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40,000 Troops Engaged In What Promises To Be Decisive Battle

Great Struggle Begun Between the Villa and Carranza Factions

VILLA BUILDS AIR CASTLES

Announcing What He Expects to Do Should He Defeat The Forces of Gen. Obregon South of Irapuato

Washington, April 7.—A battle with 40,000 troops engaged which may be a decisive action in the war between the Carranza and Villa factions in Mexico, is in progress or impending near Irapuato, in the State of Guanajuato.

State Department despatches today, dated April 5th, said the fight would take place soon. That was construed to mean Villa had assembled a force strong enough to meet General Obregon's army and was moving south from Torreon along the National Railway.

Obregon was last reported at Queretaro, and was said to have sent a column against San Luis Potosi while he protected its march with a second column and a third column under General Hill moved toward Morelia, capital of Michoacan.

Obregon is understood by officials here to have 20,000 men and it is said Villa has gathered an equal number.

Irapuato is the junction of the Mexican Central and the National Railway toward which Obregon's forces are advancing.

State Department Summarizes Situation.

The State Department issued this summary of the situation:

"The department is informed that General Villa has announced that if he is successful in defeating the forces of General Obregon south of Irapuato he will immediately open the lines of communication to Mexico City. The department's advices indicate that should the forces of General Carranza be defeated in this expected engagement, his important strongholds will be Vera Cruz, Tampico and Matamoros."

Advices to the Carranza agency said the Carranza gunboat Guerrero reached Guaymas Monday night and her commander notified foreigner to leave as he intended to open a bombardment. Mobs in Guaymas and Hermosillo, the agency statement added were looting business houses.

Sharp Fighting Near Tampico

The agency also reported that General Maytorena failed to check Carranza troops marching from both north and south and was defeated yesterday at Navajoa. Sharp fighting continues at Ebanu, near Tampico.

The element supporting General Gutierrez as provisional president, today made public here the papers giving the appointment by Gutierrez of Jose Vasconcelos as special envoy at Washington, and the statement presented by Vasconcelos to Secretary Bryan on March 24.

The statement reviews Mexican affairs from the time Huerta's withdrawal, and maintains that Gutierrez is the regularly chosen provisional president by virtue of the Aguascalientes convention. The Gutierrez seal of government is said to be established at Doctor Arroyo, Nuevo Leon from which place, the statement says, Gutierrez "is directing affairs and has" under his command a considerable army. It adds: "President Gutierrez

Greenville Citizens Hear Great Orator In Interest of National Prohibition

That prince of prohibition orators, John G. Woolley, and Rev. G. W. Morrow, D. D., national lecturers for the Anti-Saloon League, will reach North Carolina on the tenth for a ten-day campaign. A partial list of appointments has been arranged as follows:

- April 11th, Elizabeth City and Hertford.
- April 12th, Washington.
- April 13th, Tarboro.
- April 14th, Greenville.
- April 15th, Kinston.
- April 16th, Goldsboro.

Mr. Woolley was reclaimed from the curse of drink over twenty-five years ago and since then has consecrated his great power and ability to the temperance cause. For many years, he was the leader of the prohibition party and, in 1900, was nominated by this party for President of the United States. For the past five years he has been a national lecturer for the Anti-Saloon League and, as such, made a campaign of North Carolina in 1912. He has spoken to more people on the temperance subject than any other living American, his audiences sometime reaching from five thousand to ten thousand.

Dr. Morrow has been in the anti-saloon league work for ten years. For several years, he was Superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, but because of his splendid ability as a campaigner and pulpit orator, he was called into the work as a national lecturer. North Carolina will be delighted to welcome these distinguished visitors and will hear them gladly.

Information has been given us that the river measured 13.4 feet this morning at 8 o'clock.

will at the first opportunity reassemble the convention of Aguascalientes, and before that legal body he will offer to resign his power, in order to leave the convention free to elect as president any man who may answer to the necessities and rights of all of the Mexican people."

Reinforce Besiegers of Matamoros.

Brownsville, Tex., April 7.—After ten days waiting, some of the reinforcements expected by the Villa troops for the siege of Matamoros arrived outside that city today. These reinforcements were the advance guard only the main force consisting of cannon still being delayed by lack railroad facilities.

In Matamoros squads of soldiers are daily at work on what appears to be additional defense.

Mexican Mines Given Month to Pay Taxes.

El Paso, Apr. 7.—Francisco Escamero Villa's secretary of finance, has decreed that all mining properties will be given but one month of grace after March 31, in which to pay their taxes. The Mexican mining laws call for confiscation of all mines in which the taxes are not paid.

