captured. Foxes are unusually numerous in western Iowa, especially along the Missouri bottom.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

YANKTON—The city commission, in annual session for the selection of the appointive officers of the city, took action as follows: L. M. Yeatman, police chief; S. S. Buckwater, treasurer; J. W. Summers, auditor; W. J. Thomas, chief of police; Charles Wright and James Branaugh, policemen; H. H. Warren, city attorney; William Higbee, superintendent of waterworks; E. Edmonds, engineer; J. A. Dickson, assessor.

EDGEWATER—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Fall River County Fair association Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10, 11 and 12, was fixed as the time for the annual fair of the association. These dates are in accordance with an understanding with the Black Hills fair association, and will not conflict with the dates of the fairs in the other counties of the Black Hills.

PIERRE—Mrs. Linstad was severely burned on the arms and face in a small blaze caused by a gasoline explosion in the rooms occupied by herself and son, Capt. Otto B. Linstad.

GETTYSBURG—Rev. Father J. J. Harrington, late pastor of the Catholic church here, accompanied by his mother, left for Pierre yesterday, where he will reside. Bishop O'Gorman having appointed him to that church and to the missionary work at Onida. Father Harrington also will have charge of the churches at Lebanon, Gettysburg and Seneca until a successor is appointed.

WAGNER—Elaborate preparations have been made by members of the local Epworth league for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the local league. The anniversary exercises were held on Friday of this week, and supplementary exercises were held on Sunday, May 17.

STATE ASSOCIATION STARTS CRUSADE ON FEE SPLITTING EVIL

Claim Made That Present State Law Is Ignored—Violators May Be Barred.

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Graver terrors are to be invoked than those contained in the Nebraska state law, which makes it a criminal offense for a surgeon to pay any part of the fee received for his services to the physician who brings him the case. The state medical association, at its meeting here, authorized the appointment of a committee to investigate all violations of the law and to expel all who are guilty from membership in both county or state associations. For the first offense the suspension is for two years, for the second he get a life term in the outer darkness.

An investigation made by a committee named a year ago resulted in the discovery that the practice is as prevalent as it was before the law. The knowledge of the splitting is usually confined to two persons. In medical circles, however, it is not difficult for the practice to be spotted. The practice had its origin in the desire of younger surgeons to get business, and the older surgeons, when a general practitioner comes along and wants to know what percentage he gets, agrees to split for fear the case will go elsewhere.

One of the vicious results of the system is that the easy money derived from operations, by the physician furnishing the case, is a constant incentive to advise operations on the slightest pretext.

FOUR STATES WILL FILE PROTEST ON APPLE RATES

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—The railway commissions of four states, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, are joining in three complaints to be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission against existing rates for transporting apples. There is a very large amount of money invested in commercial orchards in southwestern Iowa, southwestern Nebraska, northwestern Missouri and northwestern Kansas, and it is this territory that is to be represented.

The general complaint is that for the shipment of apples the railroads charge unreasonably high and discriminatory rates when compared with rates on other perishable products which cost more to handle. The complaints also declare that under existing rates apples from Michigan and New York orchards can compete here at home with western orchards. The same is true of rates from the south on other fruits. The markets that the associations of growers in the four state hope to reach on equal terms with eastern orchards are Milwaukee, Louisville, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, St. Paul and the Dakotas, as well as southern commercial centers.

AUTHORITIES PUZZLED OVER RIVAL COMPLAINTS

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Lincoln authorities are scratching their heads over a curious case. A Mrs. Johnson neighbors who said that she spends most of the night going from one side to another of her house pounding on the boards and that her son keeps time to the pounding with a horn. When the son stood by the stand she said that there was not a word of truth in the story, but that on the contrary at promptly 11:30 at night her neighbors begin marching around the house blowing horns. This they keep up until 8 o'clock in the morning, and then start in for hourly repetitions. Every now and then she said, they threw nitroglycerine and dynamite bombs against the door.

