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Administration's Next Move in Mexican Situation Is Anxiously Awaited, Especially by Congressmen.

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Now Almost Certain That the Problem Will Reach the Halls of Congress—Situation Fast Approaching Crisis.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Definite assurances have been received by President Taft from the Mexican government that affairs like that at Agua Prieta will not be repeated.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Mexican situation, which is fast approaching a crisis in its international aspect, was the principal subject of consideration at today's cabinet meeting.

It seems almost certain that the problem will reach the halls of congress. The interest of official Washington is keyed to the highest pitch, and border developments brought officials of the state and war departments to their desks early this morning.

Loath to Send Troops Across Border. President Taft last night replied to a message from Gov. Richard E. Sloan of Arizona, asking protection for citizens of Douglas from the fire of federal and insurgent troops.

"Your dispatch received. Have made urgent demands upon Mexican government to issue instructions to prevent firing across border by Mexican federal troops and an awaiting reply. Meantime I have sent direct warning to the Mexican and insurgent forces near Douglas.

"I infer from your dispatch that both parties attempt to head the warning but that in the strained situation and exigencies of the contest wild bullets will find their way into Douglas. The situation might justify me in ordering our troops to cross the border and attempt to stop the fighting or to fire upon combatants from the American side.

"Pending my urgent representations to the Mexican government I cannot, therefore, order the troops at Douglas to cross the border but I must ask you and the local authorities in case the same danger seems to threaten, to direct the people of Douglas to place themselves where bullets cannot reach them and thus avoid casualties. I am loath to endanger Americans on our side of the border who can avoid it by a temporary inconvenience.

KILLED WIFE, CHILDREN, AND THEN KILLED HIMSELF

Six Lives the Toll of Murderous Insanity of Grant C. Rickert Youngstown, O., Man.

Youngstown, O., April 18.—Pearl Rickert, aged eight, and Ramond Rickert, aged seven, died this morning from injuries inflicted last night by their father, Grant C. Rickert, making six lives the toll of his murderous insanity.

Wants a Federal Law For Birds' Protection



D. B. ANTHONY JR.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It has remained for Representative Anthony of Kansas, one of the most regular of all republicans, to discover that the flight of migratory birds in the spring and fall comes under the class of interstate commerce and may be regulated by the federal government, under the provisions of the constitution, the same as railroad traffic.

DOG SPEAKS WORDS SCIENTISTS DECLARE

Leading Article in Current Technical World Magazine Devoted to Don, the Talking Dog of Hamburg.—His Case Declared to be Authentic—Spoke His First Word at Six Months.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE-NEWS. CHICAGO, April 18.—The Technical World Magazine for May, out yesterday, has the most remarkable leading article of the month—the first authentic description of the amazing feats of the speaking dog, "Don," of Hamburg, Germany.

When a few months ago faint rumors about a dog endowed with the gift of speech, first reported by German papers, gradually spread to America, most people skeptically shook their heads, believing it an open mystification or an effort of self-deception.

Don's case is both authentic and unique and whatever reports on other "speaking" dogs may be current should be put down to effects of imagination. There may be other dogs capable of imitating one or two words, very much in the fashion of parrots, as a purely mechanical repetition of sounds to which no meaning is attached.

Speech to him is the expression of an inward impulse to communicate with his master and other persons, showing them his affection or requesting the fulfillment of some wish.

At the age of six months, very much earlier than a human baby, he for the first time showed his extraordinary gift by pronouncing the first articulate word. He was standing near the table, looking with begging eyes at his master and when the latter happened to ask him: "Would you like to have something?" he clearly replied: "Haben" ("have").

The most wonderful thing about him is his talking with straggling words as freely as with his own language. When therefore Dr. Fehst, the well known expert in the psychology of animals, and Dr. Vossler, director of the Hamburg Zoological gardens, wished to submit "Don" to scientific tests, they had no difficulty whatever in making him pronounce every word of his repertoire.

MINISTER TO ARGENTINA MAY GIVE UP HIS POST

May Ask President to Relieve Him, on Account of Condition of Health of His Young Son.

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Washington, April 18.—Edwin A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission, and originator of much labor legislation, died today after a prolonged illness, aged 55.

New York, April 18.—Two hundred guests of the Broadway Central hotel were thrown into panic this morning by explosion and fire in a six-story building on the corner of Broadway and 14th street.

THEY SLIP OUT IN THE NIGHT

The Mexican Regulars, Advancing This Morning, Were Surprised to Find Agua Prieta Abandoned.

HUNDREDS WERE KILLED IN BATTLE, IT IS BELIEVED

Rebels Lost 20—Conclusion Is That They Left Agua Prieta Because They Were Out of Ammunition.

AGUA PRIETA, April 18.—The rebel army, after almost 18 hours incessant fight yesterday in defence of Agua Prieta, quietly evacuated the town during the night.

The federals approached the town from the south and east during the early hours, coming in slowly and cautiously, lest they encounter an ambush. Great was the surprise of the commanders of the government troops when they reached the outer works of the rebel entrenchments to find that the trenches had been abandoned and no insurgents were in sight.

