

INCIDENTS OF TORREON FIGHT

Associated Press Correspondents Give Details of Fighting and Capture of City By Rebels.

FEAR AND CONFIDENCE INSPIRED BY VILLA

Wonderful Obedience to His Orders—Fortitude and Bravery of Raw Troops—Little Vandalism.

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—"Embroidering the salient facts of the successful constitutional campaign against Torreón are a multitude of incidents hardly less interesting," said J. R. Hardy, less interesting. Associated Press correspondents, who accompanied General Villa and who returned to El Paso Sunday.

"What struck me chiefly during the campaign," they said, "was the mixture of fear and confidence which Villa's name inspired in his followers. General Villa says he will shoot anybody who cuts the telegraph wires by shooting from the train," called out an officer to soldiers on top of a troop train who were improving their marksmanship by shooting at the insulators on telegraph poles. Instantly the careless firing ceased. Nobody doubted that Villa meant what he said.

"I found this telegram at once," said a newspaper correspondent to a military operator in his field office under a tree near the railroad track. "I can't see" was the respectful response. "General Villa has just notified us that no messages must go out until further orders from him and he will shoot us if we send this one, even though it is approved by his private secretary—to which there was obviously no answer.

"The camp at Verdel, just above Gomez Palacio, was alive with sinister rumors. A man started to lead his horse to drink from one of the numerous irrigation ditches in the vicinity. 'Don't drink that water—don't let your horse drink it,' came a warning cry from a number of soldiers. That water comes from near Torreón and it is poisoned by the rebels. Two men and two horses drank of it this morning and died at once."

Suffered With Fortitude. "To this camp returned the long line of wounded from the first day's fight at Gomez Palacio. Previously the campaign had been a sort of holiday. But these pitiful awnings left no doubt that this was war. The wounded endured their sufferings with remarkable fortitude. In the little improvised hospital near the railroad hospital train at Verdel were probably 70 men lying on cots and not a single groan came from one of them.

"Courage in the hospital was matched on the field by a willingness to venture everything for the great prize in death battle. Nervous raw soldiers more easily turned back from flight into the thick of death and conflict. During the first daylight artillery and infantry attack on Gomez Palacio the federal fire grew so hot that things seemed to be going badly for the rebels. Men began to leave the trenches and make their way to the rear. Two cannons were attached to caissons that were waiting to be placed in position at a certain point and began also to move backward.

"All at once a Mexican boy rode on horseback through the meadows in the direction of the rearward movement. 'Vuelva' ('go back') he yelled, putting spurs to his horse. And at the word from a mere boy the cannons were stopped and turned. The men faced the shot and shell from the south once more, and all marched cheerfully back to the field they were about to abandon.

Little Vandalism. "In simple justice it must be said there were few evidences of vandalism. There probably has never been a better natured army than that which Villa commands. The morning of the entrance into Gomez Palacio some soldiers rode up to a well kept cottage on the ground of the soap factory. The proprietor from the front yard watched them anxiously. One soldier drew in at the gallery, where a magnificent vine was brilliant with red roses. He took one, waved it away to his companions, and all rode on, leaving the house owner astonished at this illustration of military moderation."

The incident is typical. In battle and too often out of it the Mexican is ruthless. Under ordinary circumstances he is apparently the most polite and agreeable of men. Colorado, Miss. Etc.

There is one brand of the federal service, however, for which the rebel has a constant stock of ferocity. This is the volunteer band made up of followers of Orozco in the anti-Madero revolution, called "Colorado" in the military stage of the day. All "Colorado" must and should die. An arson train to the north sidled and was "Colorado" without making a

halt somewhere en route to shoot two or three men identified as former followers of Orozco. It is said that Bachimba, where Orozco was defeated by Huerta, is a favorite place for such summary executions. On the other hand the regulars, the 'Pejones' are regarded with a certain respect and treated almost with consideration. They are forced into the service, rebel officers explain, "and only fight because they have to."