The curious part of it is that the son testified in sincerity, to exactly the same things the mother did. The case was referred to the insanity commission. Cases of double delusion are rare.

PARTY HARMONIZERS SEEKING BASIS FOR CALL

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Attorney General Martin has been asked by Chairman Epperson of the regular republican state committee and Chairman Currie of the Taft republican state committee to decide whether apportionment for delegates to a state convention can be based on the vote cast for a state officer. The two chairmen have agreed to issue a joint call, but they are up against the proposition of a basis of apportionment. The state law seems to be based on the basis, but this is challenged as referring to the national convention. The republicans divided at the last election held between Taft and Epperson, but were united behind the candidacy of men at the state ticket.

WIFE COMMITTED CRIME; HUSBAND WAS CONVICTED

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Mrs. L. Bloom appeared yesterday afternoon before the state board of pardons and asked for the release of her husband, a Falls City pawnbroker, found guilty of receiving stolen goods. Mrs. Bloom insisted that she was to blame for the entire transaction, and that she bought the stuff while her husband was out of the store. She said she knew nothing about the matter, but that after her trouble came he refused to allow her to be implicated, and stood trial himself, believing he would not be convicted.

STRIKE SYMPATHIZERS ARE BLAMED FOR RIOT

Wakefield, Mass., May 16.—A mob of strike sympathizers numbering more than 1,000 women and men, mostly strikers, made a riotous demonstration today in the vicinity of the rattan factory of the Heywood Brothers, a Wakefield company, where a strike has been in progress for several weeks. Factory windows were broken and electric cars were held up and searched for loyal workers and strike breakers, many of whom were assaulted. Chief of Police Pollard said that unless order was restored the militia would be called out.

OREGON ELECTORS ARE CHOOSING CANDIDATES

Portland, Ore., May 15.—Candidates for democratic, republican and progressive party nominations are being voted for in Oregon's primary election today. Nominations are to be made for United States senator, three representatives in congress and county and state officers.

SONG OF VICTORY STIRS REBELS ON EVE OF CONFLICT

Washington, May 18.—Constitutionalist leaders here predict the capture of Saltillo within 10 days, and the entrance of their armies into Mexico City within 45 days. They say it may be sooner if Huerta is ousted by uprisings in Mexico City. This government will permit the constitutionalists to get ammunition through Tampico.

Hipolito, Mex., May 18.—The army of General Villa was moved early today in preparation for its advance on the federal garrison at Saltillo. The men were in excellent spirits. News that a constitutionalist party of 300 men had surprised and routed 400 federalists near Paredon yesterday filtered through the ranks, putting the men in good humor and serving to start the improvised folksongs in which the Mexican soldier delights.

Saltillo has a company but has several favorite minstrels who improvise verses on the happenings of the campaign and the camp. General Villa has realized the effect of music on the spirits of his men and the organization of bands and choruses has been encouraged. These sing endless verses composed by themselves eulogizing Villa, Carranza, their guns and horses.

There is a keen rivalry between the men of the different brigades and the badges distinguishing the commands are proudly displayed. The men are well clothed, but are not distinctly uniformed. There is a sprinkling of khaki uniforms, but the greater number wear blue overalls.

The men, however, wear colored bands with the name of the brigade printed on them in black to distinguish their commands. Usually these are worn on the left arm, but sometimes on the right to serve as a hatband. The band of the Zaragoza brigade, said to be the crack organization of the army, is white. This brigade is commanded by Paul Madero, brother of former President Madero, who met his brother when his brother met his tragic death in Mexico City, was a Cornell undergraduate.

HUERTA MAY BE OUSTED BEFORE MEDIATORS START

Washington, May 18.—Belief is becoming stronger here daily that Huerta is near the end of his reign. Admitted from many quarters are that he is tottering and cannot hold out much longer. It is considered probable here that he will indicate to the mediators through his representatives that he is willing to quit on terms which will not seriously impair his dignity, but that he would be no surprise if a revolt in Mexico City at any time would drive him to flight before the mediation conference can get into full operation at Niagara Falls. It is quite apparent that no military force at his command that is equal to the force under Villa. However, before Villa can capture Saltillo and clear the region between there and San Luis Potosi of federalists and then advance on Mexico City some weeks are likely to elapse. Much more over Mexico City stands the shadow of Zapata, though it is regarded as doubtful here whether Zapata, without artillery can overcome the federal forces at the capital.

