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DECISIVE BATTLE IS ANTICIPATED NEAR JUAREZ

Unconfirmed Rumor That Federal Troop Train Has Been Dynamited By Villa's Rebels—Apparently Both Sides Are Determined to Stake All.

MEXICO CITY WEARS OPTIMISTIC SMILE

Strange Belief That Wilson Is On Point of Recognising Huerta—Latter Said to Be Drowning His Cares in Flowing Bowl.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 22.—Two federal troops carrying 1,500 Mexican federal troops were ambushed and dynamited six miles south of Juarez this afternoon, according to reports made to General Pancho Villa's headquarters.

It is impossible to get a definite account of the number at this time. It is estimated that 6,000 of Gen. Villa's men had left Juarez for a point 20 miles south where one of the most important battles of the revolution will begin. A federal force numbering 4,000 men commanded by Gen. Escobar has thrown up entrenchments at that point and prepared to make a stand on the issue of battle.

Although there were rumors all afternoon that the battle had begun, the United Press correspondent at Juarez said there had been no fighting except an occasional shot exchanged by outposts.

The general engagement is expected to occur in the vicinity of Villa Guadalupe, although rumors of the impending federal advance have been coming in for several days. It was not until late afternoon that definite information as to their whereabouts was received.

Gen. Villa immediately sent a troop train south under command of Gen. Madrazo, his chief lieutenant. From a wireless unit dusk the rebels started from Juarez to the south, sending a special train.

Gen. Villa's men were preserving order and discipline and other foreigners were unharmed. The rebels were reported not to have harmed the oil wells.

Newspeople partisan to Huerta with no reliable foundation, so far as could be learned, published that report that the United States would recognize the Huerta government within a few days. The story spread among the Mexicans, being believed by the masses and they showed more cheerful. Nothing was learned here of Secretary Bryan's refusal of the story.

An unconfirmed story was current here that 5,000 federalists were advancing on Juarez and would attack the constitutionalists within a few days.

With the rebels in control of nearly all the territory to Mexico City, conditions here are approaching a serious state, a fuel and food famine being threatened. The coal and oil supply is rapidly dwindling.

Prices are soaring. If the situation does not change before the food and fuel supply in Mexico City is consumed, starvation and suffering are almost certain.

Huerta Said to Be Drinking. News from Mexico, Nov. 22.—The Mexican president, Venustiano Carranza, is reported to be drinking heavily and to be suffering from a severe case of indigestion.

Theadero incident was considered closed today when the Mexican government announced that the representative of the United States, General Maas, had informed the Mexican government that the reason they had not been discharged was that the charges against them had not been dismissed.

The Madros were treated precisely as the General Field Diaz when he was the protection of the American consulate.

Emphasize Importance of Latin-American Relations. Berlin, Nov. 22.—The increasing importance of Germany's relations with Latin America is indicated by a provision in the imperial budget of 1914 raising to the rank of full legations the minister residences now accredited to Guatemala, Venezuela and Peru.

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Another Illinois Murder Mystery

Aurora, Ills., Nov. 22.—Whether a murder is indicated by a blood soaked woman's undergarment, a school book and a revolver found here in a car of lumber will, it is expected, develop in the next few hours.

The car was consigned from South Bend, Washington, to an Aurora concern. When opened here the articles mentioned were found and turned over to the police. In the book a German reader was written: "Elsie Helba Day, Springfield, Ore." Quick wire communication located Miss Day, who is 17 years old, at the home of a brother in Des Moines, Iowa. She thought she had loaned the book to Miss Alice McCormack, a school teacher of Springfield, Ore.

The police are trying to locate Miss McCormack and they also have communicated with other persons whose names were written in the book. The authorities think some girl or woman may have been dragged into the car, attacked and slain and that the body rolled out of an open door after the train was underway.

Bloody finger prints on the edge of the small door through which the clothes and books were evidently pitched into the car was found and photograph of them will be forwarded to Oregon and Washington police bureaus. The impressions were made apparently by a man with short blunt fingers.

Oregon Clue Fails. Portland, Ore., Nov. 22.—Miss Alice McCormack, a school teacher whose name was mentioned last night in connection with the box car mystery discovered at Aurora, Ill., is at her home near Harrisburg, Ore. She stated over the telephone today that she could not explain the presence in the box car of the book given her by Miss Elsie Day.

