

Madero, Ready to Attack Juarez, Demands the Resignation of Diaz

Federal Force of 750 in the Town, Heavily Fortified, Declare They Are Ready for Madero's Assault.

BOTH FORCES MARK TIME DURING FORENOON HOURS

The Rebels, Well Armed and Numerous, Have Had Juarez Surrounded for Nearly Two Days.

EL PASO, Tex., April 21.—The army of Diaz and Madero marked time this morning. Madero stated that he will not attack before this afternoon unless attacked. His army is waiting outside Juarez, well armed and numerous. Inside the town, heavily fortified, are 750 loyal soldiers of Diaz, waiting for the attack.



BULL RING AT AGUA PRIETA, SCENE OF FIGHTING.

Ohioans "Shuck" Their Coats And Launch A Harmon Boom

Hold a Meeting In Senator Pomerene's Office, and Start Work for Their Man for Presidential Nomination in 1912—Consider Clark Present Most Formidable Opponent—'Don't Overlook Bryan' Is Representative Cox's Warning.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Ohio, democratic delegation in congress, after scanning the political horizon to east and west, particularly toward Missouri, Nebraska and New Jersey, today decided to "shuck" their coats and go to work in earnest for Governor Harmon, their candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912.

Who Is Strongest Opponent? "Don't overlook Bryan," cautioned Representative Cox, when the Harmon boomers began to wish the prospects of Speaker Champ Clark and Governor Wilson to determine from which of the gentlemen they had the most to fear.

ter the conference it was announced that "united expression of enthusiastic support of Harmon's candidacy of president of the United States was voiced." The statement also said: "Lieutenant Governor Nichols declared at the meeting that the prospects of the Ohio legislature ultimately enacting into law advanced legislation which Harmon has been advocating were quite good."

STEAM ROLLER MAY BE USED

Efforts to Force a Vote Before Adjournment on Canadian Reciprocity Bill—Outcome in Doubt.

SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS

May Be Necessary to Continue Session into Night—Confidence in the Democratic Road Machine.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Six days of lively debate upon the Canadian reciprocity bill ended in the house of representatives this afternoon with speeches by the three leaders in the fight. Representatives McCall of Massachusetts, Daboll of Pennsylvania, and Underwood of Alabama. Previous agreement fixed 3 o'clock for closing the debate. Crowded galleries heard the concluding speeches.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The house of representatives entered today upon what its leaders hope is the final stage of the Canadian reciprocity bill. Strenuous efforts are being made to force a vote before adjournment and Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee is exerting all pressure to compel action.

PLUCKS AN EYE OUT--GLASS ONE

Hurles It at Judges' Feet, Faints; Camorrista Shout, Cry, Curse; Hearing Suspended, of Course.

ALL FORMER HYSTERIC OUTCLASSED BY ESPOSITO

Telling of His Wanderings He Works up to a Fine Frenzy and at the Proper Time Sheds Violent Tears.

VITERBO, ITALY, April 21.—Of all the methods adopted by the Camorrist prisoners to excite sympathy or incite riot none has surpassed in effectiveness that of Gustavo Esposito, who at the end of a mad harangue today tore a glass eye from his head and hurled it at the feet of the presiding judge stampeding the court room. Then he fell in a faint, and President Bianchi suspended the sitting.

According to the state Esposito, known as a usurer, is a dangerous malfactor and succeeded Enrico Alfano as head of the Camorra when he fell into the hands of Lieutenant Petrullo. He is charged with having been one of those who met at Bagnoli and condemned Genaro Cuacuolo to death for treachery to his associates in crime. The prisoner attempted to prove an alibi regarding the meeting at Bagnoli. He gave an account of his wanderings prior to the murder of Cuacuolo and his wife and gradually wrought himself up to a "fine frenzy."

HIGHWAY WORK BEGINS MAY 1

Executive Committee of Trustees to Start at Morehead City and Expect to Reach Raleigh by May 13, in Automobiles.

