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## FEDERALS FLEE IN DISORDER BEFORE THE ARMY OF VILLA

**Bebel Chief Reports Twelve Thousand as Federal Losses**  
**VILLA IS GREATEST SOLDIER OF MEXICO**  
Reports of Completeness of Victory Are True—Federals' Defeat Was Complete. Defeated Remnants of Velasco's Army Now Fleeing Before Rebels Who Cut Them To Pieces—Monterey Expected To Fall Next

Juarez, Mex., April 3.—The rebel pursuing force this morning engaged the rear guard of the fugitive Federals at San Pedro, 26 miles east of Torreon, killing 100 and capturing 123, according to a report received from Gen. Villa this afternoon.

The path of the escaping Federals is marked with abandoned arms and cartridge belts.

Juarez, Mex., April 3.—After the hysterical outburst that greeted news of the fall of Torreon last night this city was calm today. Gen. Villa added nothing to his brief bulletin of last night except that he promised that, if convenient, he would report all available details fully tonight.

Greatest interest centers in definite information as to the number of prisoners taken by the Rebels. Villa last night said the Federal losses were 12,000 dead, wounded and prisoners, and it was assumed he meant that most of these were prisoners. The report indicated a rout of the Federals so complete as to be almost unbelievable.

Villa's early estimate of his losses was 500 killed and 1,500 wounded. The streets here today were almost deserted, and while automobiles coming from the American side were superficially searched for weapons, the restriction which compelled all to make a detour around the home of Gen. Carranza, was removed. Saloons and resorts generally were re-opened today.

The news came too late last night for a fitting demonstration, although for a while the streets were thronged, whistles blew, bells rang, guns fired and every leader of the Rebel cause received his share of ovation.

Citizens gathered in knots in the streets of El Paso, on the north bank of the Rio Grande, and talked the matter over.

A demonstration of soldiers of the garrison last night who used their rifles aroused El Paso who thought another attack was being made on Juarez. A number of bullets fell on the American side.

## TWIN CITY BOYS WIN STATEWIDE DEBATE VICTORY

**Graham Team of Girl and Boy Competitors in Grand Final**  
**NEGATIVE SIDE OF QUESTION GETS DECISION**  
Charles Roddick and Clifton Eaton Take Home To Winston-Salem The Aycock Memorial Cup In Triumph Over Six Hundred Debaters of North Carolina—Seven Young Ladies Competed in Second Preliminary

(Special to The News and Observer.)  
Chapel Hill, April 3.—Through its future leaders, the pick of the high school life, North Carolina registered a powerful ballot against the question of "Initiative and Referendum" here tonight, when Charles Roddick and Clifton Eaton, representing the Winston-Salem High School, were victorious in the North Carolina Debating Union, winning the Aycock Memorial Cup, in the final triumphal victory here tonight, in fact winning a victory over 600 student debaters of the State.

Two Thousand Hear Debate.  
A capacity audience of 2,000 persons, composed of high school pupils, principals, superintendents and citizens of the Commonwealth, heard the final debate between Winston-Salem and Graham in Memorial Hall. From every section of the State there came North Carolina folks to see and hear the final rally and culmination of this State-wide event that for many months has attracted the attention of no less than 40,000 people and stimulated public agitation among 150 high schools, everywhere. Six hundred debaters participated in the State try out, and 164 won a right

**ONE BURNED TO DEATH.**  
**St. Augustine Fire Claims One Life—Property Loss \$750,000.**  
(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Augustine, Fla., April 3.—One person is believed to have been burned to death in the fire here yesterday, which destroyed five tourist hotels, the St. John's country court house and other property, valued at approximately \$750,000.

## TWO OF STUDENTS NOT IN WARRANT

**Error Corrected as To Submission of Ware and Andrews in Gambling Case**

The attention of The News and Observer has been called to its publication of a long distance message from Hillsboro as to the result of the trial of the gambling case from Chapel Hill that it was in error in the report that J. E. Ware and Ralph Andrews were among those submitted and who were fined \$10 each.

