

STILL DENYING TORREON'S FALL

Believed, However, Mexican Federal Government Is Not Ignorant of Fate Of the City.

PROBABLY FEAR EFFECT ON ANNOUNCEMENT

Might Start an Avalanche of Public Sentiment Against Huerta—Velasco's Retreat Dangerous.

Mexico City, April 4.—The federal government continued obstinately to deny today the capture of Torreon by the rebels. It was assumed in many quarters, however, that General Huerta and his ministers were not ignorant of the fate of that city.

Dangerous Retreat. Military men regard the retreat of General Velasco from Torreon as a most dangerous undertaking and they consider the position of General Javerre at San Pedro as precarious.

So far as is known here the federal troops still have possession of the railroad between Torreon and Saltillo, where connections can be made with the south.

Rebels, however, infest the territory along the railroad south of Saltillo. Some of them under General Eulalio Gutierrez have headquarters at Concepcion del Oro, terminus of a branch line from Saltillo and within striking distance of the main line.

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The escape of General Velasco and his men, however, does not appear to be a simple task. Their retreat toward Durango to the southwest or to the north or east is said by military men to be impossible unless they cut their way through rebel territory.

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At the same time the rebel task of attacking and capturing Tampico on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico continues under the direction of General Pablo Gonzalez from his headquarters in the city of Victoria.

Another large quantity of small arms and machine guns—although it is not to be compared with the amount captured at Torreon—was added to the rebel supply this week when a federal force under Colonel Enriquez Perez was cut to pieces northwest of San Luis Potosi.

The federal Generals Mours and Hidalgo are said to have 20 or 30 field guns and a large supply of ammunition. General Hidalgo is believed to be at Saltillo but hopes to join General Mours and Hidalgo to be added to this, their position will be greatly superior to that of the Huerta forces.

\$10,000 for Palms. New York, April 4.—About \$10,000 will be spent in New York for palms used in churches tomorrow, Palm Sunday. The overwhelming number of palms are bought by Catholics, the dealers making provision for 750,000 persons in New York alone. The palms come from Florida, and churches pay \$4 a hundred head.

Clearing House Statement. New York, April 4.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they held \$10,443,590 reserves in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$17,884,640 from last week.

Belmont's Horse Wins. London, April 4.—August Belmont was the first of the American racing contingent to win a race on the English turf this season, his two-year old Sandmoit today taking the Cammerton plate at Derby against a field of 16 runners at the long odds of 3 to 1. The distance was five furlongs straight and the plate was valued at \$1000.

CLYDE SUFFERS A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Flames Last Night Destroyed Three Buildings, Causing Loss of \$15,000.

Fire loss approximating about \$15,000 was suffered in the small village of Clyde, Haywood county, last night. Three buildings were burned, including hence Robinson's livery stable, Dr. S. B. Medford's drug store and the Manson McCracken store building. Six horses were burned in the livery stable, besides practically all of the vehicles, harness and a large amount of hay and grain. The stock of the drug store was likewise completely destroyed, as was the building. The McCracken store building was the largest in the town, although it was occupied only by a barber shop.

News of the fire, was received here in a special message this morning, although no announcement is made yet as to the total amount of insurance carried on the various properties destroyed. It is stated, however, that the owners of the buildings will immediately erect 10 or more modern buildings to replace the burned structures. The origin of the fire is unknown, although the loss is generally attributed to some one carelessly casting away a cigar or cigarette.

The fire started early in the evening, originating in the livery stable, where the heaviest loss was suffered. This building was almost completely destroyed before the flames were discovered. There is no organized fire department in the town, but practically the entire population turned out as volunteers to fight the flames. There were about 300 men taking part in the fight, assisted by approximately 50 women, who gave invaluable aid. Messengers were dispatched to Canton for aid and about 50 citizens of the town responded, going to the scene of the fire under the direction of T. A. Hartgrove, chief of the Canton fire department, and C. A. Hildebrand, fire inspector for the Champion Fibre company.

The big store building immediately adjoining the drug store, which is one of the largest of the town, was threatened but was finally saved by the woodwork of the front being torn away. The building is of brick and the flames could find no starting point after the woodwork was removed. The bank building across the street was saved by a bucket brigade. It seemed at one time that the entire business block would be destroyed but the excellent work of the fire fighters held the losses down to a minimum.

