

Rebels Win Many Signal Victories Over Federal Troops

Bomb From Rebel Bi-plane Kills Several Persons at Mazatlan--Carranza Reports Capture of the Federal Garrison of Acaponetta--Other Victories.

Forty Thousand Rebel Soldiers Now in the Field--Aggressive Campaign Planned on Saltillo and Other Federal Strongholds--Mediators Planning for Conference at Niagara Falls.

Washington, May 7.—President Wilson found time in the midst of wedding preliminary festivities at the white house today to confer with Secretary of State Bryan for a few minutes on the Mexican crisis with particular reference to mediation.

Secretary Bryan announced after the conference that American delegates to advise with the South American mediators had not yet been selected but that a selection soon would be made.

The arrival in Washington of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, late charge of the American embassy at Mexico City, aroused considerable speculation as to the returned envoy's future status.

On Board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mexico, May 6.—(Via Wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 7.)—Four persons were killed and eight were injured today by the explosion of a bomb that was dropped into the city streets from a rebel biplane.

Firing between the rebel and federal fortifications continues and in the artillery duel the besieging forces have had the better of it so far.

Washington, May 7.—The vanguard of the constitutionalist forces at Durango and Torreon has started on its march against Saltillo and Zacatecas, according to a report received at the state department today from Consul Hamm at Durango.

Carranza's attitude toward mediation, which temporarily, at least, has eliminated him from general negotiations aimed at settlement of Mexico's ills, was declared to have been revealed today by his official report of a vigorous rebel military campaign.

While Carranza parleyed with the South American envoys over details of his proposals, the powerful forces he hurled against federal strongholds results of the movement as reported by Carranza to Rafael Zuburan, interior minister of the constitutionalist cabinet, now in Washington were:

Defeat of 3,600 federals at Penasco, near San Luis Potosi, with the capture of 1,800 prisoners and quantities of arms and ammunition.

Capture of field guns, artillery and ammunition from fleeing column that vacated Monterrey.

Federal Garrison Taken. Confirmation of the capture of the entire federal garrison at Acaponetta Jalisco, Tepic, by constitutionalists, reached the state department today from Consular Agent W. Keyes, at Rosario.

Mediators Planning for Conference. The first session of the mediators today began at 11 o'clock. The three diplomats are proceeding informally, their deliberations being aimed principally toward completion of preparation for the Niagara Falls conference.

Continued victories of the constitutionalist forces, the mediators said, would interfere with progress of the mediation negotiations. Many officials, however, thought it possible further success of the rebel campaign might present physical considerations materially altering the plans of the South American diplomats.

PICKING JURY TO TRY BECKER

New York, May 7.—Two more jurors, bringing the number up to seven, were chosen today at the forenoon session of the trial of former Police Lieutenant Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The sixth man in the box was Dwight W. Custer, a retired printer; the seventh, Ambrose Farley, a clerk.

MORE REFUGEES QUIT MEXICO CITY

Washington, May 7.—The state department announced today that the Brazilian legation in Mexico City had reported departure of a train bearing between 500 and 600 refugees from Mexico City for Vera Cruz. The train was in three sections, under the Brazilian flag, and among the refugees was Dr. Edward R. Ryan, special representative of the American Red Cross, who had been held by the Huerta authorities.

NEW GOV. GEN. OF CANADA

London, May 7.—Prince Alexander of Teck, third son of the late Duke of Teck, is to succeed the Duke of Connaught as governor general of Canada.

BILL FOR CONTROL OF STOCK AND BOND ISSUES

Washington, May 7.—The bill for federal control of the issues of stocks and bonds, embracing drastic requirements that the interstate commerce commission shall pass upon in advance any issues of railroad securities and give them ample publicity was favorably reported today by the house interstate commerce committee. The bill was amended to declare that "nothing here in shall be construed to imply any guaranty or obligation as to such issues on the part of the United States."

NEW HAVEN WITNESS DEFIES INQUISITORS

By Associated Press. Washington, May 7.—A detailed statement of transactions of the Billard Company with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, its officers and subsidiaries, was made before the interstate commerce commission today by John L. Billard, who organized the concern. He outlined the method by which, with the aid of Charles S. Mellen, then president of the New Haven, and a loan from the New England Navigation Company, a New Haven subsidiary, he took over the stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad owned by the New Haven, which the Massachusetts courts decided the New Haven could not hold.