The Hillsboro correspondent of The News and Observer stated over the telephone on Thursday night that the students of the University had submitted and were fined \$10 each, that he did not have the list of names, but it was the same as that published in The News and Observer. Thereupon the list in The News and Observer was used.

## Your Last Chance

**Register Today if You Would Vote On Spending \$100,000.00 On the Streets of Raleigh**  
**The Registration Books Close at Sunset Today**  
**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED YOU CANNOT VOTE**

## SIMMERING STAGE FOR TOLLS REPEAL

**Forces Aligning in Senate For The Final Contest Next Week**  
**REPUBLICANS MAY UNITE**

**Strong Effort Is Being Made To Have Senators of Minority Party Line Up To Defeat Administration—Some Will Stand For Repeal; Attempt Will Solidify Democrats**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., April 3.—The Panama canal tolls exemption controversy has reached the simmering stage in the Senate, pending consideration next week of the repeal bill and proposed compromises by the committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals.

Two salient points were emphasized in the determination of the day. One was the concerted effort being made by Republican senators to unite against the President's repeal policy, and the other was the reinforced determination of administration leaders to yield to no compromise on the House bill providing for flat repeal of toll exemption for American ships.

Among Republican senators who have been classified as doubtful with regard to the repeal, there is a general tendency to line-up against the administration. These Democrats are championing the President's cause, asserting that they welcome this movement, confident that it can have no other effect than to solidify the Democrats and aid in assuring success for the administration. These Democrats, while admitting that five of their number cannot be induced to abandon their opposition to the bill, insist that there is every indication that all other majority senators eventually will support the measure. They also are assured of support by some of the Republican senators, despite the effort to unite against the President.

## BURNS SAYS HE HAS FOUND MURDERER

**Great Detective States That All Will Be Cleared Within Week**  
**TRACKS OF GUILT PLAIN**

**Renowned Sleuth, Employed By Friends of Condemned Atlanta Man, Says Abnormal Man Slew Mary Phagan and Adds That Frank Is Normal**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Ill., April 3.—William J. Burns, the detective, declared late today that he knew who murdered Mary Phagan, the Atlanta, Ga., girl, for whose death Leo M. Frank is under sentence of death.

Whether the murderer was Frank or some one else, in his opinion, Burns would not say, but he intimated that from his investigations and comparing their results with the conclusions of the coroner's jury, he did not think Frank the sort of man capable of making the attack on the girl alleged to have preceded her murder.

Burns on his arrival today from Kansas City related the story of his investigation. He said his attention first had been called to it by a young man from Atlanta who was a passenger on a steamer on which Burns was returning from Europe. The young man expressed his regret that Burns had not become interested in the case before the arrest and conviction of Frank. Through him Burns read in newspapers of the trial and concluded, from the account he saw, that Frank was guilty.

## DISAPPOINTED WITH A CLEAR DEED TO OVER SELECTION OF RESERVE BANKS

**Indications Are That Losing Cities Will Put Up Fight To Change Choice**  
**COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR OF RICHMOND**  
**Washington and Baltimore Would Have Had Absolutely No Show Had Williams Not Been a Member of the Board; Committee Will Likely Stand By Recommendations—Work of Organizing Districts Goes Forward**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., April 3.—There was every indication here tonight that the announcement of the reserve districts and cities by the reserve bank organization committee had given the signal for a determined struggle upon the part of several cities which were disappointed, to overturn the committee on the decision and bring about a redistricting of the country, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

Under the law the decision of the organization committee is not subject to review except by the Federal Reserve Board. This board probably will not be named by President Wilson for several weeks, but in the meantime it is believed that those disappointed with the committee's announcement will be every effort toward having the way for change of the committee's decision.

The President has given no intimation as to who the other five members will be.

Some Districts Disapproved.  
Senator Burton disapproved the inclusion of Pittsburg in the district of which Cleveland is the reserve center, and declared that it would be impossible to make trade turn Westward from Pittsburg to that city. Senator Hitchcock pointed to the fact that Omaha had been included in the Kansas City district and said trade did not flow that way.