DEMOCRATS OF GEORGIA EXPECT FEW CONTESTS

Although Atmosphere of Heated Enthusiasm Prevails at Committee Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—Although an atmosphere of heated party enthusiasm characterized the meeting here today of the democratic state committee, few contests of importance were expected over the drafting of primary and convention plans and other campaign details. In addition to adopting rules to govern primaries for selection of two candidates for United States senator and minor state officers, the committee had before it the choice of a place and date for the state convention, and the levying of assessments against various candidates for office.

The assembling here of the 66 members of the committee was enlivened by the presence in the city of many aspirants to places on this year's democratic ticket. The senatorial primaries, however, formed the principal topic of gossip among the committeemen and other political leaders here. As yet no candidate has announced himself to oppose Senator Hoke Smith, who will seek renomination for the term beginning on March 4, 1915. Two candidates are in the field for the nomination to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. O. Eacon. They are Congressman Thomas W. Hardwick and Thomas S. Felder, former attorney general. Senator W. S. West, appointed to the principal topic of gossip among the committeemen and other political leaders here.

\$1,000,000 to Charity. New York, April 4.—Distribution of \$1,000,000 to worthy charities is the work assigned to George Ramsey and William McMaster Mills, named as executors of the estate of Mrs. Amelia Gertrude Cutter, who died yesterday. No particular charity is mentioned in the will.

A DISTURBANCE BY JANE EST

I. W. W. Woman Tries to Force Her Way To Trial Of Dr. Priced, Charged With Misconduct.

DECLARES THE CHURCH WHITEWASHES PASTORS

Describes Herself as "Church Cleaner"—Says Trials Should be Held in The Open.

New York, April 4.—Jane Est, heretofore identified with movements of the Industrial Workers of the world, created consternation at the Metropolitan temple today by trying to force her way into the trial of Dr. Jacob E. Priced, pastor of the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal church, who is charged with misconduct by nine women members of his congregation.

At the door she was confronted by Dr. Frank J. Belcher, pastor of the Five Points mission, acting as attorney for the defendant. "Let me in," she shouted in tones which immediately drew a large crowd. "This is not a private trial. Ecclesiasticalism has always whitewashed the church whenever charge are made against pastors. These trials ought to be held out in the open where people can hear them. There is a great deal of talk about shielding the pastor."

"I want to see Dr. Priced," she continued. "I'd like to see him try to kiss me." It has been charged that Dr. Priced, among other things, tried to kiss a woman member of his congregation. Followed by the crowd the woman succeeded in pushing her way into the temple, but could get no further than the witness room. Here she described herself as a "church cleaner."

Mrs. Hilma Dohl, whose testimony was excluded yesterday since her charge was not included in the general complaint, was allowed to take the stand. She said she had been properly approached by Dr. Priced and that she had subsequently received visits from two persons who tried with threats and intimidation to prevent her from testifying. She had decided, she said, not to press the charges on account of her children, but upon opening the Bible for inspiration her finger fell upon a verse which seemed to urge her to action.

CHARRED MASS OF BONES INDICATES LIVES LOST

Found in Ruins of Florida House in St. Augustine—Search Is Made.

St. Augustine, Fla., April 4.—The finding of a mass of charred bones last night in the ruins of the Florida house has started the rumor today that from three to six persons were burnt to death in the destruction of that hotel. The bones have been pronounced to be human by physicians. As the registers of all the hotels were burned there is no way to check up the persons residing in them.

Early this morning several additional gangs of laborers were started to work making a more thorough search of the ruins to make sure whether others have perished. The charred remains were found directly beneath the room in which the fire is said to have started, and this caused a rumor that the fire started from a cigarette butt.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

New York, April 4.—One woman was killed, another slightly hurt and two men seriously injured when their automobile swerved off a temporary bridge over the Long Island railroad at Winfield, L. I., today and crashed to the tracks 20 feet below. The woman who was killed was Miss Betty Mack, of New York.

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TRADE BOARDS FOR PARK MOVEMENT

Big Chicago and New York Organizations Favor Appalachian Park.

