

TORREON'S FALL MARK'S CLIMAX

With Capture of That City by
The Villa Rebels Are in
Virtual Control of All
North Mexico.

WAY NOW OPEN TO
KEY OF THE SOUTH

Main Federal Force Said to
Have Been Wiped Out by
Desperate Fighting
Around Torreon.

Juarez, Mex., April 3.—With the capture of Torreon by the rebels last night constitutionalists now control an immense wedge sharpened portion of Mexico with the point resting on Torreon, 500 miles south of here and the top extending along the American border from Nogales, Ariz., to a point just west of Eagle Pass, Tex. At Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass, there is a federal garrison but it is not menacing. The states subject to rebel arms are Chihuahua, Sonora, (except the port of Guaymas) most of Coahuila, Durango and Sinaloa.

Yesterday's victory was said to make the capture of Saltillo and Monclova, in Coahuila, and Monterey, key to the state of Nuevo Leon, assured. The main federal force according to Villa's report to General Carranza, was wiped out by death, wounds, capture or flight at Gomez Palacio and Torreon. Matamoros, the federal port in the state of Tamaulipas, by the release of the veteran rebel army Torreon, also is in a precarious state.

Thus by his successful campaign of the last month General Francisco Villa has practically assured rebel control of the vast territory of the Northern states of Mexico and gained for himself the reputation of being a foremost soldier of the country. It was only a little more than a year ago that he started out from a village near here with two companions, six horses, seven dollars in money and a meager supply of beans, coffee and sugar. The horses at the time were not paid for and Villa's first act upon capturing this city three months ago was to repay the liveryman from whom the horses were "borrowed." General Pablo Gomez for months has harassed the federal forces at Monclova and Monterey and now that the Torreon army is loosed, strategists here assume that the federal will evacuate these points and attempt to retreat to Tampico, seat of the state of Tamaulipas.

That state is sprinkled with rebel troops all along the line of retreat which makes it evident that the federal garrisons already are threatened with capture by immensely superior numbers.

A railroad runs from Torreon to the city of Durango, which is held by rebels and the overland journey from that point to Matamoros lies through a country which is agriculturally rich and well watered. It would be a pleasant march for an army fresh from the horrors of hunger and thirst in the desert.

Mad With Enthusiasm.
Interest here today was divided in speculation as to Villa's future movements and the effect if any the triumph would have in Washington.

Never in all its dramatic history since the Madero revolution of 1910 has Juarez gone so madly mad with enthusiasm as it did when a messenger ran through the streets last night shrieking that Torreon had fallen. Swayed by elation, men embraced each other wherever they met. Bells in the 400-year-old mission of Guadalupe were set ringing louder and faster than ever they rung before for religious purposes. Kabal clad rebel soldiers woke from their sleep in the towns many barracks to cheer. Then, stirred by a common impulse, their files were turned loose into the air.

Floody dressed officials, high in the Carranza administration, threw their arms around soldiers in the streets and showed their delight.

Through it all only one name was heard above all others. It was Villa—viva Villa.

News of the capture of Torreon had been the shouting and celebration began down the streets of the city. In El Paso awoke and made a run for the international bridge, thinking that by some unexpected stroke of fortune federal forces were attacking Juarez. But they turned back crestfallen when informed by American soldiers at the bridge that the fall of Torreon was the cause. Rebel soldiers guarding the Mexican end of the structure saw the proceeding and showed tauntingly insults at the "insurgents."

for a while in the morning the streets were deserted. There are no signs of a formal celebration this afternoon but which Carranza will make.

Federal Claim Victory.
Washington, April 3.—The Mexican constitutionalists today claimed victory over the federal forces at Torreon.

on. Charge Algara today gave out this statement.
"An official despatch signed by the secretary of foreign affairs, Benor Lopez Portillo y Rojas, has just been received at the embassy giving an account of the crushing defeat of the rebel forces under Villa at Torreon. General Maas, who left Saltillo several days ago with large reinforcements, has arrived at Torreon. General de Moure's column has reached San Pedro de las Colonias, where a decisive defeat was administered to the rebel forces sent out to oppose his advance. The government has also succeeded in raising a loan of over 50,000,000 pesos which will materially assist in its tireless efforts towards pacification."

ST. AUGUSTINE TAKING STOCK OF FIRE LOSSES

Believed They Will Reach
\$750,000—Hotels Are
To Be Rebuilt.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 3.—Insurance adjusters today are hard at work estimating the loss in yesterday's fire which they believe will be \$750,000 as stated, with about one-third covered by insurance. The militia which had been on guard since early yesterday was dismissed this morning as there was no looting and no attempt at it.

Miss Alice M. Smith of Amherst Nova Scotia, who was so seriously injured, will recover, the surgeons announce today. The owners of the five hotels destroyed are preparing to rebuild. Instead of the frame structures, modern concrete houses will be erected.

The work of cleaning up the ruins is going ahead rapidly. The only thing that saved the city from utter destruction was the fact that the wind was blowing ashore. The firemen confined the blaze to one square wide and the fire burned out when it reached the water front.

The city voted "wet" in the election yesterday.