REBELS ARE CLEANING UP THE PACIFIC COAST

On board United States steamship California, Mazatlan, Mex., May 15.—(By wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 15.)—Mazatlan's water supply is still cut off by the besieging rebels and both sickness and death are increasing sickening rapidly. An outbreak of pestilence is feared. The governor of Mazatlan disarmed the police today on the plea of lack of ammunition for the defense of the city. His real motive, it is believed, was fear of internal revolt.

General Obregon, commander of the constitutionalists apparently is working southward for the purpose of cutting the railroad from Manzanillo to Guaymas and Mexico City before attempting other operations. If he succeeds in cutting the railroad thereby shutting off munitions of war it is thought the west coast cities will fall without further fighting.

TUXPAM IS CAPTURED BY CONSTITUTIONALIST TROOPS

Washington, May 18.—Tuxpam, on the east coast of Mexico, between Vera Cruz and Tampico, is the hands of the constitutionalists, according to a report to the state department today from Consul Canada at Vera Cruz. Consul Canada said a party of Spanish refugees arriving in Vera Cruz had Tuxpam in a laugh. He informed him that constitutionalists under General Aguilas had occupied the city.

EMBARGO ON ARMS DOES NOT COVER THE PORT OF TAMPICO

Washington, May 18.—The capture of Tampico by the constitutionalists has made it clear that the embargo on arms imported into Mexico through that port. Shipments may be landed from the United States or any other country. The proclamation placing the embargo on arms did not anticipate an open port to the constitutionalists. Neither is there any prohibition against Huerta receiving arms through ports controlled by him. In fact, it is said, Huerta has received large supplies of arms and ammunition as Salina Cruz on the west coast.

EL PASO, TEX., MAY 18.—The attitude of the American administration with regard to the embargo on arms caused immediate activity along this section of the border today. The shortage of ammunition has been recognized by those in close touch with constitutionalist affairs to be the greatest problem Mexico has to face.

When the announcement came over the wires that there was no prohibition against shipping arms and ammunition into Tampico from the United States or elsewhere there was an immediate exodus eastward of constitutionalist purchasing agents, arms and ammunition salesmen and gun runners who hurried frantically to reach the point where they could come into closest touch with arms shipments. The real worry of the constitutionalist agents according to well informed men along the border, was lodged in the uncertainty as to whether American arms companies would sell their products to them.

ROMANCE OF WORK IS DEMONSTRATED IN PLAY

New York, May 16.—"The Romance of Work" in which 6,000 girls took part in scenes, showing the relations of women to work in America from the earliest days and with a look into the future was given last night by the New York members to the visiting delegates attending the 10th biennial convention of the National League of Women Workers in session here. The girls had been rehearsing for the play since last January.

them. Although Tampico was open, it was recognized that the most logical way to secure ammunition for Villa from foreign ports was to transship the product of American manufacturers. It had been freely stated along the border by the arms agents and gun runners that a silent and tacit prohibition from the state department would prevent the sale of a single cartridge from the big makers and would present a more effective embargo than the guards along the border.

TAMPICO IS RESUMING NORMAL, FOLLOWING FALL

Washington, May 18.—Mexican constitutionalist forces, under General Gonzales now occupying Tampico, have assured United States Consul Miller that when Americans and other foreigners returned to the city every consideration will be shown them. Consul Miller reports everything quiet and that the city has been in perfect order since its occupation by General Gonzales. A report from American Consul Bonnafant now in his home from San Luis Potosi, states that, so far as he could learn, no Americans were killed in his district before the time he left, but that all the railroads were paralyzed, chiefly from lack of fuel. He left the command in charge of the British vice consul.

