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# Villa Takes Torreon in Fierce Night Attack

## Repeated Attacks On Federal Stronghold Result In Victory his advance. The government has also succeeded in raising a loan of over 50,000,000 person which will make

LOSSES in Killed and Wounded in Coahuila and Monterey, key to the wards pacification. Amount to 4,500-Wildest Rejoicing in Juarez at News

Washington Still Claim That a precarious state. Report is Error and That Last Night.

ampaign of the revolution to oust Vic-

fighting began last Friday and ! inted assaults on the strong fed-

Positions were taken and lost time of Tamaulipas. and time again. Several night attacks oracy of the enemy's artillery fire, bers. much of which was said to have been

1,500 Killed; 4,500 Wounded. wounded, with an unknown number dessert.

Villa believes the federals, whom his avalry is pursuing to the south, forms remnant of the Huerta force whose loss he says probably is close being total. All the subordinate generals have not yet reported, howwer, and until they do just how many were captured can not be accurately

The hattle line was four miles long and the field was outlined by three great hills formed like a carpenter's square at either end of which lay the owns of Gomez Palacio and Torreon 10,000 Men Figure In Battle.

my. The federals had fortified the wounded and many of them died of thirst and hunger or lack of attention where they fell. Automobiles were emloyed in rescue work but they could ot ascend the hillsides.

Fiercest Fighting In Hills. d in the hills south of Gomez Palacio est of Torreon, It raged furiously in he Canon de Hauache, where the fed rals made their last desperate stand nd from which they finally fled follow-

by a column of Villa's horse. Twice the rebels took two of the lls, only to lose them but all the me the attack grew more menacing except the west, drew the circle closer lov as Villa's men, fighting from all sides about the enemy.

The possession of some favored "Viva Villa.' Common soldiers mingled members of a special committee to suffering from angina pectoris. scharge a broadside, then retire,

The federals used huge rockets all of buckshot.

Rain Relieves Suffering. eve been brought on by the heavy fir- can soldiers at the bridges that the During the battle scouts brought fall of Torreon was the cause. Rebel rd that federal reinforcements from soldiers guarding the Mexican end of Cainst them and later reported that taistas." had sent them scurrying into the

Torreon Clinches Position of Constitutionalists.

night constitutionalists now control an and artillery and stores of cotton fell jured, will recover, the surgeons anmmense wedge-shaped portion of into the rebel hands by the capture. | nounce today. The owners of the five Mexico, with the point resting on Tor- Mexican Embassy Claims Victory for hotels destroyed are preparing to reean, 500 miles south of here and the op extending along the American border from Nogales, Ariz. to a point embassy here today still claimed vic- ed. list west of El Paso, Texas. At Piedras tory for the federal forces at Torreon. Negras, across from Eagle Pass, there Charge Algara today gave out this going ahead rapidly. The only thing a lederal garrison but it is not men- statement: are Chihuahua, Sonora (except the secretary of foreign affairs, Senor was blowing off shore. The firemen

the capture of Saltillo and Monclovia rebel forces under Villa at Torreon. "wet" in the election yesterday.

state of Nuevo Leon, assured.

Main Federal Force Wiped Out. The main federal force, according to Villa's report to General Carranza, was Victory of Villa's Rebel wiped out by death, wounds, capture or flight at Gomez Palacio and Torreon Mazatlan, the federal port in the state of Sinaloa, by the release of the vet-Mexican Representatives at eran rebel army at Torreon, also is in

Villa's Rise In the World.

Thus by his successful campaign Federals Won Signal Victory of the last month General Francisco Villa has practically assured rebel control of the vast territory of the northern states of Mexico and gained for By Associated Press. himself the reputation of being the Torreon, Mevico, April 3.-Torreon, foremost soldier of the country. It ment of the prospective departure from with victims of a six-day battle, was only a little more than a year ago Vera Cruz of John Lind, President as occupied by Villa's rebels last that he started out from a village Wilson's personal representative, reviv delit while the federals fled. The cap. near here with two companions, six ed interest today in the future trend horses, seven dollars in money and a meagre supply of beans, coffee and sugar. The horses at the time were riano Huerta from Mexico City. It not paid for and Villa's first act upon as the constitutionalists virtual con- capturing this city three months ago the horses were "borrowed."