At 10:45 last night the battle between the Mexican federals and insurgents, which began at dawn, came to an end. After 17 hours of almost incessant fighting that hour found the rebels holding almost every position they held at daybreak, although after nightfall the federals carried the battle to the borders of the town.

It was the most important battle of the Mexican revolution thus far. There were engaged 1600 federals under the command of Lieut. Colonel Diaz and 1000 rebels under Balasario Garcia.

The battle, however, was not finally decisive. It lasted from 6 a. m. until sundown. At nightfall two federal machine guns were in possession of the rebels and the federals had sustained a loss estimated by the rebels at least 200 killed and wounded. The rebels gave their loss at 20.

The Douglas wounded are: O. K. Goll, Tomlinstone, scalp wound on the side of the head while watching from Fourth street, Douglas.

John Hamilton Douglas, wounded in back while watching the battle with 40 others from the top of an adobe hill several blocks from the international line.

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Princeton's Dean, Fine, May Become President



PROF. HENRY B. FINE

The opinion seems to be growing in Princeton that unless a prominent outside man is chosen for president of the university the office may go to Professor Henry B. Fine, dean of the faculty.

FIRST TILT IN SENATE OVER DIRECT ELECTION

Its Opponents Attempt to Have Measure Sent to "Graveyard"—Reference Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—This first tilt in the senate over the joint resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people occurred yesterday when opponents of the measure, which was passed by the house, attempted to have it referred to the committee on privileges and elections instead of judiciary.

Propositions to amend the constitution to provide for popular elections of senators always were referred until last session to the "graveyard," as the traditionally unfriendly committee on elections was called.

Resolutions on this subject last session were sent to the judiciary committee and one was reported to the senate in the form from which the pending house measure was copied.

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REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS TO DAUGHTERS

Forenoon Session of D. A. R. Congress Taken up Exclusively With Annual Reports.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Various officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution today submitted their annual reports to the Twentieth Continental congress of that body this morning. Session of forenoon taken up exclusively with these reports.

FRENCH ARMY AVIATOR IS HURLED TO HIS DEATH

Captain Carron's Machine Dashes to Earth from 250 Feet Height, Crushing Him.

MARSEILLES, France, April 18.—Captain Carron of the French army aviation corps fell with his aeroplane from a height of 250 feet today and was crushed to death.

ACTRESS SHOT DOWN

Was Leaving Stage Door of Hippodrome When Unknown Man Fired Three Shots into Her Body.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Vina Gray, an actress, leaving the stage door of the Hippodrome this afternoon, was shot down and seriously wounded by an unknown man. The actress was shot three times, and her assailant has been arrested.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Samuel Meyer, a saloon keeper, was fatally wounded and his partner, named Frank, killed yesterday by robbers, who were attempting to seize the proprietor's money.

NEUTRAL STRIP MAY BE MARKED

Plan of This Nature Under Consideration to Relieve Danger to Americans Near Border of Mexico.

CONGRESS WILL NOT ACT HASTILY, SAYS MR. SULZER

He Believes That Thus Far There Has Been no Overt Act in Mexico Sufficient to Warrant Intervention.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Congress will take no hasty action in the threatening Mexican situation, according to Representative Sulzer of New York, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, who called at the White House today for a conference with the president on conditions at Douglas, Ariz.

Mr. Sulzer believes that thus far there has been no overt act in Mexico sufficient to warrant intervention. He intimated that a plan is being considered that would relieve the danger to Americans near the border. This plan is in the nature of an agreement that may be forced between the rebels and Mexican federals to insure neutrality over a strip of territory from five to ten miles wide south of the boundary line.

Private Hearings in Schenk Case, by West Virginia Law—Lawyers Say Hearing Will Last Long.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 18.—The taking of depositions in the divorce case of John G. Schenk against his wife, Laura Farnsworth Schenk, is begun here by Judge Harvey. Attorneys for Mrs. Schenk say the hearing will not be concluded for six months.

ANOTHER DAY OF DEBATE ON RECIPROCITY MEASURE

It Must Be Prolonged, Underwood Says, on Account of so Many Appeals for Time.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Canadian reciprocity again was the subject of debate in the house, this being the third day of the discussion. When the house convened Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee declared that so many appeals for more time had been made the debate must be prolonged another day. The senate has adjourned until Thursday.

FREEHOLD, N. J., April 18.—Frank E. Heldemann, placed on trial here for the murder of Mary Smith, a school girl, aged 12, whose burned and mutilated body was found November 13 near the school house, pleaded guilty. The court refused to accept the plea, assigning counsel for the defense.

WATERBURY, Conn., April 18.—William Luke, injured during a six round bout with Joe Clancy last night, died this morning.

MINNEOLA, L. I., April 18.—Attempted a cross country flight from Mineola to Montauk Point, L. I., Stevens, an aeronaut, and William Hilliard, an automobilist fell 100 feet in a Burgess-Curtiss biplane after covering two miles. The men were not seriously injured, but their machine is wrecked.