"Through the whole campaign Villa has been direct and simple in his methods. Torreón was taken by main strength and tenacity. When will Torreón fall? a newspaper correspondent asked Villa at headquarters the day after the failure of a night assault from which success had been expected. 'I don't know,' he said simply. 'All I know is that the town is going to be taken before we quit.'"

Bloody Angles. "The sieges of Gomez Palacio and Torreón had their 'bloody angles.' Shattered remnants of almost annihilated companies reeled back from 'La Pajar,' the fortified hill protecting Gomez Palacio, and similar catastrophes punctuated with evidence of high courage, marked the taking of Santa Rosa and Calabazas hills, forming the western wall of Torreón. The rebels gained the positions but they paid the price. At other points along the line the dead scattered over the open plain attested that there, too, the federal fire had been concentrated and deadly.

Night Fighting. "The taking of Torreón has confirmed Villa in his belief in night fighting—his principal contribution to date to the science of Mexican warfare. It is true that at night there may be confusion and the troops may fire on their own side as is said to have occurred once during the siege. On the other hand, he holds, night attacks gave the assailants protection they would not have otherwise, keeps the garrison in constant suspense and have a greater moral effect on the enemy.

"The three salient features of the campaign against Torreón, features which will no doubt be carried into the campaign against other cities to the east and south, were the comparative efficiency of the sanitary arrangements said to be unequalled in the history of Mexican warfare; the remarkable speed with which the wrecked railways in front of the advancing enemy were made passable and the continuance of night attacks, giving the combatants weird and sinister aspect when the struggle by day will always lack."

MORE EXCITEMENT IS EXPECTED AT NORFOLK

Following Arrest Yesterday of Alleged Bookmakers at Jamestown Track.

Norfolk, April 8.—Milliamen were held in readiness today to suppress book-making at the Jamestown track should Attorney General Pollard call upon the governor for additional aid in his campaign against betting that was started yesterday afternoon when fifteen men were arrested at the track. Their trial was to take place this afternoon.

The defendants were today on bail, having been released from jail at 1 a. m., under bonds of \$500 each. It is anticipated that the defendants will be penalized, whereupon appeal will be taken for jury trial.

Bob Levy, manager of the Jamestown Jockey club, was today en route to New York to discuss with the jockey club officials there the question of continuing the Norfolk meet. It was said that the continuance of the meet will be dependent upon decision by the jockey club and local conditions as they may appear. The races are scheduled to proceed regularly this afternoon with all gate receipts going to the horse owners; track officials offering free service; no recognition of passes and nothing definite announced as to lying of odds.

AGED COUPLE CARRY OUT SUICIDE PACT

New York, April 8.—Despondent because they believed they were a burden to their grandchildren, Jacob Thiel, 78 years old, and his wife, 75, committed suicide today by hanging themselves in the home of their grandson, George, on First avenue. The husband helped his wife adjust the noose around her neck. Then he assisted her to the window sill upon which the rope was fastened. When she had stepped off to her death he hanged himself beside her.

Prisoner Deported. Paris, April 8.—Mrs. Vitz, a prisoner in St. Lazare jail, was today sent to St. Ursula asylum, having become demented after her campaign against the granting of favors to Mme. Calhoun, who killed Gaston Calmette.

WILSON'S MAN BADLY BEATEN

In New Jersey Drukker Wins Over O'Byrne Who Had Endorsement of the President.

IS NOT REPUDIATION, DEMOCRATS DECLARE

Chairman Woods of Republican Congressional Committee Says People Have Rebuked Administration.

Paterson, N. J., April 8.—Practically complete return from the election in the seventh New Jersey congressional district show that Dow H. Drukker, republican, has beaten James J. O'Byrne, democrat, by a plurality of more than 5000 votes.

Drukker received 10,620 votes, and O'Byrne 5240, while Demarest, socialist, is a close third with 5053.

Whitehead, progressive, received only 511 votes, a full falling off from the progressive vote of 1912, when Roosevelt carried the district by 891 votes.