PEACE ENVOYS LEAVE FOR NIAGARA FALLS CONFERENCE

Washington, May 18.—Plans for the assembling of the mediators, delegates and other officials at Niagara Falls for the peace negotiations went forward rapidly today, after the delays and postponements of yesterday. Minister Naon, of Argentina, will leave at 7 o'clock tomorrow night for preliminary arrangements at Niagara Falls Monday.

The departure of Justice Lamar, Mr. Lehmann and the American officials is dependent on the plans of the Mexican delegates, who are expected to arrive this afternoon, but it is probable the various groups will get away Sunday night or Monday.

FEDERALS BURN AMERICAN PROPERTY BEFORE FLEEING

Washington, May 18.—That Mexican federals had evacuated Monclova, in Coahuila, and that 600 constitutionalist under General Murguía had taken possession of a town moving from Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, was reported today to the state department.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 16.—Before evacuating Monclova, their final stand on the Mexican National road, the federals practically all American property in the town, according to a dispatch from Pedras Negras today. The message came from General Murguía. In command of the constitutionalist force at Sabinas. He also said the federals who left Monclova yesterday were reported to be marching overland to Saltillo to join the garrison there under Generals Velasco and Joaquin Maas.

PLANNING TO REOPEN OIL PROPERTIES AT TAMPICO

New York, May 18.—Local representatives of the various oil companies operating in and around Tampico, Mex., were still without definite advice today regarding conditions at that port. They were of the opinion, however, that the situation is gradually taking such shape as to permit of an early resumption of operations at the wells and refineries. So far as is known, little damage has been sustained by any of the companies and that chiefly through overflowing wells or wastage.

BIG SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR AMERICAN TROOPS

New York, May 18.—Food products, to the value of nearly \$100,000, intended for the United States soldiers in Mexico, are to be delivered at the navy yard, by New York dealers, before Tuesday night. The contracts call for 675,000 pounds of potatoes, 25,000 pounds of onions, 64,000 pounds of frozen poultry, 1,000 pounds of butter and 20,000 dozen eggs.

GIRL BRIDE LIED TO SAVE HUSBAND

New York, May 18.—A recess, today, in the trial of Charles E. Becker, former police lieutenant, accused of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, halted until Monday the second presentation of the story of the now famous tragedy of the underworld. District Attorney Whitman announced that he expected to finish presentation of the state's evidence on Monday and the defense probably will complete its rebuttal by the middle of the week. From this a verdict may be expected by a week from today.

Until yesterday, the state's case alleged plot for the murder of Rosenthal could be given but few new touches and the testimony of Rosa, corroborated by Vallon and Webber, remained as the chief evidence in the case. District Attorney Whitman based his case against Becker. Then, however, Mr. Whitman sprang a surprise by calling Mrs. Lillian Rosenberg, widow of "Lefty Louie," one of the four gunmen executed on April 13, last.

Mrs. Rosenberg admitted that her testimony at the trial of the gunman had little or no basis of truth, but declared that she had so testified to save her husband from the electric chair. In making this admission and in telling under oath of the meeting in her flat between her husband, the other gunman, and Rose, when the murder of Rosenthal was planned and the money divided, she made it appear certain that no mistake had been made in the conviction of the gunmen of whom her husband was one.

Mrs. Rosenberg's statement discounts the confession alleged to have been made by "Dago Frank" Cirofici, just before the gunmen were electrocuted. In the confession he was quoted as saying he never heard the name of Becker mentioned in connection with the murder plot.

MOB DRIVEN OFF.

Wakefield, Mass., May 16.—A large crowd which had gathered today near the furniture factory of the Heywood Brothers, the scene of rioting last night, was driven from the streets by the police. In the crowd were many women, some of whom resisted and were carried off by officers.

PLACE FOR SWEENEY.

Washington, May 16.—The president today nominated B. Sweeney, of Seattle, Wash., to be assistant secretary of the interior.