

## FIRST ATTACK ON TORREON WAS REPULSED BY FEDERALS

News That the Rebel Army Was Driven Back and Sustained Heavy Losses

## MANY WERE WOUNDED

Rebels Do Not Admit Defeat But Say Federals Offered Unexpected Strong Resistance to Villa's Forces.

Washington, March 25.—The Mexican Embassy today received the following from Mexico, dated last night: "The rebels were repulsed today in an attempt to reach Torreon. General Torreon is well prepared for the attack."

**Rebels Without News.**  
Mexico, March 25.—Officers of the Rebel Headquarters today were without authoritative information as to the outcome of the fighting at Torreon. General Ctrao still awaited confirmation of the report that Villa's army had captured Cuareltos in Torreon. No definite news has come over since the Associated Press received from Chihuahua at 5 p. m. yesterday, that fighting still was in progress at Gomez Palacio, an important railroad suburb of Torreon.

**Rebels Lost Heavy.**  
El Paso, Texas, March 25.—Mexican Consul Diebold said today he had been officially informed that the rebels were repulsed, with heavy losses at Torreon and that some of the rebels were driven back twenty miles. "It is very significant that Juarez without news and I regard it as confirmation of my dispatch," he declared.

**Admit Stormy Resistance.**  
Buenos Aires, March 25.—The Rebel Headquarters from Gomez Palacio, being reported here in large numbers, official reports the Federals offered unexpected strong resistance.

## CRIMINAL MUSEUM HAS BEEN CLOSED

London, March 25.—Because it was regarded as a great attraction for the public, the Paris morgue, the Criminal Museum of Scotland Yard has been practically closed to all except those who can show some good reason for desiring to visit it. The museum has never been opened to the general public, but it has not been difficult to obtain admission. A permit must be secured from the Special Commissioner of Police, and the visits can only be made on one of two days in the week.

During the past year it became known as the rage for society women to obtain permits to view the gruesome exhibits which the place contains, and a complaint was made that the museum was being turned into a side-show for the gratification of the laudably curious. Some of the relics are decidedly ghastly, and these are displayed with a lack of reserve which according to the Scotland Yard authorities did not make fixed parties of children desirable. Besides the implements used in the commission of famous crimes, perhaps the most interesting exhibits in the place are death masks, formerly made of every criminal executed in England.

## ENTIRE TOWN IS UNDER MARTIAL LAW

New York, March 25.—With the entire town under martial law, quiet reigned today among the strikers of the Coupler Works. The streets were patrolled all night by the militia. A shift of workmen was accompanied from Buffalo by a battalion of National Guardsmen. Announcement that the company will refuse to reinstate the strikers under any conditions, and the threatened eviction of the company houses have added to the spirit of unrest and the militia will be kept on guard for an indefinite period.

## BRITISH GOVT. MADE PACT WITH MILITIA

### Secretary of War Seely Forced to Quit

### OTHER SENSATIONS IN PARLIAMENT

### Premier Asquith Declined to Accept Seely's Resignation—King George Cleared of All Blame.

London, March 25.—Documents made public today disclose the fact that the British Government gave the officers in Ireland a written guarantee that they would not use the Army to crush Ulster's political opposition to the Home Rule bill. The correspondence, however, points out that the Government retains its right to use the army to maintain law and order. This information was contained in a "White Book" or official communication to both houses of parliament.

War Office orders regarding the duties of officers in Ireland, chiefly in connection with protection of the Government stores, arms and ammunition, are given completely. The correspondence, however, omits verbal communication by General Sir Arthur Paget to the officers of Curragh camp, which led to the resignation and which the government argues was the result of "misunderstanding."

After a protracted Cabinet Council this morning, the rumor was started that the entire Ministry had decided to resign. Other reports were current that War Minister Seely and Winston Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty, had handed their resignations to Premier Asquith. No confirmation of either of these reports was obtainable.