Unanimous For Richmond.  
Defenders of the committee said tonight that there was no justification for the charge that it was influenced by any consideration other than the trend of trade and the banking advantages of cities chosen. In referring to the choice of Richmond, it was said that although comment was expected because of the fact that the city is the home of Mr. Williams, the committee was unanimous, and Richmond would have been named over Baltimore and Washington if he had not been a member.

So far no definite plans for any fight against the committee have been announced here, and there is practically no way for such a fight to be undertaken except through the reserve board. It was suggested tonight, however, that members of Congress might undertake to provide banks for their districts by having the number of authorized reserve cities increased.

## A CLEAR DEED TO FINE HOME-SITE FREE

**You Can Obtain a Splendid Corner Lot Surrounded By Some of Raleigh's Most Beautiful Homes Free**  
**TAMPICO MAY FALL WITHOUT STRUGGLE**  
**Admiral Fletcher Thinks Federals Will Evacuate The City**  
**REBELS BESIEGE SEAPORT**  
**Forces are Closing In Around City and Plight of Federals Becomes Desperate With Water Supply Cut Off; Policy of "Watchful Waiting" Will Remain Unchanged**

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., April 3.—Following closely on official advice today from George C. Carothers, American consular agent at Torreon, of the flight of the Federal troops from that city, came a prediction from Rear Admiral Fletcher that the important gulf port of Tampico probably would be abandoned by the Federals without a fight.

Administration officials made no comment on the Torreon result and official sentiment is not likely to crystallize until more is known of the battle itself and its effects in Mexico City and elsewhere.

Mr. Carother's report of the fall of Torreon lacked detail, particularly among staff officers, and to a suggestion that perhaps General Valasco had planned on retreating from Torreon to effect a junction with these forces to the eastward, and make the town untenable for Villa by threatening the line of communication with the north. The general opinion, however, was that neither army is in condition for anything like another engagement.

Admiral Fletcher's report was received with keen interest. For many months the Constitutionals have been besieging Tampico. Their first attempt was conducted by General Aguilar but in that case and in many other attacks that followed the Rebels were kept outside of the town limits by the fire of the Federal gunboats.

Tampico Is Important Place.  
In the beginning the capture of Tampico was deemed essential to obtain easy entry for munitions or war, required for the Constitutionals army. The proclamation of President Wilson, permitting the exportation of arms and ammunition across the border into Mexico, diminished the importance of the port of that respect, but recently the financial needs of the Rebels, with the knowledge that the customs house receipts at Tampico were heavy, led to a renewal of the siege and the strengthening of the attacking force to a point that now seems to make probable the capture of the town.

Admiral Fletcher reported that the Constitutionals now have outposts within five miles of Tampico and said the commanding officer at Laguna Puerto plans to attack the town as soon as 1,000 troops arrive under Gen. Castro, who is working toward the coast on the San Luis railroad. At Laguna Puerto there are 1,000 well armed Constitutionals according to the admiral, and the Constitutionals lines are said to extend East to the coast from Canalete on the Tamesi river. The admiral estimates the Federal garrison at Tampico at 1,000. The besieged city's situation is made more desperate by lack of water, the connections having been cut by the Constitutionals.

## MYSTERIOUS THIRD PERSON SHOTS NEGRO

**Negro Who Thought He Had Killed Another in Himself Mysteriously Shot On Way to Give Up.**  
(Special to The News and Observer.)  
Wilmington, April 3.—Police are tonight trying to solve mystery of the shooting affair which occurred this afternoon in the northern part of the city in which two negroes were badly wounded. John Grady, negro with police records, was shot by Ben Richardson, also colored. His arm was broken and he was also wounded in the face and hand. Grady was trespassing on Richardson's property. Richardson thought he had killed Grady and started to the police station to give himself up when he heard a pistol shot and felt a tingling sensation. Two other shots were fired. He did not see anyone, and it was not Grady, as he lay unconscious. The bullet entered Richardson's back and he is paralyzed. The police are looking for the third man.

## NOMINATION BALLOT

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I hereby nominate  
MR., MRS. OR MISS.....  
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Postoffice..... State.....  
Signed.....  
Address.....  
Date.....  
Only one nomination will be credited to each contestant. Under no circumstances will the nomination name be divulged.