TWO KILLED WITH BASEBALL BAT

By Associated Press. Yorkville, S. C., May 7.—Charged with killing two men with a homemade baseball bat Thad E. Turney was placed in jail here yesterday. J. E. D. Turney, father of the accused, also is being held by the authorities. The two men killed were J. K. Wells and Pink Dover. A revolver fight is said to have preceded a hand-to-hand struggle, which occurred in the country near here. It is said that Wells and Dover were mistaken for revenue officers.

WEBB FILES STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

Washington, D. C., May 7.—In a declaration of campaign expenses made to the clerk of the house of representatives in accordance with the law, Congressman Webb today made the sworn statement that he had spent \$482.66 in his campaign to secure renomination. The itemized account is as follows: Cleveland Star, Shelby, for printing and distributing extra section for news papers \$202.58.

WILL EXPEDITE THE RUCKER BILL

Washington, May 7.—The Rucker bill to provide "a temporary method of conducting the nomination and election of United States senators" by popular vote will be expedited in the house by special rule which the house rules committee today agreed to favorably report.

TROOPS TO PROTECT CANAL LOCKS

Washington, May 7.—Army detachments have been stationed to protect the Panama canal locks, Colonel Goethals, governor of the canal zone, reported to the war department today. Two companies of the tenth regiment have been stationed at Gatun, one company at Pedro Miguel and one company at Miraflores.

O'SHAUGHNESSY IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 7.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, late charge of the American embassy at Mexico City, arrived in Washington early today. With his family he was driven immediately to a hotel. He planned to confer with Secretary Bryan later. Misfortune followed Mr. O'Shaughnessy even to the seat of his home government. Having lost most of his personal possessions when Mexicans looted his trunks outside Vera Cruz the American charge lost more of his personal belongings on a train from New Orleans to Washington. Baggage which had been checked could not be located when Mr. O'Shaughnessy arrived here but he expects it will be traced.

SEABOARD MAY TEST SEARCH AND SEIZURE ACT

Raleigh, May 7.—An indictment was returned by the Wake county grand jury today against the Seaboard Air Line for violating the search and seizure act that is sure to be carried to the United States supreme court in the opinion of counsel connected with the case. The Seaboard refused to exhibit to Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the anti-saloon league, the books showing all liquors delivered. The Seaboard's contention is that under the interstate commerce act the company is not allowed to show deliveries to citizens as search and seizure would exact.

THE DURYEA CASE

New York, May 7.—Attorneys for Chester B. Duryea, who shot and killed his father, General Hiram Duryea, retired, millionaire setarch manufacturer, early Tuesday, appeared in police court today and waived examination so that the case could go immediately to the grand jury. It is understood that after the jury acts the lawyers will ask to have Duryea committed to the Matteawan insane asylum.

BUSY DAY AT VETERANS REUNION

Jacksonville, Fla., May 7.—Seymour Stuart, of St. Louis, Mo., today was elected commander in chief of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans succeeding W. W. Old, Jr., of Norfolk, Va. A lively debate was precipitated at the meeting of the Sons of Veterans by the introduction of a resolution calling upon Congress to pension Confederate veterans. The resolution was introduced by Judge N. H. Harston of Roanoke, Va., judge advocate general, department of Virginia, Sons of Veterans.

WITH METHODISTS AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 7.—A day of routine business faced the delegates to the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today when they convened at 9 o'clock for the second day's session. Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, occupied the chair and led in the devotional exercises.

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Cares Of State Forgotten At White House

MOB TAKES NEGRO FROM OFFICERS—LYNCHED HIM

Augusta, Ga., May 7.—About 10 o'clock last night Charley Jones, a middle-aged negro, was taken from two officers near Grovetown, Ga., while they were carrying him to jail at the county seat, by a crowd of about 15 white men and lynched. According to information received here, Jones was suspected of having stolen some shoes from a Grovetown merchant. Constable Ruef Huffman went to Jones' house yesterday morning and searched it but failed to find the shoes. In the afternoon the negro showed up at the depot in the center of the town in an intoxicated condition. He is said to have cursed the constable and declared that he would not permit any white folks to search his house. His manner caused a number of the people of the town to tell the constable to "shoot him." The negro bared his breast and is said to have invited any and everyone to shoot, saying that he was not afraid. Several men seized him and in a scuffle the negro was beaten considerably about the head. He was placed in the lock-up and there protested against his wounds being dressed, saying that when he got out he intended to kill every white person connected with his being imprisoned. He was started on the road to Appling for safe keeping in charge of two deputies last night but a crowd of men took him away from them about a mile from town and this morning the body was found in the public roadway with a number of bullets through it.