The House of Commons buzzed with excitement and was crowded to its utmost when Lord Beresford opened the attack on the Government by demanding information as to naval movements in connection with the situation in Ulster.

"Was a battle squadron ordered to steam, at full speed, from Spanish waters to the Irish coast and ordered to embark field guns?" he asked. Amid ministerial cheers and derisive laughter from the Unionists, Winston Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty, admitted that the squadron had been ordered to Lamlash so as to be in proximity to the coast of Ireland in case of serious disturbance arising. When it was clear that military precautionary movements had been carried out without opposition it was decided that this movement of the fleet could be delayed until the Easter leave was over.

The statement was followed by a cyclone of questions. The Unionist member asked Churchill if he expected that "this precautionary movement of troops would lead to fighting." In a moment Churchill flared up: "I repudiate the hellish suggestion," he shouted.

When the consequent uproar had subsided the speaker reprimanded Churchill, saying that such an expression should not have been used. Churchill regretfully withdrew it and the storm passed off as quickly as it had arisen.

Colonel Seely, in his valedictory address to the House of Commons, denied that King George has taken any initiative of any kind in the Army crisis. He said, "The suggestion is absolutely without foundation in the broadest sense. His Majesty took no initiative of any kind."

Correspondence between Colonel Seely and Army officers, in Ireland, has astounded the country and in the opinion of seasoned politicians demanded one of two courses, cashiering of the Secretary of War, or resignation of the entire Cabinet. The first course was decided upon at protracted Cabinet council early this morning. Earlier in the day in the House Commons, Premier Asquith made it clear that the instructions given to General Paget had emanated from the War Office and were not submitted to the Prime Minister by the Secretary of War.

Premier Asquith refused to accept Seely's resignation, after sympathetic reception in the House of Commons of Seely's explanation of his action regarding the Army officers in Ireland.



Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, one of the Democratic leaders in the House, who will as a lieutenant of President Wilson in the fight to repeal the exemption clause of the Panama Canal act.

## HEARTILY FAVORS IT

### Secretary of Navy Daniels Writes in Behalf of the Tar Heel Progressive Move—Speaks for the President—New Hanover Case Before the Supreme Court.

Dispatch News Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., March 25.

In a personal letter to Mr. J. W. Bailey just received here Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, who is Democratic National Committeeman for North Carolina, writes that he heartily endorses the proposed mass meeting of North Carolina Democrats for endorsement of progressive policies, and says: "In my conversation with the President with respect to this movement, he heartily endorsed the effort to put North Carolina in harmony with the movement manifest all over the country in behalf of measures calculated to improve the condition of the people. He expressed surprise that North Carolina had not been a leader in these matters." Mr. Daniels said further in his letter to Mr. Bailey: "My idea is that we should work on those progressive ideas which have stirred other States. The foremost thing is a Statewide primary for all parties to be held on a common day. This should replace the hybrid system we now have in operation. I think we should stress that tremendously. In Indiana the governor of the State and the National committeemen and others were opposed to the primary, but Senators Kern and Shively, with the vigorous endorsement of the President got it into the Democratic platform. We ought to be certain that we get this this year and as many other good things as possible including the proposed amendments to the constitution."

A movement is on foot to have the city of Raleigh and the Wake county authorities to co-operate in the establishment of a reform school for wayward children co-operate in the establishment of the school on some portion of the sixty-acre tract of land just north of the city limits on which the county is now erecting its splendid county hospital. Police Justice W. J. Harris is especially interested in this movement.

President John A. Wills, of the North Carolina State Fair, has gone to New York to sell the \$50,000 bond issue that the association has arranged for to provide funds for another modern fair building to take the place of the old machinery building, portions of which must come down at once. The indications are that the State Fair will have another handsome, new, especially commodious building by the time the next State Fair opens.

Eighth and Ninth district appeals are being argued in the Supreme Court, the counties being New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus and Pender, constituting the Eighth, and Robeson, Cumberland, Bladen and Hoke the Ninth district.