Returning White House Bride's Thanks Big Job. Washington, Nov. 22.—It's a lot of fun to get loads and loads of wedding gifts, like Miss Jessie Wilson, the white house bride-elect, but the other side of the story has not unfolded until tonight.

Miss Wilson is doing a marathon task of thanking personally every one of the donors. With pen and ink and a big sheaf of envelopes she is trying her level best to keep up with the stream of presents. Her answers are short and gracious, but the task is tremendous.

While Miss Wilson engaged in this work this afternoon, the bride groom-elect, Francis B. Sayre, betook himself to one of Washington's most fashionable bootshops, purchased a high-priced pair of shoes, and then went to a stationery store presumably to replenish the stationery stock for the gift answers.

The next to the last touches for the wedding were put on the white house today when the wedding dress was placed in the East room, the carpet was made ready and the arrangements were completed for placing the palms and flowers Monday.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo injected a mystery into the situation today by sending an enormous package as his gift. Speculations as to its contents range from an upright piano to antique mahogany furniture. At one time General McReynolds, the only bachelor in the cabinet will probably send a huge bouquet.

The "economy administration cook book" brimful of good recipes came today to Miss Wilson, along with countless other presents.

Just a touch of gold finery and lace will be added to Tuesday's event for the word went out from the white house today that the Army and Navy regalia will be present and the diplomatic corps will wear their court uniforms.

Just so that everything will run smoothly on Tuesday the wedding party will go through a rehearsal and Monday, probably in the early evening.

Daniels Returns To Washington. Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary Daniels returned today from a week's absence in the middle west during which he visited the Great Lakes naval training school near Chicago and was so enthusiastic over the possibilities of the institution that he announced his intention of increasing the course of study there.

"That the naval recruits may receive a fuller training, I have increased the length of the course from three to four months and I intend to make it six months," said he.

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APPOINTMENT OF HAMMER APPROVED BY M'REYNOLDS. Conference of Asheville Man With Attorney General Pronounced Satisfactory—Examinations For Fourth Class Postoffices Dealt.

REIDSVILLE MEN ENDORSE MONTGOMERY. Dr. Jordan of Raleigh Testifies In Defense of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy—Further Petitions to Intervene Filed—Other Capital City Items.

Washington, Nov. 22.—A conference held at the department of justice this afternoon, at which Senator Overman presented William C. Hammer, and recommended to Attorney General McReynolds his appointment as district attorney in the west, was declared by the senator to be satisfactory in every way.

McReynolds said he had received no charges against Hammer from any source and would appoint him when Senator Overman gives the word. Hammer returned home tonight. He is the last of the "Big Four" to come here, as Webb, Dorch and Winston have already seen McReynolds.

In some mysterious manner North Carolina has been taken out of the group of states in which fourth-class postmaster examinations will be held in January and has been put in the second group. The civil service commission declared today that examinations in North Carolina will probably be held the first Saturday in February.

A delegation from Reidsville composed of Samuel Hubbard, R. S. Montgomery, W. R. Dalton, Ira R. Humphreys and P. W. Glidewell called on Representative Stedman and Senator Simmons today to urge the appointment of R. S. Montgomery as postmaster. Stedman declared this afternoon he will recommend another man in place of John Oliver next Saturday.

Gilmer Brenizer, formerly of Charlotte, has been promoted to position of chief of division of claims, in the office of Commissioner Osborne, at a salary of \$2,500. Senator Overman was advised by Secretary McAdoo today.

J. Gold of High Point, called on Representative Stedman today in the interest of R. L. Pickett's candidacy for postmaster.

WALL STREET IN THE MIST OF SLUMP IN SPECULATION

SLUMP IN SPECULATION. Trading in stocks and bonds in Wall Street, that is speculative trading—today fell to the lowest yet reached.

Total sales for the past week were 629,927 shares, 990 lower than the lowest on record. It was only by drawing in all the old lot sales that the total for the past week was raised from 625,000 to 629,900.

New York, Nov. 22.—"They always come back." On the hope expressed in those four words—it's a gambler's chance—Wall Street today awaits a return to the gladsome days when the public bit with frequency and bit deep enough to get hooked properly according to the sad brokers who are gay and dashing no longer.

"Wall Street is dull, yes," today declared a prominent Wall Street broker, and financier, who would not allow the use of his name. "But you can make sure the tide is bound to turn. There's plenty of money in the West these days, but just now the westerners aren't trading. However, they'll come back. They always do—the public I mean."

