

STILL BATTLE FOR TAMPICO

Fletcher Makes No Mention of Having Peremptorily Ordered the Fighting to Stop.

FEDERALS IN OJINAGA ARE WAITING ATTACK

Expected Rebels Will Attack Monterey—Protest Against Expulsion of Spaniards.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Dispatches from Rear Admiral Fletcher at Tampico received here early today and sent late last night, say the fighting between the Mexican federals and rebels was continuing but made no mention of a report that the American admiral had peremptorily ordered the fighting to stop.

Admiral Fletcher's dispatches were withheld until after they had been submitted to Secretary Bryan and Secretary Daniels, who was late in getting back from Baltimore.

The battleship New Jersey has been ordered to join the American fleet in the fighting zone.

American Not Held. Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 13.—A. V. Anny, agent for the Mexican constitutionalists here, said last night that he had received a telegram from General Carranza, head of the constitutionalists, saying that W. S. Windham, of Pasadena, Cal., and J. M. Dunn, another American, were not being held by military authority within his jurisdiction. It was reported they were being held by Tepic rebels for \$10,000 ransom.

At the request of Dunn's mother, who lives here, Anny asked General Carranza to make a thorough investigation of the reports that the Americans still were held.

The last word Dunn's relatives had from him was a note written on November 22 from Quimichic, Tepic, where he and Windham were employed on a ranch owned by a Los Angeles corporation.

Secretary Bryan today instructed Consul Fletcher at Shihuahua to protest to General Francisco Villa, the constitutionalist commander, against the expulsion of Spanish subjects from that city. Secretary Bryan's action was taken on representations made by the Spanish ambassador. No official word has reached the department concerning the threatened confiscation of the property of the Spaniards.

Ojinaga, Mex., Dec. 13.—Perched on the hill of Ojinaga which commands a sweeping view of the nearby desert and canyons the Mexican federal army today had its guns trained in expectation of an attack by the four or five thousand rebels who are rapidly surrounding the town.

The commanding position of the federals with trenches and forts fixed for resistance will make it impossible for the rebels to storm the place without heavy loss of life. The rebels will have to climb almost straight up to the town and be constantly exposed to fire except for a slight shelter afforded by mosquito bushes.

The 4,000 federals garrisoned here, after their retreat from Chihuahua, have resigned themselves to the attack, and the rebels under General Herrera have announced their intention of attacking from three sides to force a surrender or to drive the enemy across the river into the United States.

Four more troops of United States cavalry reinforced the border patrol at Presidio today. The American military authorities have notified both sides that no shots must be fired across the river.

May Attack Monterey. Vera Cruz, Dec. 13.—There is every indication that the city of Monterey may be attacked by the rebels at any moment, according to a dispatch from Philip C. Hanna, the American consul general there. The telegram was filed this morning by way of Tampico and was sent from that port to Vera Cruz by wireless. A considerable federal army is believed to be concentrated at Monterey.

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—The oil district of Tuxpan, which for nearly a month has been controlled by the rebels under General Candido Aguilar is now in the hands of the federal troops commanded by General Joaquin Maas Jr., according to reports received today by the war office.

General Maas on his way to Tampico as Juan Carino to the north of Tamaulipas. He has not thus far encountered any opposition and it is assumed that all the rebel forces have gone to assist in the attack on Tampico.

President's Cold Better. Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's cold was much better today and though the weather was mild and tempting Dr. Cary T. Grayson ordered him to remain in his room and to cancel his engagement to attend the dinner of the Gridiron club tonight. The president wrote a letter at 8 p.m.

LAKE SHORE HEAD WRECKERS' VICTIM

President of System on Train Unknown Men Attempted to Wreck Near Cleveland, Ohio—Reward of \$1,000 is Offered For Arrest of Perpetrators.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—Partial derailment of train No. 18 on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad near Wickliffe, east of this city, shortly before last midnight was believed by Lake Shore officials today to be the result of a deliberate attempt at train wrecking. The fireman of the locomotive was killed.

BIG CELEBRATION CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Mayor Rankin's Plans For a Municipal Christmas Endorsed by Aldermen.

