

The Rebel Army Quietly Evacuated Agua Prieta

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hon on his arm and had been driven into the fighting line. He still wore the scarlet ribbon today.

The rebels evacuated Agua Prieta because they had exhausted their ammunition. This was apparent from the stories related by the one or two who did not flee and by the federals who entered the town.

As the rebels passed out of Agua Prieta to the westward one or two members of the army called across the line to the American troops: "We are going into the mountains and will return when we get some more cartridges."

Uncle Sam Assured. Washington, April 18.—Positive assurances that the Mexican government will adopt a "definite restrictive policy along the border," and news from Douglas that the rebel forces have evacuated Agua Prieta, did much today to relieve the high tension under which President Taft and member of his official family have labored for the last few days.

The assurances from Mexico followed demands of the state department that fighting which endangered American lives in the border towns must be stopped. That the situation is not regarded as acute is evidenced by the fact that leaders of both the senate and the house, with whom the president conferred prior to the assembling of the cabinet today, declared that no action was contemplated by congress at this time.

The president had extended conferences with Senator Cullom, of Illinois, and Representative Sulzer, of New York, chairmen respectively of the foreign affairs committee of the senate and house. Following the interview Senator Cullom insisted that he could see no reason for intervention, while Mr. Sulzer announced that Congress would not act hastily.

Mr. Sulzer thinks that thus far there has been no overt act in Mexico sufficient to warrant intervention.

Mr. Sulzer intimated, however, that a plan is under consideration to relieve the danger to Americans near the border. This contemplates an agreement for a neutral zone from five to ten miles wide along the boundary lines. Congress, Mr. Sulzer said, would not act under any circumstances without a special message from the president.

To his callers today President Taft said that his telegram to Governor Sloan, of Arizona, published today, reflected consequently his attitude. There was no intention upon his part, the president said, to intervene in Mexico at this time and the two departments of the morning had strengthened him in that position.

Port of Douglas Opened. By Associated Press. Douglas, Ariz., April 18.—At 10 o'clock this morning the Port of Douglas was opened by the United States authorities.

The victorious federal force which occupied the town this morning numbered about 1,200 men. Lieut. Col. Norval Diaz was in supreme command. Under him were Major Luis Medina Barron, of the rurales, and comandante Francisco Chiapa, formerly prefect of the town of Mictetz...

The government losses in yesterday's fighting may never be known. The federals declined the assistance of the Red Cross today, stating that the army would care for its own wounded.

The Associated Press correspondent passing in the streets of Agua Prieta saw a few bodies of rebels lying in the streets. At the building there were everywhere evidences of yesterday's fighting and signs that the federals had possessed accurate information of the strongholds occupied by the rebel forces. The main towers at the rebel camp were shot into sieves.

In the west of the bull ring there were two bodies. One was that of an American fighting against the wall of the bull ring and another American who had not escaped with the retreat of the rebel army. His hands were tied with ropes which passed over his shoulders.

"They are not going to shoot me, are they?" he asked in a terrified voice. He said his name was Thomas Sullivan; that he was born in Connecticut; that he had crossed the Mexican line yesterday; had been arrested by the rebels, robbed of a hundred dollars, forced to display the scarlet ribbon on his arm and had been driven into the fighting line.

Every bit of information which has been received overnight was rushed to the White House for the perusal of the president. The executive interest and concern over the matter is plainly evident in the fact that every telegram received by the departments, whether official or unofficial, is immediately laid before the president.

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No Repetition of Agua Prieta. Washington, April 18.—Definite assurances have been received by President Taft from the Mexican government that affairs like that at Agua Prieta will not be repeated. Announcement was made at the white house that Mexico has given assurance of a definite restrictive policy on the border.

Would Keep Americans Back. Washington, D. C., April 18.—An attack on Juarez, Mexico, is momentarily expected, according to a telegram from Thomas D. Edward, United States consul there, received at the white house today. Mr. Edwards reports that he has asked Colonel Sharpe to keep the Americans from crossing the Rio Grande during the battle.

Bankers in Summerville. Charleston, S. C., April 18.—The annual convention of the South Carolina Bankers' Association will open tonight in Summerville, an informal preliminary being the entertainment today at the famous Pinehurst tea gardens by Dr. Charles U. Shepard, the owner of the estate. Secretary of the Treasurer Franklin MacVeagh will deliver an address tomorrow night. The delegates will come here on Thursday for an excursion by steamer around the harbor and other entertainment. President Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston, will preside at the business sessions.