SENTIMENT IN EAST GENERALLY FAVORABLE

Secretary Powell Finds Favorable Sentiment in Many Cities—Endorsements are Promised.

The movement started here last summer by the organization of the Appalachian Park association to have the United States government secure more extensive tracts of land in the purchase areas of the Southern Appalachian for the purpose of establishing a national park for the recreation, health and pleasure of the people of the country, has now received the endorsement of the biggest business organizations of the world: The Association of Commerce of Chicago and the New York Merchants' association. The executive committees of both organizations have unanimously passed resolutions endorsing the movement and pledging support to the work for the realization of the purposes of the park association.

News of the action of the Chicago body has just been received here, the actions of the New York body having been chronicled several days ago. The Chicago Association of Commerce endorsed the Week's act in 1911 and has taken an active interest in the working of this law. The purchase of extensive areas in the Southern Appalachians for national park purposes is proposed under this law.

RULER OF ALBANIA WILL TAKE FIELD

Will Lead Troops Against the Greek Insurgents Who Captured Koritza.

Durazzo, Albania, April 4.—Prince William, the new ruler of Albania, today announced his intention of taking the field and leading the Albanian troops against Greek insurgents who have taken the town of Koritza. Dispatches last night reported that the town had been captured and partly destroyed. General mobilization of the Albanian forces was ordered today.

Greek Influence Reported. Athens, Greece, April 4.—The Albanian town of Koritza has fallen into the hands of "insurgents" according to an official announcement here today. It is expected that the "insurgents" are Greeks who have risen in opposition to the decision of the European powers that Koritza must belong to Albania.

Reports are current that the insurgents are in the pay of the Greek authorities.

FIRES IN BIRMINGHAM DO DAMAGE OF \$300,000

Four Big Business Houses Burned and Pipe Plant—Insurance.

Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—Two fires in Birmingham and East Birmingham, a suburb, early today destroyed property valued at more than \$300,000. The first conflagration which broke out shortly before midnight near the center of the downtown section, destroyed four business buildings, housing the Acme White Lead and Color works, the Alabama Paint and Glass company's establishment, a furniture store, a dry goods store and several smaller concerns. The loss was estimated at \$200,000, partially covered by insurance.

While a fire company was fighting the downtown fire an alarm was turned in from the Stockham Pipe and Fitting company's plant was saved but the flames did damage estimated at \$125,000. Insurance, it was said, covered the loss.

The cause of neither fire has been determined. Bryan Improved. Washington, April 4.—The condition of Secretary Bryan, who is suffering from a severe cold, was improved today. Although still confined to his house he was giving personal attention to state department affairs.

BURNS SAYS HE KNOWS SLAYER

Detective Declares He Has Established Identity of the Murderer of Mary Phagan.

CANNOT STATE NOW WHETHER IT IS FRANK

Employed by Frank's Friends To Investigate Mystery—Says He Can Prove Statement.

Chicago, April 4.—"I know who the murderer of Mary Phagan is," said William J. Burns, detective, yesterday, on his return from a trip to Kansas City. "I can't say at this time whether it is Leo M. Frank or someone else; but I know his identity and can prove that he committed the murder."

Frank was superintendent of the National Pencil company's factory in Atlanta, Ga., and is under sentence to die on April 17 for the murder of the girl.

The detective was employed several weeks ago by friends of the convicted man to investigate the Phagan mystery. He declined to say upon what grounds he based his conclusions, but said they would be set forth in a report which he would make soon to the attorneys in the case. Hearing on an extraordinary motion for a new trial is set for April 16, the day before that set for the hanging of Frank. The motion automatically stays the execution.

Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan, said today that the results of William J. Burns' investigation had not been made known to them. They predicted, however, that the detective's findings would be placed in their hands soon after the arrival of Burns from Chicago early tonight.

Burns who has been investigating the killing of the little factory girl for nearly a month at the instance of Frank's friends was quoted in press dispatches from Chicago yesterday as saying he had submitted his report to the Frank attorneys. It is thought he may have forwarded this report by mail and he decided to deliver his conclusions in person. His lieutenants who have been at work on the case here for several weeks said today the investigation was practically complete, and reiterated the declaration of their chief that a report would show conclusively who killed Mary Phagan. They would not intimate, however, whether or not their findings showed the condemned factory superintendent to be the murderer.