"Of course there is some actual buying and selling in the Street these days. Prices are very low and the wise ones are buying. Many who think they're wise, are waiting expecting prices to go even lower, but bottom has been about reached. The street has known seven or eight pretty good years. The public may return with a rush any time. It may hold back for months."

"Wall Street is a necessity, despite what folks say about it. It is a clearing house for the country. I don't mean the old reckless speculation is necessary, but the trading. It is a place where a man can get money when he needs it."

Of course, some Wall Street firms haven't been able to weather the season and they are cutting down overhead charges, reducing salary lists, and merging for mutual financial benefit. Compared to other days Wall Street is pretty bleak and dreary."

The bleakness of Wall Street can be seen everywhere. Landlords admit that it has affected them. They say there are mighty few firms that are not moving out of their palatial offices into more modest and less spacious quarters. Most of the big suits will have "To let" signs in the windows after January 1. Wall Street's moving day, if landowners are correct in their prophecies.

The traffic bureaus of Knoxville, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., today filed petitions to intervene in the application for lower freight rates for North Carolina from the west. Their petition is very similar to that filed yesterday by the Virginia cities.

Postoffice Inspector Chester has been instructed to visit Raleigh and Charlotte to try and arrange location for the proposed railway terminal. He will probably reach Raleigh Monday and Charlotte Wednesday.

A report which gained circulation with lightning rapidity that Josiah Bailey had resigned as collector created quite a flurry among North Carolinians here today until disproved late in the afternoon.

It all grew out of Bailey forwarding to Secretary McAdoo his resignation as custodian of the federal building at Raleigh. Some time after taking the custody of the building out of the hands of Postmaster Briggs, Bailey discharged one of the negro janitors; the negro appealed to the civil service commission and the treasury department ordered Bailey to re-instate him.

Bailey took the position that if he could not command the force he would not have custody of the building, and tendered his resignation as custodian in extremely severe language.

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CURRENCY MEASURE PUT SQUARELY UP TO THE SENATE

Original Glass Bill as It Passed The House Reported Back to The Senate Without Recommendation Along With Two Substitutes.

OWEN SPONSORS ONE HITCHCOCK THE OTHER. Principal Differences In The Substitutes Are In The Number And Control of The Regional Reserve Banks—Matter Will Not Be Finished Before March.

PROGRESS OF CURRENCY REFORM. May 30, 1908—Vreeland-Aldrich act passed.

May 16-Dec. 1912—Pujo "Money Trust" investigation.

January 7, 1913—Glass inquiry begun.

Sept. 2, 1913—Senate committee hearings begun.

Sept. 19, 1913—Glass "Administration" bill introduced in House.

Sept. 17, 1913—Glass bill passed by House.

Sept. 18, 1913—Glass bill sent to Senate banking committee.

November 22, 1913—Glass bill returned to Senate.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Currency legislation was squarely "put up" to the Senate today. The Glass bill as passed by the House, was returned by the Senate banking committee to the Senate itself "without recommendations."

With it two substitute bills, both following the general regional reserve plan of the "Administration" measure, were presented. One is sponsored by Chairman Owen and five "administration" democrats of the banking committee. The other is advanced by Senator Hitchcock and the five republican committee.

Weeks of debate in the Senate on the three bills will be opened by Chairman Owen Monday.

Predictions are that the new currency law will not be signed much before March.

"The bill can't possibly pass during the special session," Chairman Owen told the senate today, sounding the doom of President Wilson's predictions and hopes that currency would be a second achievement of the extraordinary session.

The principal differences between the bills of the democrats and Owen and the republicans and Hitchcock are in the number and control of the regional banks. The Owen faction proposes reducing the number of regional reserve banks from 12 to 8, provides for bank control of the regional banks and for bank subscription to their stock.

The Hitchcock-republican bill reduces the reserve banks from 12 to 4, proposes Federal control of the regional banks and public stock subscription.

In the report of the six democratic committeemen today the rival faction is chided for "favoring the central bank idea." The report also lambasted the New York Stock Exchange.

"The Stock Exchange has become the most gigantic gambling establishment in the world," they assert.

Copies of the three bills compared side by side were ordered printed today by the Senate.

The currency debate will continue next Monday to Wednesday and then lapse until December 8, when the bill will be kept continuously before the Senate until final passage.

Accuses Girl of Complaisance. Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 22.—E. Graham Wilson, the wealthy farmer who is on trial here charged with assault by Miss Kate Turner, took the stand today in an effort to controvert the testimony already given by Miss Turner and other witnesses.