Federalists Will Report to Tampico. General Pablo Gomez for months has almost continuous. At first Villa harrassed the federal forces at Monclovia and Monterey and now that the Torreon army is loosed, strategists oved costly so the day was spent here assume that the federals will Lind would return to Vera Cruz after and suspicions of the Latin republics evacuate these points and attempt to he had obtained a rest many observers as to the ultimate aims of the United retreat to Tampico, seaport of the state

The state is sprinkled with rebel sent the federals scurrying from strong troops all along the line of retreat, but at daybreak the cap- which makes it evident that the federal ors would be compelled to abandon garrisons already are threatened with hem because of the strength and accapture by immensely superior num-

A railroad runs from Torreon directed by French and German gun- the city of Durango which is held by rebels and the overland journey from that point to Mazatlan lies though a Losses have not been compiled, but country which is agriculturally rich General Villa estimates his own losses and well watered. It would be a pleaskilled and 1,500 wounded, and ant march for an army fresh from the federal loss at 1.000 killed and 2- horrohs of hunger and thirst in the

Interest here today was divided speculation as to Villa's future movements and the effect if any riumph would have in Washington. satisfaction of injuries inflicted by Never in all its dramatic history since ther subordinates. the Madero revolution in 1910 has Juarez gone so nearly mad with enthusiasm as it did when a messenger ran that Torreon had fallen. Swayed by in the American policy. Charge O'elation, men embraced each other Shaughnessy will continue at Mexico wherever they met. Bells in the 400vear-old mission of Guadelupe were that may arise. set ringing louder and faster than they have rung for religious purposes. Khaki pulse, their rifles were turned loose Hague conference did not imply in into the air. For a time inhabitants of the view of officials here any recogni-El Paso supposed Juraz was again suf- tion of Huerta. fering from one of its periodical at-

shouted their delight. The municipal band hastilyrouted from their beds Hague." paraded through the streets playing the national hymn and serenaded Carranza until the constitutionalist chief tired of the music. In the gambling stacle to the execution of original plans HEALTH OF DOWAGER hall conducted by Villa's agents for the benefit of the rebel treasury all play Secretary Bryan sent a note to Americeased while gamblers and gamekeep- can diplomatic officers in every coun-

Viva Villa! Viva Villa!

ouse roof. The roar of cannon was freely with the highest officials of the arrange the program for the third meet most continuous. Both sides used ar- rebel government in a cabaret resort ing. ored trains. These with big guns and were invited to drink to the glory This note was printed and a copy ounted, would suddenly appear of the insurgent arms. Practically the in the ordinary and routine way deround the elbow of one of the hills, only place open in the town where livered to the Mexican foreign office. drinks might be bought, this caberet ame time and a lively duel ensued. I was like a "naval engagement" on they crowded in to embrace friends When the shooting and celebration which were shot to a great height, ex- began hundreds of Huerta sympathizoding in the air and letting down a ers in El Paso awoke and made a rush for the international bridges thinking that by some unexpected On the fourth day of the fight the in- stroke of fortune federal forces were use suffering from heat and thirst attacking Juarez, But they turned back as relieved by a rain thought to crestfallen when informed by Ameri-

By 2 o'clock in the morning the excitement had died away and the streets on guard since early yesterday was were deserted. Plans are under way dismissed this morning as there was for a formal celebration this afternoon no locting and no attempt at it. Juarez, Mexico, April 3 .- With the over which Carranza will preside. apture of Torreon by the rebels last Great Supplies of food, amr. unition Nova Scotia, who was so seriously in-

> Washington, April 3.—The Lexican modern concrete houses will be erect-Federals.

"An efficial dispatch signed by the struction was the fact that the wind lort of Guaymas), most of Coahuila Lopez Portillo y Rojas, has just been confined the blaze to one square wide received at the embassy giving an ac- and the fire burned out when it reach Vesterday's victory was said to make count of the crushing defeat of the ed the water front. The city vote i

General Maas, who left Saltillo several days ago with large reinforcements has arrived at Torreon. General De Moure's column has reached San Pedro de Las Clonias, where a decisive defeat was administered to the rebel forces sent out to oppose 50,000,000 pesos whic' will materially assist in its tireless efforts to-

ican policy.

pointed to the battle of Torreon as but the result as well as its effects on the military or diplomatic situation as respects the strength of the two fac-

Lind May Never Return.

think he never will go back as there States are accentuated by the "extenhas been a disposition for many weeks sion of the Monroe doctrine to ends on the part of the Washington govern- never contemplated by its anthor." ment to refrain from diplomatic activity, while the contending military forces struggled for supremacy in Mexico. That this position will be continued indefinitely is probable unless injury to foreigners or some other unlooked for emergency causes embarrassment.