JURY IN DAVIDSON CASE IS NOT ABLE TO AGREE

Case Set For Retrial June 29—Charged With Complicity in Callahan Murder.

Winchester, Ky., April 4.—The jury in the case of Thomas Davidson, charged with complicity in the murder of Edward Callahan, former sheriff of Breathitt county, reported today it could not agree and was discharged. Judge Benton immediately set the case for trial again on June 29.

Probably the most sensational evidence in the trial was that of "Doc" Smith, who confessed during his testimony that he was one of three men who fired at Callahan. Two shots, either of which would have proved fatal, found their mark.

Davidson is the only one of four men tried for complicity in the murder of Callahan who has been failed to have been convicted. Fourteen others charged with the offense will also be tried at the summer term of court.

The prosecution has announced that a big log tide in the Kentucky river possibly saved Davidson from conviction in March because it prevented several important state witnesses from being present.

RALEIGH STARTS FIGHT FOR REGIOAL BANK. Raleigh, April 4.—The Raleigh chamber of commerce and clearing house association today started a fight for the location of a regional bank.

DANIELS WISHED TO WITHDRAW

HUNGARIAN TALKS OF POLITICAL AIM

Count Karolyi Would Make Hungary Copy of the United States.

New York, April 4.—Count Michael Karolyi, leader of the independent party in the Hungarian parliament and one of the wealthiest men in Hungary, arrived here today to tour the eastern portion of the country.

Count Karolyi said the object of his visit was to awaken in the minds of Hungarian Americans a realization of the power which they exert in shaping the affairs of their mother country along the lines of democratization for which his party is working.

"The party of which I am the leader has the following aims: We want to remove all misapprehension and doubt from the eyes of the world as to the entity and sovereignty of the national Hungarian state—not only in its military and diplomatic institutions but in absolutely all the functions of state. Then we want to disconnect ourselves economically from the Austrian yoke through the separation of the custom house and through the creation of a separation of the custom house and through the creation of a separate national bank. Last, but not least, we want in every direction true democratic institutions to insure the government of the people. This can be accomplished chiefly through universal suffrage.

"There are 2,000,000 of my countrymen in the United States. In time I and the members of my party hope to make Hungary a small sized copy of the United States in the heart of Europe."

Delayed by Storms. New York, April 4.—Delayed by terrific storms that continued throughout the journey the Commodore Mauretania arrived here today from Queenstown and Liverpool 12 hours late. Passengers were compelled to remain from outer decks during practically all the voyage.

Washington, April 4.—Interest in legislation in the senate lagged today while its members discussed the attitude of nine of their number who are in open revolt against meetings behind closed doors except for consideration of foreign relations. The revolt, led by Senator LaFollette, came last night during a heated executive session in which the senate, by a vote of 26 to 27, confirmed the nomination of Winthrop M. Daniels as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

With Senators LaFollette, Cummins, Norris, Brainerd, Clapp, Jones, Cronka and Poindexter promising to talk publicly and freely about all domestic matters considered in executive session in future, it was conceded that virtually nothing could be accomplished by closing the senate's doors to the public and the press. There was much speculation as to (Continued on Page Nine).

Requested President to Recall Nomination as Interstate Commerce Commissioner; Wilson Refused.

THOUGHT CONTEST WAS EMBARRASSING WILSON

LaFollette Led Revolt Against The Executive Session at Which Mr. Daniels Was Confirmed.

Washington, April 4.—Confirmation of Winthrop M. Daniels, of New Jersey, as a member of the interstate commerce commission after the notable fight was followed today by the revelation that Mr. Daniels asked President Wilson to withdraw his name and thus stop the contest which he believed to be embarrassing the president and that Mr. Wilson refused.

There was natural satisfaction at the White House today that Mr. Daniels had been confirmed. The sharp contest was regarded by officials as of importance in revealing the attitude of senators toward the physical valuation of railroads.

White House officials said there was no truth in the story that the president had expressed to senators his own views on the theories of physical valuation of railroads but had merely insisted that Mr. Daniels would be a valuable addition to the commission with a fair and equitable attitude to all questions coming before it.

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