The board of aldermen of the city in session last night adopted resolutions endorsing the plan of Mayor J. E. Rankin to observe a municipal Christmas here this year, this action finally giving assurance that the Yuletide holiday will be observed here this year as never before. A big Christmas tree will be placed on Pack square on the evening of December 25, and on a platform beside the tree will be piled bundles of provisions and other contributions of citizens for the poor of the city. The distribution of these contributions, and any money that may be given, will be made by the Associated Charities and Flower Mission the day following Christmas.

The plans for the celebration have been considered for some time, but even now the program arranged is only tentative. Expressions have been asked of the various organizations of the city on the proposed celebration, and these expressions indicate with-out exception that the people of the city will co-operate with the mayor in his plan. It is believed that the celebration will serve a double purpose, by furnishing a means for the people of the city to gather for the observance of Christmas and by securing larger donations than ever before for the poor.

It is planned to have the biggest Christmas tree ever seen in the state, and the Asheville Power & Light company has agreed to light it with a myriad of incandescent lights of all colors. At the very top will be a brilliant white star. At 8:30 o'clock Christmas night four trumpeters on Pack square will give the call for assembling, and immediately the star will be lighted. The program will then be opened by the singing of "Come All Ye Faithful" by the chorus choirs of the churches of the city. The following program, which has been tentatively arranged, will then be carried out:

"Joy to the World." "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" by the school children. "Silent Night." Anthem by the choir. Selection by quartet. "America." The choir and school children will assemble at the east end of Pack square, and at 8 o'clock the ministers and members of the various churches of the city, who will assemble earlier in the evening at their churches nearest the square, will march to the square to participate in the celebration. The contributions will be taken by the users who will pass through the crowds while the program is being carried out. The event promises to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held in Asheville.

HEAT FOR COURT HOUSE FURNISHED FROM JAIL

Owing to trouble with the furnace at the county court house, heat is being supplied today from the county jail, this being the first time in five years that the jail has furnished heat for the court house. The doors to the furnace at the court house fell off yesterday afternoon and upon examination it was found that several other repairs would have to be made before the furnace could be used. Men are at work today repairing the furnace and will probably complete the job by Monday afternoon.

ARGUMENT ON APPEALS OF GUNMEN ON DEC. 17

Albany, Dec. 13.—Arguments on the appeal of the four convicted gunmen charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, will begin in the court of appeals December 17, it was announced today.

NO EXPERIMENT SAYS DR. JULIAN

Thomasville Orphanage Physician Indignant Over Charge Made at Anti-Vivisection Congress.

TREATMENT PROVED VERY BENEFICIAL

Health of Children Generally Good He Declares—Used Serum in His Private Practice.

Special to Gazette-News: Thomasville, Dec. 13.—Of the several hundred children at the Baptist orphanage here who were inoculated for tuberculosis by the von Ruck treatment two years ago, but one has since died, and he was killed in a runaway accident, according to a statement made yesterday by Dr. C. A. Julian.

PEERLESS-FASHION RECEIVER NAMED

Mayor Rankin's Plans For a Bynum Summer Appointed Temporary Receiver—Owners Will Fight Action.

In the bankruptcy proceedings against the Peerless-Fashion Stores company, which were instituted Monday afternoon in United States District court, Bynum Sumner was yesterday afternoon named by Judge James E. Boyd as temporary receiver of the business houses owned and operated by this company. There are two stores here, the Peerless-Fashion department, and another in Chattanooga. Mr. Sumner is now in charge of the stores.

P. H. Thrash, president of the company, stated today that the receivership will be fought before Judge Boyd within a few days. He maintains that the business is altogether solvent and on this ground motions will be made before the court to have the petitioning creditors increase their bonds. It will also be asked that the company be allowed to furnish bonds for the conduct of the business until a jury trial may be had, and thus have the temporary receiver dismissed.

TALKED TO LOPEZ, IS STILL IN MINE

Bandit Told Shift Boss That Hen Intended to Die Fighting.

Richmond, Utah, Dec. 13.—A bullet was given to the man hunt in the Utah-Apex mine for Ralph Lopez by Sam Rogers, a mine shift boss, who said he had seen and talked with the desperado yesterday and the day before. The work of searching sections and then bulkheading them off from the remainder of the mine was continued.