Benton and Vergera Cases Lost

Sight of. In the attention that has been concentrated on the battle at Torreon, the Benton and Vergera cases have been practically lost sight of but there is every indication that with the bat Juarez Goes Mad With Enthusiasm for the over and when another readjustment of military forces caused further information will be sought from both constitutionalist and federal chiefs as the to the course they intend to pursue in

No Change In American Policy. Administration officials are emphatic ntheir declarations that Mr. Lind's through the streets last night shricking movements at present mean no change Cit yto conduct any routine business

No Recognition of Huerta. Reference by Huerta in his message clad rebel soldiers woke from their to congress Wednesday to the action sleep in the town's many barracks to of the United States in connection with cheer. Then, stirred by a common im- the proposed reassembling of the

Huerta said in his message, "The United States has been so good as to Finely dressed officials, high in the invite me, through his excellency, Pres-Carranza administration, threw their ident Wilson, to organize in common arms around soldiers in the streets and accord the preparatory work for the approaching peace conference at the

> Explanation of the statement is found in the fact that to remove what appeared to be a purely technical obfor the reassembling of the conference, try which was a party to the original Hague conference, suggesting that By Associated Press. their governments designate the ad- Tokio, April 3 .- The condition

St. Augustine, Fla., April 3 .- Insur-Conterey were approaching on the the structures saw the proceeding and estimating the loss in yesterday's fire ast. General Herrara was sent out howled taunting insults at the "Huer- which they believe will be \$750,000 as Miss Alice M. Smith, of Amherst build. Instead of the frame structures

The work of cleaning up the ruins is

places in central portions; Saturday, fair. Gentle northwest

John Barrett, director general of a candidate. the Pan-American Union, presided at the opening session. He declared the time had come for a "Pan-American"

cy acceptable to and approved by all longing to each and all on the same

Leopold Graham, New York, preenting the Latin view of the Mon- to have handed in his

By Associated Press. issues temporarily were shelved by Bland and others to withdraw it. the senate today to resume the contest over confirmation of Winthrop M. of President Wilson, nominated for Mr. Buchanan was elected to the posi- the ice floes.

they might affect future physical valinterstate commerce committee who views or opinions in a federal office president wants Daniels confirmed.

## EMPRESS OF JAPAN GROWS WORSE

Through it all only one name was ministrative council of the permanent health of the Dowager Empress Haru- liams of the law firm of Williams & intermittently in the streets or ov- heard above all others. It was Villa- court of arbitration at the Hague as ko of Japan has grown worse. She is

I am the ever ready



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## Reserve Banks to Begin Operations in 3 Months

# RESIGNS POSITION

hird ward sent in to Mayor Bland yeshe board of aldermen, but, at the earnest solicitation of his constituency in the ward and members of the board Philadelphia. Pa., April 3.-Interna- of aldermen, withdrew it today. His tional relations and obligations of son, City Solicitor Carey P. Buchanan, the United States is the general topic also wrote out today his resignation as city solicitor to take effect on May inder discussion at the meeting of 1. In addition to this step, Mr. W. H. the American Academy of Political Williams of the law firm of Williams & By Associated Press. and Social Science which began here Deaney, has let it be known that he is a candidate for the solicitorship. Mr. W. M. Wilson is also understood to be

All these sudden shifts of the wind have rocked the boat in local politics! today in an unusual degree and promise to furnish material for political policy" as a substitute for the Mon- gossip for many days to come. The various incidents also have to do with "By that," he said. "I mean a poli- the mayoralty fight, which, although the election is a year off, has already begun with Aldermen T. . Kirkpatrick and C. E. Mason as the candidates so