WILL START FROM MADISON FOR EAST, EARLY IN JUNE

Geological Survey Asked to Locate Routes in the Various Counties as Early as May Be Possible.

Gazette-News Bureau, Yarbrough House, Raleigh, April 20. THE executive committee of the Central highway trustees has decided to begin at Morehead City, May 1, and make a trip over the route, arriving at Newberg May 9, Kinston, May 10, Goldsboro, May 11, Smithfield, May 12, and Raleigh, May 13, traveling in automobiles. Early in June they will start in Madison county, and work east to Raleigh.

E. C. Chambers of Asheville and W. T. Morgan of McDowell county were absent, and Iredell and Catawba counties provided proxies. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one and a resolution was passed asking the state geological survey to locate this highway as soon as possible so the various counties would know what roads to begin to improve.

The central executive committee was appointed as follows: H. B. Varner, chairman; William Dunn of Newbern, Dr. J. M. Tompkins of Cary, R. R. Clark of Statesville, W. T. Morgan of McDowell and J. A. Wellons of Smithfield.

A resolution was passed after some discussion empowering this executive committee to proceed with the detail work and to divide the trustees into sections, also to receive any contributions and forward same to the treasurer. To provide funds for the preliminary work a resolution was passed asking the county commissioners of the counties through which the road is to run to make an appropriation of at least \$25 on each.

Madison Ready to Begin. Thomas J. Murray of Madison county said that Madison stood ready to do its part of the work any time, and he wanted that part of the road in Madison surveyed at once so they could begin work. The county now had a provision for levying a special road tax of 50 cents on the \$100 of property and could get a rock crusher cheaply. Mr. Varner remarked that one of the objections to the bill was the stipulation that it go through certain counties; much more interest would have been aroused if optional routes could be selected.

Several Contests. During the meeting it developed there would be several contests for a route through the counties. One of these is through Orange and Albemarle counties. From Durham, some people want the route to follow the Southern railway to Hillsboro and thence on, while there is a strong sentiment favoring the route through Chapel Hill and thence to Burlington. Whether the route shall go by Statesville or Mooresville to Newton is another proposition that of course will have to be settled. The most benefit of course would come by both routes being constructed and let the public travel either it wished. The contests will insure the best way to get the county commissioners of each county interested in the road and then they would be in a way to have something done.

A resolution was passed authorizing each trustee to appoint five men from his county to act with him as a local committee in pushing the work in his particular county. Senator Barham of Wayne and Representative Coleman of Rowan received a vote of thanks for getting the bill through the legislature. Some of the counties paid the expenses of the trustees to the meeting and a resolution was adopted asking them to do this in all the counties. Madison and Lenoir counties have already paid their delegates' expenses.

The highway is to run through Cartersville, Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Durham, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Cabarrus, Burke, McDowell, Buncombe and Madison counties.

The Henderson Work. An additional district member of Henderson has been elected, and will begin his work in Henderson county. He will be in charge of locating the route through Henderson county.

New Orleans, April 21.—Twelve election officials who recently pleaded guilty in the so-called "badol" case in charges of violating state election laws were sentenced to six months imprisonment in the Louisiana prison.

ODD FELLOWS MEET AT CANTON TODAY

It Is Expected Attendance Semi-Annual Session of 20th District Will Be Large.

The eighth semi-annual session of the 20th district, North Carolina Independent Order of Odd Fellows, convenes with the Canton lodge No. 207, at Canton this evening and Saturday. Lodges from Wayneville, Canton, Clyde, Needmore, Balsam, Sylva, Bushnell, Ola, Cullowhee, Almond, Franklin, Judson, Fontana, Whitesville, Savannah, and Bryson City are expected to send full delegations and several 8-od speakers from Asheville and other places have been invited to participate in the exercises and the Canton lodge is doing all it can to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

The degree work to be done by the Canton lodge which lodge is said to have work in the initiatory and first degrees in about as good shape as any lodge in the district.