URGES SUPPLANTING OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE

John Barrett Says It Is Time
to Substitute "Pan American Policy."

Philadelphia, April 3.—International relations and obligations of the United States is the general topic under discussion at the meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which began here today.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan American union, presided at the opening session. He declared the time had come for a "Pan American policy" as a substitute for the Monroe doctrine.

"By that," he said, "I mean a policy belonging to each and all on the same basis of attitude and action."

Leopold Graham, New York, presenting the Latin view of the Monroe doctrine, said that the doubts and suspicions of the Latin republics as to the ultimate aims of the United States are accentuated by the "extension of the Monroe doctrine" to which never contemplated by its author.

THOMAS M. RUTHERFORD IS DEAD IN RICHMOND

Prominent Business Man, Well
Known in Asheville, Died
Yesterday Afternoon.

Thomas M. Rutherford, a man well known to a large circle of friends in Asheville, died at his home in Richmond yesterday afternoon, according to messages received by relatives here. The deceased was a prominent business man of Richmond and was interested in considerable property in Asheville. He was a brother of Mrs. Richard Pearson and Mrs. Alice Connelly, both of whom have gone to Richmond to attend the funeral. Arrangements for the services have not yet been announced, although it is expected that interment will be made in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Niceman of Philadelphia arrived yesterday from Philadelphia for a stay here at Grove Park Inn. Mr. Niceman is a golfer of note.

MANY SAILORS PERISH AT SEA

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Cupling, N. F., April 3.—Reports received here today state that the sealing steamer Newfoundland was lost off Cape Race and the greater part of her crew of 170 men perished. But word has been received of the sealer Southern Cross, reported in trouble in the same vicinity Tuesday.

Rescue ships have picked up 50 bodies of the crew of the Newfoundland.

Disaster Confirmed.
New York, April 2.—Bowling & Co. agents here for the Red Cross line, owners of several steamers, including the Florizel, now on sealing expeditions off Newfoundland, said they had received a message today announcing that the sealing steamer Newfoundland and the greater part of her crew had been lost off Cape Race. The Florizel is believed to be engaged in the rescue work.

A private message received here from St. Johns, N. F., says:

"The sealer Newfoundland was caught in a blizzard while sealing and over 100 of her crew were frozen to death. The Red Cross steamer Florizel picked up 50 men dead and dying off the Newfoundland bank. The total loss of life on the Newfoundland is about 170."

"The sealing net sailed for the ice field on March 19.

"The Southern Cross is the ship which Shackleton used in his antarctic expedition."

"The Newfoundland was owned by the Steamship Newfoundland Sealing company, Ltd., of which A. Harvey & Co., of St. Johns, are the agents."

IMPORTANT RULING BY CORPORATION COMMISSION

No Authority for Changing
Valuation of Lands That
Are Cut Over.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, April 2.—The corporation commission has made a ruling that there is no legislative or other authority for changing the tax valuation of timber lands on account of the cutting of timber between the prescribed times for the quadrennial valuation of real estate and, therefore, that the action of the Washington county commissioners in restoring the 1911 valuation to lands of the Roper Lumber company, was the lawful course to pursue. The Roper company insisted that since large quantities of timber had been cut from the lands there should be reduction in tax assessment. And timberland owners all over the state have been watching the fate of the case with particular interest.

There is an order by the commission to the effect that the Southern railway must install a sidetrack for the W. N. Cooper lumber plant near Topton, on the Murphy division of the Southern Railway.

The Thomas Mercantile company of Micanville, Yancey county, capital \$25,000 authorized and subscribed by C. J. Harris and others, has been chartered.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES AGAINST REV. DR. PRICE

Misconduct More Serious Than
"Kissing" Accusation
Against N. Y. Pastor.

New York, April 3.—Interest in the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church centered today at the Metropolitan temple where were opened formal hearings of charges of misconduct against Dr. Jacob E. Price, pastor of the Washington Heights Methodist church of this city. The complaint embodies charges brought by nine women, all of whom appeared today before a committee acting as a jury. The complaint specifies charges of misconduct more serious than the "kissing" charges already made public.

Dr. Price is 60 years old and has been in church work for 27 years.

Prayer Canceled Engagement.
Washington, April 3.—Secretary Bryan, suffering from a hard cold, today cancelled his engagement to speak in the congressional campaign at Peabody, N. J., tonight and decided to remain at home all day.

Donager Edgrees Worse.
Tokio, April 3.—The condition of health of the Donager Emperor, the ruler of Japan, is reported worse. He is suffering from angina pectoris.

NEW TARIFF NOW SIX MONTHS OLD

Indications Are Reductions
Will Be No More Than
Was Estimated.

Washington, April 3.—The Underwood-Simmons tariff act went into effect six months ago today and present indications are that it will not reduce customs revenue any more than was estimated in congress at the time of passage.

According to the treasury's March statement, customs revenues amounted to about \$26,000,000, which is about \$1,000,000 less than the Payne-Aldrich law produced in March 1913. That was a marked decrease over February, when revenues fell more than \$10,000,000 compared to the same month of 1913.