Alderman Buchanan is understood tion of his son, Mr. C. P. Buchanan. as city solicitor. This view of the situation was forced on the alderman the fact that, although the city solicitor is elected for a term of two years. another man, Mr. Wilson, was a candidate for the place and had expectaions of being elected to it when the poard of aldermen selects several Whether the board had any such plans is, of course, not revealed, but it is said that rather than permit the pos- arrive before Sunday. She went to sibility of the appearance of too the aid of her sister sealer, the Newmany in one family having such a foundland, when 120 hunters from the serve bank within thirty days after

resign and consequently did so yes- their ship. The Bellaventure, the Steterday afternoon, but was induced, by phano and the Florizel picked up stock for a reserve bank-\$4,000,000the earnest solicitation of his constitu- many bodies and a number of surviv- five banks will be designated to ex-Washington, April 3 .- Big legislative ency, members of the board, Mayor ors. It is known that fifty-eight lives ecute the formal certificate of organ-

Daniels of New Jersey, intimate friend as is the case with the city attorney. tion of city solicitor last May and Senators Cummins and LaFollette might naturally expect, his friends and others who are figghting the con- say, that he would hold office until firmation have made it clear there is the expiration of the two-year term a a member of the New Jersey public however, and the alignment of memutilities commission show he held un bers of the city's official family on one sound economic views, particularly as side or the other has forced a division inside the board of aldermen, it is uation of railroads. Friends of Mr. said, with reference to the solicitor-Daniels, including Chairman New- ship. Since Mr. Wilson's friends have lands and Senator Pomerene of the mentioned his name as a good man for the solicitorship they seem to foundland. conferred with President Wilson, were have forced the issue inside the ranks prepared to argue with their colof the aldermen, in spite of the fact leagues today that what Mr. Daniels customarily the city solicitor would had done in constructing a state law serve out the two-year term. At any should not be held as influencing his rate there has been much talking during the last two days. In addition to where, they contend, the statutes and that there has been a caucus of the economic situation are different. The forces aligned on each side of the question, if reliable witnesses are correctly reported, and the battle seems likely to be kept up until the next mayor is elected.

Mr. Williams a Candidate.

it was announced that Mr. W. H. Wil-De aney would be a candidate for the place. His entrance into the ring therefore brings another participant into the arena and presents the prospect of a fight still further drawn out, in which Mr. Wilson and he and, maybe others yet, will engage. The position of Mr. C. P. Buchanan is understood to be that he did not desire the position of city solicitor again and did not expect to be a candidate but resents it that a candidate should be brought out against him in the face of By Associated Press. the precedent that the position has heretofore been held for a period of

law for about two years and received notification of his successful passing of ents there tomorrow in spite of the the capital stock of its reserve bank the state board several months before attaining his majority, and was sworn in for the practice of law at the local bar the day after his twenty-first birthday. His ability as a solicitor has that "the electors of East Fife will the subscription shall be payable on been recognized by many as very marked and the large per cent of convictions at the recorder's court would tions of the army, authority of the within three months and one-sixth seem to indicate that he has not been crown and power of the people." too lenient in prosecution. Mr. Williams and Mr. Wilson also are both Kermit Roosevelt's recognized as well suited for the position and the friends of each will likely put a strong fight for their man. The central fact in the whole situa-

tion, as judged by those near the By Associated Press. board of aldermen in accepting or re- can be performed. solicitor at that time instead. The of the ambassador to Spain. next developments in the situation will The certificate states that Kermit District No. 1, Boston-Reserve be watched with interest.

## Formal Notice Sent To National Banks Of Selected Districts

St. Johns, N. F., April 3.-Apprehension grew here today that the By Associated Press. sealing steamer Southern Cross went down with all on board during the

The government has instituted an San Francisco. extended search for the missing vessel. The Reid Newfoundland. Compa-certification to Comptroller of the Curny's steamer Kyle was chartered for rency Williams of the selections and the purpose and will sail at midnight. Mr. Williams began notifying 7,548 is doing iceberg patrol duty several applied for membership. It was the hundred miles off the southern coast general expectation that member was asked to help.

The sealer Bellaventure with her cargo of dead, is blocked in the ice establishment of their reserve banks. 100 miles north of here and cannot Every bank must begin payment of a large part in the official life of the latter were caught by the storm, notification. Alderman Buchanan decided to Tuesday and were unable to regain as member banks in a district have were lost and some 60 men are not ization. After its receipt here the re-It has been the custom to elect the accounted for. It is believed that it serve bank will become a corporation city solicitor for a period of two years, is scarcely possible that the latter and entitled to begin business. could have survived long exposure on

City Stirred Over Disaster. city has been so stirred over an the federal reserve board which is yet ocean disaster. Hundreds of people to be named by President Wilson, and nothing personal in their attack but year hence. The early throwing down roamed the streets all night besieg six selected by member banks in each they believe Mr. Dariels' decisions as of the gauntlet in the mayoralty race, ing the newspaper offices, the tele- district. graph stations, the government chamthe survivors will be housed but news serve bank and appoint a reserve available. Many in the crowd were its mouthpiece, the organization comrelatives or intimate friends of those mittee may perfect the organization of who sailed a month ago on the New- a reserve bank for all practical pur-

NEGOTIATIONS ON FOR SAL EOF M. & M. T. CO.