To Attend Directors Meeting. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., April 18.—Edwin W. Robertson leaves this afternoon for New York to attend a meeting Thursday of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of which he is a member. The committee on nominations is expected to report a candidate for president, vice Paul Morton, deceased.

Airship Company. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., April 18.—"To manufacture and deal in aeroplanes," is the purpose of the Dillon Aviation Company, chartered today with \$25,000 capital, J. D. Manning being president. This is the first company of the kind in South Carolina.



INSURRECTO LEADER

"Red" Lopez, Mexican insurrecto leader (on the right), who, with a band of 300 captured the garrison at Agua Prieta. At his side is one of his aides, a typical specimen of the warriors now battling so desperately near the border. President Taft, through the state department, has sent a preemptory demand to both the Mexican government and the leader of the insurrectos at Agua Prieta that battles between the rebels and the federals must not be fought so close to the American line as to put in jeopardy the lives and property of Americans, and that the Mexican government must see to it that no such unfortunate incident as that at Agua Prieta, when two Americans were killed and eleven wounded, and especially near Agua Prieta have been ordered to prevent fighting close to the American line and, if necessary, to stop fighting already in progress.

Another Severe Fight Is Hourly Expected in Mexico

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, April 18.—Desultory fighting that began shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and continued in diminishing frequency throughout the night has put the city of Juarez in a fever of excitement in anticipation of an insurrecto attack today.

It was thought at first that the insurrectos were driving in the federal outposts with the intention of an immediate assault on the city, but as the night wore on the firing dwindled to a few scattered shots and it was apparent that the assailants had withdrawn, the sound of shots becoming fainter as the firing line moved west.

Juarez is ready for an attack. Troops and artillery are posted in readiness and the town is practically cleared of non-combatants, who have crossed into El Paso. Members of the revolutionary junta here, however, express doubt regarding an attack at least for two or three days. Last night it became known authoritatively that between 1,600 and 2,000 insurrectos were at Baucha, 17 miles south of Juarez awaiting reinforcements from Casas Grandes over the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, which is under control of the insurrectos. This force is under command of Raul Madero, a brother of the commander-in-chief.

Whether this morning's engagement with the federal outposts was with the advance guard of this force is not known.

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REPORTS CONSIDERED AT D. A. R. CONVENTION

By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—The various general officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution submitted their reports to the twentieth convention of that body today. The session of the forenoon was taken up by these reports, which in nearly every instance were presented in person by the officers.

Among those to be heard were the president-general, Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, as chairman of the national board of management; the vice-president-general, Mrs. Miranda Barney Tulloch, in charge of the organization of chapters, and the chaplain-general, Mrs. Ester Frothingham Noble.

At the afternoon session an interesting report is expected from the president-general as chairman of the committee on the memorial continental hall. Still another report awaited with interest is that of Miss Anna Carolina Benning, chairman of the committee on revolutionary relics.

Attempt to Murder Italian Laborers

By Associated Press. Danville, Ill., April 18.—News reached here this morning of the second attempt in two days to murder a crowd of Italian railroad laborers employed by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad near Villa Grove, Ill.

Early Sunday morning a stick of dynamite was placed under a car in which they were sleeping and the explosion badly shattered it. At about the same hour Monday morning there was another explosion which threw men from their beds, broke window glass and did other damage.

It is believed Greek railroad laborers are responsible for the explosions.

Many Cotton Mills Shut Down

By Associated Press. Fall River, Mass., April 18.—Many cotton mills in this city were shut down today. Work will be resumed next Monday morning, but it is possible that most of the coarse goods mills will continue on a short time schedule, probably closing Thursday night and reopening the following Monday. Some of the companies, however, will continue on full time.

Stricken While Bowed In Prayer

By Associated Press. Greensboro, April 18.—Rev. Dr. W. M. McFarland, pastor of the Methodist church at Mebane, had just announced the text for his Easter sermon and was kneeling to offer prayer when he suddenly fell from his pulpit to the floor of the church. An examination showed that he had been stricken with paralysis and though medical aid was given by physicians present he died without regaining consciousness.

Two Drowned At Asheboro

By Associated Press. Greensboro, April 18.—Wade Auman and Worth Farlow, aged 21 and 7 years respectively, were drowned at Asheboro late Sunday afternoon when a boat in which they with two other companions, were rowing capsized. The party had just pulled out from the bank of an old mill pond when in some manner the boat was tilted, all being thrown into the water. Parties on the bank succeeded in saving two of the party, one being pulled from the water by an oar which was proffered from a rescuer standing on the edge of the water and to which he clung until safe. The bodies of the two victims were recovered from the water without difficulty. Both the Auman and Farlow families are prominent in business and social circles in their communities.

