

PRESIDENT MADERO DECIDES TO RESIGN

Demoralization Shown In Federal Army; Fight Slackens In Capital

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—President Madero agreed today in principle to the appointment of a president ad interim.

The news of Madero's decision became known in the early forenoon.

At that hour the position of the government was weakening and the federal troops were apparently becoming demoralized.

The announcement that Madero had agreed to the appointment of a provisional president was made on the authority of the Mexican foreign minister, Senor Lascruain.

Desultory cannon fire from both the rebel and federal positions was still in progress at noon. The belief, however, was gaining ground that a settlement of some kind would be reached before night.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Firing went on practically the whole night from both the federal and rebel positions.

Leaders of the government troops are preparing for aggressive action against the rebel positions. It is said they had intended to use dynamite grenades and mortars throwing dynamite shells.

One rebel battery has been placed in a position west of Nizza street, within a block of the United States embassy.

A large number of Mexican federals have been killed during heavy fighting in the vicinity of the American embassy.

Heavy firing resumed. Silas F. Gilmore, an elderly American, who is the manager of an important mechanical works here, is divided three bullets in his leg.

BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT STEAMS FOR GUANTANAMO

New York, Feb. 18.—The battleship Connecticut, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, steamed out of the Brooklyn navy yard at daybreak bound for the United States naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba.

LEE'S SON DEAD

Eldest Son of Confederate Commander-in-Chief Passes Away at Ravensworth, Va.

CHILD LABOR BILL COMES WEDNESDAY

House Will Take up Matter for Consideration as Special Business.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The child labor bill was today set for consideration Wednesday night as a special order of business by the house.

The senate passed the uniform bill of lading bill. A measure to require the appointment of one graduate of the institution on the board of directors of the state school for the deaf and dumb at Morganton was voted down after a long discussion.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The senate committee on counties, cities and towns last night voted to report unfavorably the bill to allow the people of Jackson county to vote on the question of moving the county seat from Webster to Sylva.

NEW HOUSE BILLS

Buchanan—Special road tax in Mitchell county.

Newell (by request)—Protect land owners of the state against loose stock.

Roberts—Amend an act relative to a bond issue by Asheville for floating indebtedness.

Newland—Relative to game in Haywood county; create a police court in the town of Haywood county.

Conley—Provide for the election of cotton weavers in the state.

Mull—Amend the charter of the town of Hildebrand, Burke county; amend public roads laws of Burke county; relative to mining in Silver creek, Burke county.

Bolick—Protect citizens of Polk county against deceptions of worthless dogs; prevent operations of domestic fowls in Polk county.

Buchanan—Incorporate the town of Bakersville, Mitchell county.

Williams of Buncombe—Increasing the pay of jurors in Buncombe county.

Reactor—Encourage the early payment of taxes.

Bills Ratified.

Bills reported enrolled for ratification and duly signed included: amend the charter of Watauga Railroad company; provide for freight rate regulations through the corporation commission; regulate pay of jurors; regulate pay of jailers; regulate Superior courts for Forsyth county; establish the Asheville Police court; joint resolution enlarging the powers of the commission to confer with the railroad officials in amicable adjustment of freight rate discriminations; extend the time for organizing the North State Central Railway company; joint resolution of thanks to Colonel Horne for the confederate monument to women.

Representative Gibbs introduced order of order a bill to promote and protect the oyster industry in North Carolina waters.

TAFT'S POLICY IS APPROVED

COMBATANTS OBSERVE RULES OF WARFARE

Largest Powers Are Given Ambassador Wilson in Looking After Foreign Interest.

Ambassadors from European Powers Give Unqualified Endorsement of Non-Intervention Program.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Secretary Knox told President Taft and the cabinet today that notwithstanding all the fierce fighting in the City of Mexico for the last eight days there had been no such infraction of the rules of civilized warfare or of the principles of international law as would warrant any interference by the United States.

The responsiveness of both President Madero and General Diaz to the suggestions of Ambassador Wilson in his capacity as dean of the diplomatic corps have been so complete and satisfactory as to justify officials in their opinion for the strictly neutral attitude observed by the United States.

Apparently the policy adopted by the United States in dealing with the Mexican situation has met with the unqualified approval of the European powers. During the last week Secretary Knox has talked with several of the ambassadors.

It is expected that as a further development in the program of preparedness, there will be additional orders issued for the preparation for transportation of at least two more cavalry regiments now in Texas and several companies of coast artillery intended to be used as infantry in the first stages of an expedition and later as garrisons for any fortifications that might have to be occupied.

Other Precautionary Measures.

The four battleships of the Atlantic fleet under repair in the Atlantic coast navy yards are expected to follow the Connecticut, which sailed early this morning from New York for Guantanamo.

Waynesville Building Provision Is Carried

Rutherfordton Gets Postoffice Site and Hendersonville an Additional \$20,000.

Equal Suffrage Wins in Missouri

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COMMISSIONERS KEEP BRITAIN

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RAILROADS GIVE IN TO FIREMEN

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Declare They Concede Point in Deference to Public Opinion, but Under "Strongest Protest."

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