O'Byrne had the personal endorsement of President Wilson, and in his campaign the democratic candidate appealed to the voters to support him and thus approve of the president's policies.

Democratic leaders, nevertheless, today refused to accept the result as a repudiation of the administration. They asserted that the reapportionment of 1912, which divorced Passaic from Bergen and Sussex counties and made it a district by itself, left a normal republican plurality. They called the election of the late Congressman Robert G. Bremner, a democrat, in this new district a personal success and accounted for Drukker's victory on the same ground.

Wood's Statement. Washington, April 8.—Representative Woods of Iowa, chairman of the national republican congressional committee, issued this statement: "For the second time in 14 years a republican has been elected to succeed a democrat in congress from the seventh district of New Jersey. By his letter endorsing the democratic candidate the president asked the people of the New Jersey district to pass judgment upon the present administration. The people have done so in no uncertain terms, rebuking the un-American policy of the democratic party by a vote of 2 to 1. The small vote cast for the bull moose candidate evidences again that the republicans are united and presages the election of a republican congress next November."

Secretary Tumulty said he expected such a result as the district was normally republican. When Mr. Wilson ran for governor, Mr. Tumulty said, he lost Passaic county which extends over the same ground as the congressional district and Governor Fielder in the last election likewise lost the county to the republicans. White House officials said they did not regard the tolls question as having had anything to do with the result.

PREMIER ASQUITH AGAIN MEMBER OF COMMONS

Returned Unopposed Following Resignation of Seat Few Weeks Ago.

London, April 8.—Premier Asquith again became a member of the House of Commons today when he was returned unopposed by his old constituency of East Fife, Scotland.

Premier Asquith resigned his seat in the House of Commons on March 30, after he had taken over the war secretaryship from Colonel John Seely. According to the British custom a member of parliament on accepting "an office of profit under the crown" is compelled to give up his seat to seek the approval of his constituents for his acceptance of office.

Resignation of Colonel Seely, secretary for war, was brought about by the army crisis in the Ulster situation.

KILLED MAKING LAST NOVITIATE FLIGHT

London, April 8.—Sergeant Deane, an army aviator, was killed today while making his final novitiate flight before receiving his pilot's certificate. Deane, acting against the advice of his instructor, ascended 1,200 feet, then attempted a sharp spiral descent during which he lost control of the aeroplane.

SUFFRAGETTE GROWS VIOLENT

Pandemonium Reigns in Police Court When Mrs. Drummond Hears Her Sentence.

THROWS MISSILE AT MAGISTRATE'S HEAD

Even Scores Sister Militant For Not Taking Steps To Effect Her Rescue.

London, April 8.—Pandemonium reigned in police court today when "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, militant suffragette, was fined \$10 with the alternative of going to prison for two months for creating a disturbance at the unionist rally Saturday.

Mrs. Drummond was so violent that three policemen had to remove her hat pins before the magistrate found opportunity during a pause in the uproar to pronounce sentence. The "general" vehemently declared that she would never pay the fine. She was forcibly removed to a cell.

All the time Mrs. Drummond was in court she kept up a fierce struggle with the police and shrieked denunciations on everyone present. Even a sister militant suffragette who was in court was the victim of a verbal attack because she did not storm the prisoner's enclosure and rescue the "general."

Seizing a policeman's metal whistle Mrs. Drummond flung it at the magistrate's head but he dodged it.

Taking advantage of the diversion Mrs. Drummond then sprang from the enclosure and was seized before she got far away and was carried back shouting and struggling.

When Mrs. Drummond had become calmer she was released, as either she or someone else had paid her fine.

WARNINGS OF FROSTS IN SOUTHERN STATES

Frosts Tonight and Freezing Temperatures in Carolinas Thursday Night.

Washington, April 8.—Warnings of April frosts over the gulf and South Atlantic states in the next 48 hours were contained in a special weather bulletin today.