All Interest in Nation's Capital Centers in White House Wedding of This Evening--Affairs of State Are For the Time Forgotten.

Washington, May 7.—Cares of state and rumors of war were retired to the background at the white house today when Cupid and Hymen took charge of preparations for the marriage tonight of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the president, to William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury.

Though the wedding was to be simple and private the white house bustled with preparations for the event. President Wilson cancelled all appointments and did not visit the executive offices. He spent the day with the guests at the white house for the wedding and the affair took on the appearance of a Wilson family reunion. The bride-to-be and her girl friends were busy making ready for the ceremony. The six girl chums who would have been bridesmaids had the ceremony been more elaborate were on hand to aid in the final preparations.

They were Miss Helen Hunter of Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Marjorie Brown of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Henrietta Stadelman of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Susan Fine and Miss Elizabeth Duffield of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Charles Kellogg of Athens, Pa.

A troop of decorators took charge of the white house and halls and rooms were transformed with masses of spring blossoms. The blue room, where the ceremony will be performed, was particularly adorned.

Mr. McAdoo did not visit the white house until late in the day. He entertained his fellow cabinet members and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, who will be best man at the wedding, at a luncheon at noon.

(For complete details of the wedding see pages 11 and 12.)

SOUTH ATLANTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Spartanburg, S. C., May 7.—With Ricardo Martin, Charles W. Clark, Madame Cecile Talma and Mrs. A. G. Blotcky as soloists, the first performance of the twentieth annual South Atlantic States Musical Festival was given at Converse College last night. "Cavilliera Rusticana" and much of "Pagliacci" were presented in concert form. The Converse College Choral Society of 230 voices and the Metropolitan Opera House orchestra with Richard Hageman, conductor, assisted in the performance. The audience was drawn from half a dozen states. The festival will continue through Friday.

ARKANSAS RIVER REACHES HIGH MARK

Wichita, Kas., May 7.—The Arkansas river at this point today reached the highest mark known in twenty years. Floodwaters due to recent heavy rains in western Kansas and eastern Colorado have sent the stream ten feet above low water mark, causing the railroads to fear for the safety of bridges.

FREIGHT STEAMER BURNS—CREW ESCAPED IN BOATS

Erie, Pa., May 7.—The wooden freight steamer City of Rome, Buffalo to Toledo, was burned to the water's edge off Ripley, N. Y., early today. The crew escaped in boats.

THREE BOAT IS PROBABLY LOST

Third Island, N. S., May 7.—The third boat which with 19 men put away from the burning steamer Columbian has been given up as lost, according to wireless advices received here from vessels cruising in the vicinity of the disaster.

SURVIVORS OF SHIP DISASTER BROUGHT IN

Boston, May 7.—The Cunard liner Franconia arrived at a detailed account of the crew of the burned steamer Columbian, rescued from a boat south of Sable Island. Several of the survivors were suffering severely from burns and all showed the effects of exposure.

James Drohan, the wireless operator of the Columbian, expressed the opinion that spontaneous combustion in the cargo of rags and junk caused the fire.

Saloon passengers on the Franconia assisted in giving first aid to the survivors.

The survivors had not recovered sufficiently to give a detailed account of the escape from the burning ship and their 40 hours of exposure in an open and leaking boat. All were removed to the marine hospital at Chelsea. From their broken accounts of the disaster it was learned that when the order to abandon the ship was given it was found that the tackle was jammed on the boat manned by the survivors so that it was necessary to cut the rope. The drop forced a hole in the bottom and throughout their 40 hours drift the men took turns in bailing.

MANY REPORTS AT CLUB MEETING

Fayetteville, N. C., May 7.—The State Federation of Women's Clubs had a busy session Thursday, hearing reports of chairmen of departments and resolution committee. Two hundred dollars was pledged on the State Federation endorsement fund. The General Federation Magazine was adopted as the official organ. Musical compositions of Mrs. J. D. Edwards of Wilmington received first and second prizes in the contest. They will be rendered tonight.