Wilson asked that he might be allowed to occupy a chair directly in front of the jury in order that the spectators might not hear what he had to say. The request was granted by the court, and the accused spoke so low that lawyers within a few feet of him heard his story with difficulty.

Wilson declared that he had purposely misled his wife as to the events of the day on which he is charged with assaulting Miss Turner, but that now he was willing to tell the whole truth. He then declared that any relations there may have been between himself and Miss Turner were entirely by her consent. He denied that any assault had been committed.

Upon their return to his home, Wilson said he had retired to his room to look to his family, went for a long auto ride and tonight devoted much of his time to going over his message which he will deliver in person to congress on December 5.

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WILSON AND BRYAN TAKE SITUATION VERY CALMLY

President Spends Day In Way Which Proves That He Does Not Consider Mexican Affairs At An Acute Stage—Bryan Shows Even Less Anxiety.

FRICITION WITH ENGLAND POSITIVELY DENIED. Excitement On Border As To What May Happen Down Juarez Way is Somewhat Increased By Warlike Talk of Texas Governor.

Washington, Nov. 22.—It may be that there exists a real Mexican crisis. But—

Well, here is how the two men who are most vitally interested in it spent the day.

President Wilson was up before 7 o'clock. Immediately after breakfast he motored to Virginia where he played golf for three hours. Returning to the white house he stopped on route to his room to play with Tom, the big black cat who took refuge there a fortnight ago and through the intercession of the butler, Miss Jessie Wilson, is now a member of the family. The president spent half an hour teaching the cat to jump through his hands and the other little pet tricks dear to the man of family who appreciates a cat as a necessary member of the household. Then after lunch he inspected wedding presents—and there are very many of them. He devoted another hour to his family, went for a long auto ride and tonight devoted much of his time to going over his message which he will deliver in person to congress on December 5.

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SHERIFF FILES RETURN TO THAW'S HABEAS CORPUS WRIT. Concord, N. H., Nov. 22.—Sheriff Helmina Drew made a formal return to the Harry K. Thaw writ of habeas corpus tonight, in filing it in the United States court at 8 o'clock.

Drew in his return, asks that the habeas corpus be dismissed, setting forth that he holds Thaw under the virtue of the governor of New Hampshire's extradition warrant, and that Thaw should be returned to the state of New York.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 22.—Philadelphia was chosen as the convention city in 1914 by the American Federation of Labor by a vote of 10,633 as against 8,492 for Port Worth, Texas.

QUEBEC TOWN FIRE SWEPT. Levis, Que., Nov. 22.—Saint Marie, a town of 1,600 inhabitants, was swept by fire today. One hundred and fifty houses had been burned and the fire was still raging unchecked at 10 o'clock when a call for aid was received here. Every piece of fire fighting apparatus that could be spared was dispatched at once on a special train. According to word reaching here the damage was \$300,000. Details were lacking.

Changes in Louisiana's Fundamental Law. Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 22.—A summary of changes in Louisiana's fundamental law recommended by the constitutional convention was given out today while the convention prepared to end its work.

Beside providing for a bond issue to retire the state's debt the convention recommended amendments exempting a governor from suspension during trial for impeachment, giving the state the right to alter or repeal corporation charters and authorize a good roads tax.

Two thirds of the members of the legislature must approve the proposed amendments and the voters must ratify them before they become effective.

THE MORE PAY ROLLS MOVEMENT. Several days ago the editor of The News mailed out to number of leading business men letters inviting them to contribute articles on the need of more payrolls and the means of securing same.

Always intensely interested in the welfare of Charlotte, The News believes that the need of more industries of a diversified nature is the prime necessity of Charlotte today.

That this feeling is shared by the leaders of Charlotte is evidenced by the heart, enthusiastic manner in which those addressed have taken the time from their business to discuss the subject.

On pages four and five to-day will be found a number of articles dealing with this paramount need—They are constructive in their nature and it will pay every one to read and ponder them carefully.

Lack of space made it necessary to carry a number of these valuable articles over to the issues of next week.

Others will appear in Monday's issue, and succeeding editions of The News.

The list of names to which letters were sent was prepared hurriedly—Many valuable names were unintentionally left off the list.

This is, therefore, an invitation to every patriotic Charlotte citizen to aid in this "More Payrolls" movement by joining in the public discussion so auspiciously started in today's issue.