"Abnormally high pressure and low temperatures prevail over the great interior basin of the country, the line of freezing temperature extending to the Oklahoma-Texas line," states the bulletin. "These conditions will move eastward and southward over the gulf and Atlantic states during the next 24 to 48 hours and frosts may be expected Wednesday night to the gulf coast with temperatures near or below freezing in the interior and frosts on Thursday night over northern Florida."

"In Georgia and the Carolinas freezing temperatures are likely on Thursday night, while to the northward they will be from 10 to 20 degrees lower. Over the great central valleys and the west low temperatures will continue for another day or two."

EXPULSED SPANIARDS HAVE COME TO JUAREZ

Six Hundred and Twelve Men, Women and Children Exiled from Torreón.

Juarez, April 8.—Six hundred and twelve men, women and children of the Spanish colony expelled from Torreón by General Villa arrived today. Huddled in passenger cars they waited for dawn and the arrival of American Consular Agent Carothers.

"Mr. Carothers came up a day ahead of us to see what he could do with General Carranza," said Jose under protection of the American flag and we decided not to leave the cars until Carothers came.

Carothers had another interview with General Carranza last night, but it was said the general's attitude against the Spaniards remained unchanged.

WOMEN VOTES CLOSE SALOONS

Victory Embraces 11 Large Cities in Illinois; 16 Counties Added to 30 Already Dry Territory.

70 PER CENT WOMEN FAVORED PROHIBITION

Results of Local Option and Other Elections Held in The Various States And Cities.

Chicago, April 8.—Women who voted for the first time in Illinois township elections demonstrated their power yesterday by closing more than 1000 saloons outside of Chicago, adding 16 counties to the 30 already dry and prohibiting the sale of intoxicants in approximately 200 of the 300 townships where local option was an issue.

Their victory embraced 11 of the larger cities of the state which until the votes were counted last night constituted wet territory. They were: Bloomington, Galeburg, Elgin, Decatur, Canton, Freeport, Belvidere, Monmouth, Kewanee, Lockport and East Galena. Rockford, Mattoon and Galena were kept in the dry column by women's votes.

No city or township which was dry before the election was lost by the anti-saloon forces. However, Springfield, the capital, Quincy, Rock Island, Aurora, Alton, Moline, Dixon and West Galena remained wet.

Detailed figures from 57 townships placed the woman's vote at 49,581 dry and 18,181 wet. Approximately 70 per cent of the women voters favored prohibition.

Where accurate figures were available the men's vote was shown to be about one-eighth greater than the women's and to have been divided into about 60 per cent wet and 40 per cent dry.

Springfield, the state capital, voted wet after an unusually spirited campaign. A majority of the women voted for saloons.

Although 73 per cent of the Chicago women registered voted yesterday, none of the nine women candidates for city council was successful, receiving only a scattered vote. Alderman John (Bathhouse) Coughlin, who for a score of years has represented the first ward, won by nearly 4000 votes over Miss Marion Drake, a court stenographer. He received more female votes than Miss Drake.

The new council will be democratic, as it has been for the last several years. Votes of the women helped defeat a proposition for a comprehensive subway system to cost \$130,000,000.

Non-Partisan Wins. Milwaukee, Wis., April 8.—Unofficial returns today did not change the estimate of last night that Mayor Gerhard Eading, non-partisan candidate for re-election, a majority of 6000 over Emil Seidel, social-democrat, City Attorney Daniel W. Hoan, social democrat, was re-elected according to latest returns over William H. Timlin, Jr.

The new board of aldermen probably will consist of 28 non-partisans and nine social democrats. There now are 11 social democrats on the board.

The vote of non-socialists was not as heavy as two years ago. The socialists polled almost as many votes as in the last election.

Reduction of Eading's plurality of 15,000 two years ago is regarded by the socialists as a victory.

Throughout the state interest in the election centered in the license question, the larger cities voting "wet." Out of 57 places 31 went "wet" and 26 "dry." Madison, Janesville and Beloit remained wet.