FELL FROM AIRSHIP TO SUDDEN DEATH.

By Associated Press. Versailles, France, April 18.—Captain Carron, of the French army aviation corps, fell with his aeroplane from a height of 250 feet today and was crushed to death.

Reciprocity Treaty Holds The Boards In Congress Today

By Associated Press. Washington, April 18.—Canadian reciprocity again was the subject of debate in the house today, the third day of the discussion and originally planned to be the concluding day. It will not be, however, for when the house convened Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, declared so many appeals for more time had been made in him that the debate must be prolonged at least another day.

SUPREME COURT REFUSES HUNT APPLICATION

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., April 18.—The supreme court today refused the application of Prosecutor J. Hunt, of Cincinnati, to file a petition in quo warranto against Judge Charles J. Hunt, of Cincinnati, with regard to the trial of George B. Cox, the Cincinnati politician, in this court.

TEXT OF THE FARMERS' FREE LIST BILL

NEWS BUREAU, Congress Hall. (By H. E. C. BRYANT.) Washington, D. C., April 18.—Upon the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill the house will take up the farmers' free list bill, which reads: Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That on and after the day following the passage of this Act, the following articles shall be exempt from duty when imported into the United States: Flows, tooth and disk harrows, headers, threshers, reapers, agricultural drills and planters, mowers, horse-rakes, cultivators, threshing machines and cotton gins, farm wagons and farm carts, and all other agricultural implements of any kind and description, whether in whole or in parts, including repair parts.

WOULD LOOK INTO AFFAIRS OF P. O. DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C., April 18.—A thorough and searching inquiry into the administration of the postoffice department is demanded in a resolution introduced in the house yesterday afternoon by Representative William Schley Howard, of Georgia. He charges intimidation of postal employees, coercion, and unnecessary surveillance.

Following the meeting in Speaker Clark's office on Saturday of the nine chairmen of the committees on expenditures in the nine executive departments, it was given out that these committees would institute inquiries into the methods of republican house-keeping during the past 16 years.

The committee on expenditures in the postoffice department met this morning at the call of Chairman Ashbrook and after conferring for about an hour decided they did not have authority under the rules of the house, known as rule 42, to do more than inquire into expenditures.

Chairman Moon, of the house committee on postoffices and post roads, was asked if his committee would go into this subject. He replied that no investigation would be inaugurated in the absence of specific instructions from the house.

Upon the receipt of this information Representative Howard introduced his resolution. It charges inefficiency and incompetency to the head of the postoffice department; demands to know if railway postal clerks have been denied the right to organize for mutual protection and to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor; and directs that the increase in the number of postal inspectors and private sleuths be probed and the purposes for which used, be inquired into; and, finally, asks for information as to the report that the head of the postoffice department has attempted to cripple the rural free delivery service and refused to follow the instructions of congress embodied in appropriation bills.

The resolution directs that the committee have authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers.

The action of the committee on expenditures in the postoffice department has led to a number of whether or not committees will be restricted and circumscribed in the investigations they are to make. A resolution by Representative Hamlin, of Missouri, is now pending, which proposes to extend the authority conferred under rule 42 and to confer the powers and privileges covered in the last paragraph of the Howard resolution on all investigating committees charged with the duty of probing the executive departments.

Father's Murderous Mania.

By Associated Press. Youngstown, Ohio, April 18.—Pearl Rickert, aged 8, and Raymond Rickert, 7, died today from injuries inflicted last midnight by their father, Grant G. Rickert, making six lives the toll of his murderous fit of insanity. Rickert took his own life by shooting after he had killed his wife and daughters, Charlotte, aged 11, and Helen, aged 15. His son Edwin escaped from the father, who had struck him on the head with an axe, and will survive.

Two Firemen Killed.

By Associated Press. Brussels, Belgium, April 18.—The city hall at Schaerbeek, a suburb of the capital, together with its priceless works of art, including notable paintings, was destroyed by fire last night. Two firemen were killed during a desperate effort to save some of the contents of the building. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Southern League Game Postponed.

Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Memphis Nashville game postponed on account of wet grounds.

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Election Investigation Committee Finds Corruption In New Jersey Elections

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., April 18.—The special assembly committee appointed to investigate the election in Atlantic county today reported to the senate that it found there was bribery, illegal voting and other offenses of the county failed to do anything that from the testimony returned there were approximately two thousand illegal voters. The report states that the testimony was submitted to the proper officials...