The average decrease in customs revenue for the six months the Underwood-Simmons act has been in operation is placed at about \$4,000,000, but officials were confident today that would be reduced in the coming six months. The annual reduction was estimated about \$45,000,000 a year.

Despite reports of an unexpected failure of income tax returns to promise the revenue necessary to offset the difference in customs, officials were inclined today to believe that the government would find its original expectations realized.

SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS MADE IN TENTH DISTRICT

Postmasters Recommended
and Named—Other Appoint-
ments Announced.

Gazette-News Bureau,
Wright Building,
Washington, April 3.

The following postoffice recommendations were made for the state yesterday:

Representative Page's district: Ernest P. Walker, Farmington; John W. Bosan, Lee Des.

Representative Guder's district: Garrett H. Blankenship, Alexander; William A. Cannon, Lynn; William Cannon, Saluda.

Representative Stedman's district: Earl Holt, Oak Ridge; O. M. Bundy, Jamestown; Mrs. Annie Neeley, Pleasant Garden; A. T. Daniels, Hurla Mills; R. R. King, Danbury; Sarah Styers, Germantown; E. W. Mann, Alannah; Robert Riley, Effand; Allen Ellis, Cedar Grove, and J. H. Richardson, Benaja.

The following appointments were announced at the postoffice department yesterday: At Analea, Samuel T. Lewis; at Beaver Creek, Rufus A. Hamilton; Bellwood, Thad C. Ford; Clifton, Charles R. Latham; Elmwood, E. L. Long; Farm School, Mrs. Alma E. Joslyn; Horse Shoe, Louis E. Bird; McAdenville, James H. Wagstaff; Minneapolis, Robert Z. Burleson; Elk Park, Willie N. Carroll; Fairview, Pinkney O. Merrill; Fallston, William A. Gaunt; Harmony, Miss Margaret J. Nicholson; Haw River, William P. Williamson; Hollis Grady Withrow; Hot Springs, Thomas C. Frisby; Iron Station, Sallie M. Hamrick; Malden, Josephine A. Taylor; Milton, William T. Bryant; Blowing Rock, Thomas H. Coffey; Caesar, Andrew C. Brackett; Catawba, Robert E. Carpenter; Cliffside, Charles H. Hayes; Democrat, John P. McKinney; Dobson, Richard C. Freeman.

GREET PREMIER ASQUITH WITH GREAT OVATION

London, April 3.—Premier Asquith received a great ovation when he departed from London today for his constituency of East Pitts, Scotland. He is to deliver a speech to his constituents there tomorrow in spite of the decision of the unionists not to oppose his election. At every train stop the premier received addresses from liberal associations expressing the wish that "the electors of East Pitts" will send you back to parliament with redoubled authority to maintain traditions of the army, authority of the crown and power of the people."

SUFFRAGETTES TRY TO BLOW UP CHURCH

Glasgow, Scotland, April 3.—Three bombs were exploded by suffragettes today in an attempt to blow up Belmont church in this city. The explosion, however, did only slight damage.

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SIGNIFICANCE LIND'S RETURN?

Prospective Departure of Pres-
ident's Envoy From Mex-
ico Revives Interest in
Mexican Affairs.

MANY BELIEVE HE
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Administration Officials De-
clare Lind's Movements
Indicate No Present
Change in Policy.

Washington, April 3.—Announcement of the prospective departure from Cruz of John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, revived interest today in the future trend of the Washington government's Mexican policy.

For several weeks officials here have pointed to the battle of Torreon as likely to furnish an index of the future, but the result as well as its effects on the military or diplomatic situation as respects the strength of the two factions is still a matter of some uncertainty.

While the president has said Mr. Lind would return to Vera Cruz after he had obtained a rest, many observers think he never will go back as there has been a disposition for many weeks on the part of the Washington government to refrain from diplomatic activity while the contending military forces struggled for supremacy in Mexico. That this position will be continued indefinitely is probable unless injury to foreigners or some other unlooked for emergency causes embarrassment.

In the attention that has been concentrated on the battle at Torreon, the Benton and Vergara cases have been practically lost sight of, but there is every indication that with the battle over and when another readjustment of military forces ensues further information will be sought from both constitutionalist and federal chiefs as to the course they intend to pursue in satisfaction of injuries inflicted by their subordinates.

Administration officials are emphatic in their declarations that Mr. Lind's movements at present mean no change in the American policy. Charles O'Shaughnessy will continue at Mexico City to conduct any routine business that may arise. Reference by Huerta in his message to congress Wednesday to the action of the United States in connection with the proposed reassembling of The Hague conference did not imply, in the view of officials here, any recognition of Huerta. Huerta said in his message "the United States has been so good as to invite me, through His Excellency, President Wilson, to organize in common accord the preparatory work for the approaching peace conference at The Hague."

Explanation of the statement is found in the fact that to remove what appeared to be a purely technical obstacle to the execution of original plans for the reassembling of the conference, Secretary Bryan sent a note to American diplomatic officers in every country which was a party to the original Hague conference, suggesting that their government designate the administrative council of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague as members of a special committee to arrange the program for the third meeting.

This note was printed and a copy in the ordinary and routine way delivered to the Mexican foreign office.

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