Just Elected. Kansas City, Mo., April 8.—Almost complete returns today showed a majority for Henry L. Jow, democrat, re-elected mayor in yesterday's election. Unofficial figures give Jow a plurality of 3818 over C. A. Burton, non-partisan candidate, who ran on a platform favoring commission government. The republican ticket polled fewer than 3000 votes and the progressives scarcely 1000 while the socialist ticket was fifth.

Anti-Saloon. St. Paul, Minn., April 8.—Anti-saloon advocates were elated today over victories in most of the Minnesota cities of the fourth class which held local option elections yesterday. St. Peter, where saloons have operated for more than 60 years, was swept into the dry column.

Local Option. Omaha, Neb., April 8.—Local option elections in Nebraska, according to reports received today resulted in 17 changes from wet to dry and nine changes from dry to wet in 140 towns reporting. No large cities were involved. Fifteen towns voted in favor of Sunday baseball and five against it.

WILL CONSIDER PARK SCHEME

25 MILLIONS FOR THE CANAL ZONE

Amount Paid Colombia by Treaty Recently Signed In Bogota.

Washington, April 8.—Twenty-five million dollars is the amount the United States agrees to pay to Colombia for the partition of Panama and the acquisition of the canal zone in the treaty signed in Bogota by American Minister Thompson and the Colombian Minister by the Atrato river route and no coaling privileges on San Andres and Providencia islands off the Colombia coast, it was added, were contained in the treaty.

While the Colombian minister, Senor Betancourt, received a cable from his foreign office informing him of the signing of the agreement the state department was still awaiting word from Mr. Thompson.

The boundary between Colombia and Panama is to follow the line laid down in an earlier treaty which was signed but never approved by the Colombian congress. One important demand which the South American republic had been insisting on, the free passage of her merchant vessels through the canal, was given up because of President Wilson's attitude in favor of repeal of the tolls exemption. That had been a stumbling block in the way of final agreement.

The Colombian congress will be called in special session to pass on the treaty before it is submitted to the United States senate.

Acceptance of the latest treaty will end 10 years of negotiation and friction between the United States and Colombia and relieve strained diplomatic relations which have been watched with the keenest interest by Latin-American republics.

"It is assumed here the Colombian foreign office would not approve a treaty which the congress of the country would be unlikely to ratify.

How far the administration here has gone toward sounding the senate on its proposals is not known.

EX-GOV. GLENN BEGINS HIS FEDERAL DUTIES

Washington, April 8.—Former Governor Glenn of North Carolina took up his duties as a member of the International Joint Commission when it resumed sessions here today. Whitehead Klutz, a North Carolinian, began work as the commission's secretary.

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Meeting to Be Held to Devise Plans For Permanent Fair Grounds, Speedway, Lake, Etc.

BEAVERDAM MEADOWS IS THE SITE PROPOSED

Board of Trade, Merchants' Association and Fair Association Have Joined Forces.

An important step in Asheville's future development will be considered at a meeting to be held in the board of trade rooms tomorrow night at 8 o'clock by committees representing the board of trade, the Asheville Merchants' association and the Western North Carolina Fair association. This meeting will be for the purpose of finally deciding on the purchase of about 20 acres of land, known as the Beaverdam meadows, for the purpose of establishing a permanent fair ground, an automobile speedway, a lake, and an amusement park. All interested in the project are invited to meet with the committees at this time.

A committee of the Fair association has had the purchase of this property under consideration for some time now, since it was felt that permanent grounds should be secured as soon as possible in order to develop the fair into a really representative exposition for the products of the entire section. The Fair association has likewise considered all along the construction of an automobile speedway in connection with these grounds, as it would prove a great attraction to the residents of the section, as well as to thousands of automobile tourists coming here annually.

Only recently the directors of the board of trade passed resolutions endorsing any movement to establish a lake in the vicinity of Asheville, as it is the sense of the board that such an attraction would prove of incalculable value to the city as a pleasure resort. The merchants of the city are directly interested in any such development and therefore the three bodies have combined forces to push this proposed development together. The meeting called for tomorrow night has resulted from this unity of purpose.

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