An especially notable case is Moore et al vs. Cooper Monument Co. and the authorities of the town of Burgaw, in which it is sought to stop the movement to erect a Confederate monument in one of the principal streets of the town. The complainants are citizens of the town who insist that to place the monument in the street selected for the site will greatly block the street and prove a nuisance. They are represented by

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## NEW YORK HAS UNIQUE EVENT IN HONOR OF DISASTER

### Anniversary of the Great Triangle Waist Factory Fire Observed

### PLANNED BY THE CITY

Really a Gigantic Fire Drill and Showed Well, the Progress That's Been Made in Fire Prevention.

New York, March 25.—A city-wide demonstration, unique in that it commemorated not a triumph, but a disaster, was held here today, on triennial anniversary of the great Triangle Waist Factory fire, in which one hundred and forty-seven lives were lost. The ringing of gongs, in hundreds of factories brought forth orderly streams of employees, until the streets, in some of the districts, took on a holiday aspect.

This colossal fire drill, which included most of the factories and a great many schools, was planned by Fire Commissioner Adamson, working in conjunction with several safety organizations.

In a truer sense, it was not a commemoration of the Triangle fire, but a celebration of progress in fire prevention since that time.

## BIG FIRE TODAY IN MARYLAND TOWN

Baltimore, Md., March 25.—Fire started in Mount Airy, near Frederick, today and, according to last reports, the place was in danger of being destroyed. Seven buildings have been destroyed and the flames are spreading.

## "WHITE WOLF" AGAIN PLUNDERS AND SLAYS

Peking, March 25.—"White Wolf," the Chinese Brigand leader, and his followers today captured and sacked the city of Lung Chuhchai, killing two hundred and thirty inhabitants and wounding and capturing many more.



New York, March 25.—Upton Sinclair, the Socialist author, and his pretty second wife have quit the United States for good and all, according to letters that have been received by their friends here. The Sinclairs have several relations with the famous Arden colony, because of a disagreement with the trustees that grew out of Sinclair's desire to play baseball on the Sabbath. The Sinclairs are now in Bermuda, where they intend to establish their permanent home.

## BIG FIRE AT THE A. & M. COLLEGE

### Textile Building Destroyed This Morning

### LOSS ABOUT EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

### Most of Loss Covered by Insurance—Mills at Once Came to the Rescue—To Discuss Rebuilding.



Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., March 25.—Fire originating on the second floor early today completely destroyed the textile building and contents of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, causing a loss of eighty thousand dollars, and inconveniencing the students of that department. Various Raleigh cotton mills have rallied to the cause and the students that train there. The insurance amounted to sixty-six thousand dollars. Chairman Ragan, of the board of directors, arrived this afternoon to consider the question of calling the trustees together, to discuss plans for rebuilding.

## MISSIONARY UNION

### Of Baptist of North Carolina Opens Annual Session in Hendersonville—Large Attendance and Good Work Being Done.

Special to The Dispatch. Hendersonville, N. C., March 25.—The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, of North Carolina, opened its first session here this morning, with a large delegation and great spiritual atmosphere. The welcome, a most hearty one, was by Mrs. R. N. Pratt, and then the annual address by Miss Heck furnished the keynote to the mission of the Union.

Reports of officers, showing great progress, were made, and then visitors, Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, of South Carolina, Miss Laura Cox, of Mexico, and Mrs. J. C. Owen, of Asheville, were introduced.

There is a large number of newly enlisted workers this year. Reports were made of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary State convention and training school at Louisville, Ky. and the Woman's Missionary Society conference.

A splendid address was made on "Foreign Missions" by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, of Oxford, and on "State Missions," by Rev. J. D. Moore, of Ridgecrest.

Mrs. Hawkins, the oldest member of the missionary union of the Carolina Association, was introduced, after which words of love and appreciation of the life of Miss Joe Lane were said. The Wilmington association has a good representation at the convention.