All the representatives from out of town lodges are requested to wear their parade badges during the convention, as well as all visitors who can do so.

The delegates are expected to arrive on time Friday afternoon and stay through Saturday night.

CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM INVESTIGATION PROPOSED

To Inquire into Charge That It Has Degenerated into an Institution of Favoritism.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—An investigation of the civil service system is determined upon by the house committee on reform in the civil service. Representative Godwin of North Carolina, the chairman, has prepared a resolution granting authority to compel cabinet officers' attendance at witnesses. The committee will inquire into the charges that he civil service has degenerated into an institution of favoritism.

President Urges Republicans' Aid

Anxious for His Party to Have Some Part in Passage of Reciprocity Measure in House.

Washington, April 21.—Before the cabinet session today President Taft turned aside from Mexican troubles, called in a number of republican congressmen and asked their support of the Canadian reciprocity bill. The president pointed out that it would be most unfortunate for a republican standpoint if reciprocity becomes a law by democratic votes alone.

He fears opposition in the senate, and therefore would like strong republican support in the house.

WANT AN EXPLANATION OF HILL'S RESIGNATION

Resolution Introduced in House, Based on Rumors as to the Potash Controversy.

Washington, April 21.—President Taft is requested in a resolution introduced in the house to furnish congress an explanation of the resignation of David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany.

The resolution is the joint effort of Representatives Lever of South Carolina and Brantley of Georgia, and is based upon reports that Hill's resignation was the result of his attempt to pursue a vigorous policy on behalf of this government in the potash controversy, his activity, report set forth, incurring the president's displeasure.

NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH ON OPERA HOUSE STAGE

Livermore Ky., April 21.—M. Potter, a negro, last night was dragged to the opera house stage there, tied to a post and riddled with bullets by 50 men. Potter had shot and killed Frank Mitchell, aged 23, during a quarrel.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE OF TWO MINDS

Some Think It Well to Name a Ticket, Others not—Will Decide Tomorrow Afternoon.

The republicans of Asheville will determine at a meeting of the city executive committee tomorrow afternoon whether or not they will put out a ticket to oppose the regular democratic nominees for municipal officers. It is learned today that sentiment among the republicans is divided; that some of the leaders favor putting out a ticket for the purpose of holding intact the organization, while others take the view that by not putting out a ticket the democrats by reason of the fact that they have no opposition will lose as much or more from an organization standpoint than the republicans. It is practically conceded that the republicans have no show this year of electing any portion of a ticket and for this reason some of the leaders oppose making a fight at all. However, the matter will be determined tomorrow afternoon. It is probable that the decision of the committee will be against putting out a ticket.

Chairman S. G. Bernard of the democratic executive committee said this morning that he had named Major L. V. Young as secretary of the committee and Marcus Erwin and Owen Gudeger as assistants. Mr. Bernard further said that he was conducting the campaign just as though the republicans were making or would make a vigorous fight; that the executive committee was insisting upon the payment of poll taxes; that every effort would be made to get out a full vote on election day whether the republicans had a ticket or not. In short it is the determination of the democrats to poll just as large a vote as possible. There will be workers at all the polls on election day and if there is no opposition the efforts of these workers will be directed toward getting the vote to the polls.

PRESIDENT MAY ADDRESS CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

Tentatively Accepts Invitation to World Convention, Where 30,000 Delegates Are Expected.

Washington, April 21.—President Taft has tentatively accepted an invitation to address the World's Christian Endeavor convention at Atlantic City in July. The president's acceptance is contingent upon the adjournment of congress. Thirty thousand delegates, he was told, would attend.

Rear Admiral Inch Dead. Washington, April 21.—Rear Admiral Inch, N. S. N., retired, died today after an extended illness. After 42 years service he retired in 1905 at the age of 67.