

France Battle Now In Progress Near Douglas, Arizona

Federal Attack on Agua Prieta Opened in Deadly Earnest at 6:30 This Morning—There Will be Heavy Loss on Both Sides.

Rain of Bullets Came Into Arizona City—Insurrectos Well Intrenched and Repel Federals at 9:30 O'clock—Fighting Still Continues.

By Associated Press. Agua Prieta, Mex., April 17.—(From the Associated Press correspondent in the field.)—The first attempt of the Mexican federal troops to retake Agua Prieta from the rebels resulted today in failure, and the battle opened at 6:30 o'clock and raged until 10:30, the federals crossing the open country and assaulting the rebel trenches.

The federals used machine guns, but these were repeatedly silenced by the fire of the rebel sharpshooters who directed their aim at the soldiers manning these guns.

Bullets hissed across the American boundary line and fell in a veritable hail in sections of Douglas, Ariz. At least one American was hit.

The rebels after repulsing the federal attack began the erection of new entrenchments. More than 1,500 federals under Lieut. Col. Diaz was pit ted against the rebels garrison at Agua Prieta of 1,000 men.

The fighting was renewed at 11 o'clock. Douglas, Ariz., April 17.—The expected attack of the Mexican federal troops on Agua Prieta opened in deadly earnest at 6:30 this morning.

Wh'... to the second row of entrenchments they fought boldly in the open. They were seen to stop and take deliberate aim at the advancing national line and fire round after round.

The backward movement of the rebels toward Agua Prieta, however, was steady. Many had fallen on both sides.

At 7 o'clock an automobile carrying United States Marshal Overlock, secret Service Agent Thompson and the Associated Press correspondent, passed through the guard line on the American side of the international line.

The Red Cross volunteers crossed the border and went upon the field at this hour. Dr. Shine, of Bisbee was chief surgeon of the volunteers.

In falling back, however, they swung around to the east and not far enough to come into contact with the rebels lying in the trenches which had been dug to prevent a left flank movement.



PROMINENT D. A. R. LEADER. Mrs. Mathew T. Scott, of Illinois, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on the left and Mrs. William Cummings Story, of New York, who is being primed as a candidate to oppose Mrs. Scott re-election when the biennial vote is taken at the annual congress of the D. A. R. in Washington April 17th.

Daughters of American Revolution Meet In Washington Today

Washington, April 17.—Washington is in gala attire and society circles are putting in a strenuous time, second only to the activity caused by the opening of a session of congress or the inauguration of a president.

The rebels showed remarkable organization throughout the battle. Every point of vantage was guarded, including the adobe guard house on the international line, and every trench and building in the outskirts of Agua Prieta had its squad of men waiting to get into action.

One bullet passed through the hat of an American trooper on the international line. United States cavalrymen were dismounted, standing beside their horses. The mounts were finally moved to sheltered positions behind the adobe buildings along the line.

times promised. The Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in 1890 in this city. Its founders were Miss Mary Desha, of Kentucky; Miss Eugenia Washington, of Virginia (both now dead); and Mrs. Ellen Hardin Wolcott.

Special to The News. Washington, D. C., April 17.—The Kitchen speech on Canadian reciprocity has stirred up a hornet's nest.

By Associated Press. Chicago, April 17.—Officials of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, today received reports of a wreck at White, Okla., in which an entire train was derailed except two rear coaches, which became detached from the rest.

Egg Rolling At White House

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 17.—Bright skies and a warm sun brought thousands of children to the white house grounds today for the annual Easter Monday egg rolling.

Of course, a lot of the egg rollers came to see the president, and Mrs. Taft, and if they were looking in the right direction at the right time, they were satisfied.

By Associated Press. Danville, Ill., April 17.—The vote probe grand jury will assemble here this afternoon for its final sitting.

Congress Continues To Discuss Treaty For Reciprocity

By Associated Press. Washington, April 17.—Debate on the Canadian reciprocity agreement continued to hold the attention of the house of representatives today.

Took Bunch Of Money from Negro

By Associated Press. Brunswick, Ga., April 17.—Four thousand dollars, thought to be part of the \$10,000 stolen from a registered mail pouch between Tampa and Clearwater, Fla., on March 23rd, was taken from John Anderson, a negro, arrested here today in connection with the case.

Cleveland Men Go on A Strike

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., April 17.—That the game scheduled to be played here today by the Detroit and Cleveland teams of the American League was called off because of a "mutiny" or "strike" of the Cleveland players, is stated in news articles in both the Detroit News and Journal today.

J. S. Berger Under Arrest

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., April 17.—J. S. Berger, of New York, proprietor of the Berger aviation plant, now here with his machines and his flyers and who has been giving exhibitions in the towns and cities of south Georgia, was arrested here today charged with using the mails with intent to defraud.

Mrs. McPherson Attempts Suicide

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., April 17.—Mrs. Pearl McPherson, 25 years old, formerly of Mason City, Iowa, who is defendant in a divorce suit pending here, attempted to kill herself and her 5-year-old daughter today by gas asphyxiation in a room at a hotel.

Important Ruling on Insurance Rates

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 17.—A ruling was made today by Commissioner of Insurance Young to the effect that the new basis of commissions to fire insurance agents agreed upon by the North Carolina law which would change the basis from 15 to 25 per cent, according to the risk and exacting from the agents agreement that they would not accept a commission basis other than this from any companies, it is unlawful in this state.

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Lynchburg Won From Greensboro

Special to The News. Lynchburg, Va., April 17.—Houser pitched a superb game for Greensboro, of the Carolina association, until in the ninth when the Shoemakers won in a Garrison finish, the score being 4 to 3.

Municipal Primary In Raleigh Today

Special to The News. Raleigh, April 17.—The Australian ballot and the tendency of many voters to scratch their ballots have the opposing managers in the municipal democratic primary much at sea as to the division of the vote cast up to this hour, 2 p. m.

Legislators Confer

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., April 17.—The thirty-four members of the "Alabama division" of the Tennessee legislature, who came to this state to break a quorum and frustrate objectionable legislation, met this morning in the chamber of commerce rooms and reiterated their determination to "stand pat".

American Shot

By Associated Press. Douglas, Ariz., April 17.—A second American, John Hamilton, was shot. He was in Douglas, nearly in the center of the city, when hit in the breast by a bullet.

Toledo Blade Suffers from Fire

Toledo, O., April 17.—The Toledo Blade was printed as usual today, in spite of the fact that the building is almost a wreck from the big fire which raged within Saturday night.

Former Tar Heel Found Dead

By Associated Press. Little Rock, Ark., April 17.—Judge John Henry Rodgers, of the United States district court for Western Arkansas, was found dead in a hotel here today. Heart trouble is thought to have been the cause.

Would Probe Mexican Situation

By Associated Press. Washington, April 17.—Searching inquiry into the situation in Mexico is demanded in a resolution offered today by Senator Stone, of Missouri.