## "BLACK HAND" GETS ANOTHER VICTIM

Monessen, Pa., March 25.—J. Mago, a well-to-do Italian, was assassinated as he left his home here today. The police declare the crime a "Black Hand" outrage.

## COAST LINE A HEAVY LOSER BY FIRE IN SAVANNAH

### New Wharf Shed and Large Amount of Kainit Destroyed Today

### LASTED THREE HOURS

### Loss is Approximated at Two Hundred Thousand Dollars—British Steamer Had Narrow Escape From Ruin.

Savannah, Ga., March 25.—Two large Atlantic Coast Line new wharf sheds and several thousand tons of kainit were today destroyed by a fire, which started at 6 a. m. and raged three hours. The British steamer Farley, lying alongside the wharf, narrowly escaped destruction. Several thousand barrels of rosin also were burned. The heroic work of the firemen kept the fire from spreading to a shed where raw turpentine was stored. The loss, probably will run approximately to two hundred thousand dollars.

## DIVIDENDS CUT OF PENNSYLVANIA LINES

Philadelphia, March 25.—Directors of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company, the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, today reduced the dividend of common stock from five to three per cent and on preferred stock from five to four per cent.

## CONVENTION OF MAINE DEMOCRATS

Portland, Me., March 25.—Many delegates have arrived in Portland for the Democratic State convention which is to be held tomorrow. As the primary system will be used this year in the nomination of the State ticket the principal business of the convention will be to adopt a platform and select State, district and county committees. Congressman Daniel J. McGillicuddy has been selected to act as temporary chairman of the convention.

## COAL SUPPLY IS RUNNING SHORT

Washington, March 25.—At the present rate of coal consumption the people of the United States will have entirely used up the present available supply in twelve hundred years from now. Director Smith, of the Geologic Survey, told the House Public Lands Committee today. He urged the committee to report the Administration bill providing for a system of leasing coal and mineral lands in public domain, as a means of preventing monopolization of the supply.

London, March 25.—St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, was the scene of a brilliant military wedding today, when Miss Harriott Hutchinson, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hutchinson, of New York, became the bride of Major W. C. Paleologue, of the Indian Army.

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FLOOD

Dayton, O., March 25.—One year ago today marked the beginning of the great floods which devastated almost the whole of Ohio and Indiana and parts of Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Kentucky and several other States. In the loss of life and property Dayton was by far the greatest sufferer of any of the cities that were covered by the raging waters. In twelve months the city has accomplished wonders in rebuilding the structures that were destroyed by the flood and the great fire which accompanied it. Today the citizens of all classes joined in solemn services in memory of the men, women and children whose lives were lost in the catastrophe. At the same time flags were displayed on many buildings in celebration of the progress that has been made in rehabilitating the city. It was the middle of March of last year that the central States were swept by a series of terrific cyclones and tornadoes, which were followed by five or six days of torrential rains. As late as the evening of March 24th the situation was not regarded as alarming, although floods were already imminent over the northern slope of the Ohio basin in the States of Ohio and Indiana. The downpour of rain throughout this section was the heaviest ever known. During the night of March 24th all of the streams of Ohio and Indiana passed their flood stages, and within 24 hours many of them reached record-breaking heights. On the morning of March 25th, one year ago today, the people of Dayton awoke to find that the Miami river had reached a height of 8 feet above the highest figures previously recorded.

The breaking of the levees resulted in the inundation of two-thirds of the city, including the whole of the business section. Many places were under 20 feet of water. For several days some 75,000 people were marooned in the upper stories of buildings. Many fires broke out and great suffering was caused by lack of food, shelter and dry clothing. When the waters finally subsided and the city, relieved by outside help it was found that scores of lives had been lost and millions of dollars in property destroyed.

## To Decide Method of Nomination.

Nashville, Tenn., March 25.—A meeting of the Democratic State Committee will be held here Friday to decide upon the method for naming candidates for governor and other State officers to be voted for in the next election. Opinion is divided on the question as to whether the convention or primary plans should be adopted.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. yesterday, 14.5 feet.