The sheriff's accepted the statements of Rogers as authentic. Rogers said he had agreed to meet Lopez again today. He said the fugitive had declared he would die fighting.

"I know they have me cornered in this mine," Lopez is quoted by Rogers as telling him Thursday. "This is my grave. I've made up my mind to that. I am not going to commit suicide. I am going to wait here for the end and I shall fight whenever I have to."

PICTURE FOUND IS REAL "MONA LISA"

Experts Confirm Authenticity of Famous Painting Returned by Man Who Declares He Stole It For Patriotic Reasons—Indignant of Arrest.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 13.—The authenticity of the "Mona Lisa" found yesterday in possession of Vincenzo Perugia, was confirmed by experts after further examination today. The picture bears the seals of the Louvre and other galleries in which it has been hung, while the traces of repairs at the back of the canvass also are visible.

TWO LIVE ISSUES BEFORE BAPTISTS

Resolutions to Abolish Football at Wake Forest Voted Down.

Shelby, N. C., Dec. 12.—Two live issues were introduced in the Baptist state convention here today just before it adjourned, after having chosen Raleigh as the next place of meeting. One of these was a protest against the method of procedure in regard to reports of college trustees and the other a resolution calling on the trustees of Wake Forest college to abolish football.

After a spirit-a attack on the custom of adopting the college reports without debate, in which it was proposed to treat the debatable sections of such reports just as all other convention reports are treated, the advocates of the change dropped the matter, stating however, that the attack would be renewed at the 1914 meeting.

SANITATION HELP TO INSURANCE CO.'S

Dr. Sedwick Asserts Modern Health Movement Increases Longevity.

New York, Dec. 13.—The increase in longevity brought about by the modern public health movement has saved many an insurance company from ruin, said Dr. William T. Segwick of Boston in an address at the annual meeting of the association of life insurance presidents. Dr. Segwick is professor of public health in the Massachusetts institute of Technology.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IS ORGANIZED HERE

The French Broad avenue Baptist church has been organized, the building being located at the corner of Bartlett street and French Broad avenue, with Rev. John E. Barnard as pastor. The new church will start with a membership of 72, this number being granted letters of dismission at a recent meeting of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church.

CONFERENCE ON MONEY PARITY

Senator Thomas Suggests that President Call World-Wide Meeting to Consider Currency Matter.

RATES OF EXCHANGE ALWAYS FLUCTUATE

Says Currency Problem of the Country Deferred on Conditions in Other Countries.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Suggestion that the United States call a conference of the powers to consider a world-wide basis of parity between gold and silver was brought in the consideration of the administration currency bill in the senate today.

Senator Thomas, democrat, introduced a resolution proposing that President Wilson be authorized to invite England, France and Germany, whose monetary system is based on the gold standard, to participate and that five delegates be appointed from the United States when any two European nations had accepted the invitation.

A preamble set forth that rates of exchange between gold standard countries and the silver nations of South and Central America fluctuated violently always to the disadvantage of the gold standard countries. Senator Thomas contended that his resolution called for conditions in connection with the currency bill.

SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO UNIFORM EXPRESS RATES

Develops in the National Conference of Railroad Commissioners.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Prospects of an apparently irreconcilable difference between advocates of uniform express rates all over the country and state commissions which will fight for their own rates developed in the conference held here of the conference of national railway commissioners. All sections of the country were represented.

SCHMIDT TOLD WITNESS HE WOULD WED VICTIM

New York, Dec. 13.—Before swearing the state's alienists who were expected to testify in the trial of Hans Schmidt, the former priest charged with the murder of Anna Amuller, Dr. Arnold G. Leo of this city testified that Schmidt and the Amuller girl came to his office last April and expressed their intention of being married.

"Schmidt told me he was very much in love with the girl," testified the doctor, "and said he was going to give up the priesthood and marry her. On September 4, two days after the murder, he called at my office, exhibiting a V-shaped wound on the index finger of his right hand and asked that it be treated. He said he had had an accident."