New Haven Railroad system admit- in payment of their subscriptions to ted today that negotiations for the reserve banks will be accomplished sale of the Merchants & Miners without disturbance to business and Transportation Company to the Mer- without any curtailment of credit of cantile Trust Company of Baltimore, retrenchment in loans or discount, The were under way but they said that law gives nearly a year to the banks the price of the property and other for the payment of one-half of their details had not been settled.

London, April 3.-Premier Asquith received a great ovation when he de- new banking system every national parted from London today for his con- banking association shall be required stituency of East Fife, Scotland. He within 30 days after notice from the is to deliver a speech to his constitu- organization committee to subscribe to decision of the unionists not to oppose "in a sum equal to six per cent of his election. At every train stop the the paid up capital stock and sur-

Birth Certificate is

will be found opposed to each other Madrid the birth certificate of Kermit operating basis. when the fight for the mayor's place Roosevelt required of resident foreign- Keen disappointment was apparent begins in earnest. The action of the ers by Spanish law before a marriage today among members of congress

jecting Alderman Buchanan's resigna- Kermit Roosevelt, at present with for reserve banks were denied. The tion would have taken place next Mon- his father in South America, will upon federal reserve board will have power day night. The board will probably his return be married to Miss Belle to revise the list of cities but officials pass on the resignation of the city Wyatt Willard of Virginia, daughter here do not think such action will be

Roosevelt was born October 10, 1889.

Fight For Bank. Next Step is Selection of Nine Directors for Each Reserve Bank, Three Appointed by Reserve Board and Six Se-

Richmond and Atlanta Among

Cities Getting Appointments

as Centers of Rerserve Bank

Districts-Charlotte Loses

lected by District Banks.

Washington, April 3 .- Although varous steps must be taken before the new federal reserve banking system blizzard off Cape Race Tuesday. She begins operation, treasury officials excarried a crew of 170 men and was pected today that the twelve regional within three months and that the rev-Hope for the safety of the vessel, within that time. With the designation based on a dispatch from Sydney, N. of the reserve centers the organiza-S., which stated that a wireless mes- tion committee took the first decisive cage had been received here report sep toward perfection of the sy tem. ing the arrival of the Southern Cross The cities named are: Richmond, Atwas dissipated before noon when the lanta, Boston, New York, Philadelgovernment declared the Sydney re- phia. Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas and

The American cutter Seneca, which national and state banks which have banks in the twelve districts would immediately begin preparing for the ital and surplus to the stock of its re-

The next step will be the selection It has been many years since this each bank, three to be appointed by

Although the federal reserve board per and the Grenfell Institute, where is to choose three directors in each rewas meagre while no list of dead was agent for each bank who is to act as poses before the reserve board is appointed and it is believed that the committee will exercise this authority to launch the system as soon as pos-

In the opinion of officials here the New York, April 3 .- Officers of the transfer of money from member banks total subscriptions and it was believed that this time would prove sufficient in

> Washington, April 3 .- Formal notific cation of the decision of the federal reserve organization committee designating cities in which reserve banks are to be established under the new currency system and fixing the geographical limits of the districts, was forwarded today to each national bank and eligible institution. Inclosed were blank forms of resolutions to be adopted by directors of the banks authorizing a subscription to the capital stocks of the federal reserve banks in their respective districts.

According to the act creating the

within six months thereafter, and the remainder of the subscription, or any part of it, shall be subject to call when deemed necessary.

With the completion of necessary Wanted in Madrid formalities and the appointment of members of the federal reserve board the task of organizing the new sysheart of the situation, is that it is in New York, April 3 .- Charles Weeks, tem will practically have been conreality the alignment of forces that town clerk of Oyster Bay, has sent to cluded and the system put pon an

representing cities whose applications

considered. (Continued on Page Nine.)