A committee of mining men will lay a complaint before the Washington State Department this week, regarding what they consider danger of ultimate confiscation of all foreign-owned property in Mexico.

LITTLE NEWS FROM BATTLE IN CARPATHIANS

Russians Have Crossed First Range of Mountain in Carpathian Fight

FRENCH ON THE OFFENSIVE

An Attempt Is Being Made To Force Germans To Give Up St. Michel Belgaids Regain Some More Ground

London, April 7.—Carpathians in the east and hilly country between the rivers Meuse and Moselle in France continue to be scenes of sanguinary engagements but little or no news is forthcoming of the progress of the battle.

Except in Uzok Pass, where the Austrians are offering stubborn resistance, the Russians are said to have crossed the first range of mountains. It is asserted they are now maneuvering to get behind the Austro-German holding Uzok.

The Austrians admit the condition bad.

The Austrians also are fighting in Buovina, but this is a secondary operation. Engagements in Northern Poland also appear unimportant.

Between the Meuse and Moselle the French are on the offensive, attempting to force the Germans to give up St. Michel. The German official reports claim all French attacks were repulsed but a semi-official statement from Berlin says that according to "a prearranged plan the German outposts retreated from Regnieville and Fey-la-Haye."

The Belgians have regained some ground they lost in Flanders, but elsewhere there has been no change in the West.

In Africa General Botha's Union of South Africa forces continue their victorious march along the railways but thus far have not overtaken the main German army.

Don't Fear For Dardanelles.

Constantinople, April 7.—Via The Hague and London, April 7.—"I am convinced the Dardanelles cannot be forced. The brave conduct of the Turkish troops in the recent operations permits me to conclude that although the allies use every means at their disposal they will be unable to achieve their purpose."

Thus spoke Mehmed V. Sultan of Turkey and First Caliph of the Moslem world, today in an audience granted to the Associated Press correspondent. The Sultan throughout the audience expressed the greatest confidence in Turkey's ability to withstand the onslaught of the allied forces and followed with keen interest a description of the allies' operations of a March 25 against the Dardanelles forts, given by the correspondent of the Associated Press who acted as spokesman for those who had been accorded the audience.

Sultan Smiles

Many incidents related by the correspondent brought to the Sultan's face a smile of satisfaction, appreciation and amusement. He, the correspondent had been obliged to make a hasty retreat when 500 Sultanate was reached by the allies shells appeared to be of special interest.

S. A. L. Machine shops at Portsmouth is Complete Loss by Fire

Portsmouth, Va., April 7.—Fire totally destroyed the machine shop and blacksmith shop of the Seaboard Air Line Railway in this city last night, entailing a loss which will probably reach \$300,000, covered by insurance to the extent of \$250,000. How the fire had its origin could not be ascertained last night.

Shop Men Fight Fire

When the firemen arrived they found the shop force of fire fighters already engaged in combating their spread to other buildings. All hope of saving the machine and blacksmith shops and the erecting department had been given up, but a thick brick protecting wall did finally halt the progress of the flames into the erecting shed. It is well, too, that the flames were stopped by this wall, for in the shed when the fire broke out were a dozen or more valuable locomotives undergoing repairs.

The electric current connected with the shops lighting system was cut off shortly after the fire started, for fear that falling wires might injure the firemen. The failure of the current made it impossible to take the locomotives from the erecting shed. The transfer table, operated by electricity, could not be handled at all, and consequently, the equipment had to remain in the burning structure.

The firemen succeeded, behind the protection of the brick separative wall between the machine shop and erecting shed, in preventing the spread of the flames into the latter department.

In less than half an hour after the fire broke out the roof on the big structure fell in, leaving only the side walls standing.

May Send Work to Raleigh.

The loss of the machine shop and the blacksmith department is a severe blow to the shops, where work was already being carried forward in a curtailed schedule. It will throw possibly 200 men out of employment, and aside from that, obliterates practically the most important departments in the shop system.

Emergency repair work on the equipment of the road will have to be transferred to one of the other shops of the line probably to Raleigh.

The fact that an independent fire fighting system, with powerful pumps on the ground, had been installed at the shops aided materially in confining the flames to the big structure in which they originated. The shop's system with the aid of the city firemen did effective work to that end.

Mayor Hope called at the shops during the progress of the fire, and had several substitute patrolmen assigned to duty there at the request of Seaboard officials. They were placed on duty for the purpose of guarding against incendiary flames in other departments from sparks from the machinery shops and also to clear the yard of all persons who had no business there. That was the first time assigned to them when they were placed on duty.

Cattle Displaces Cotton in Texas

Dallas, Tex., Apr. 8.—The owners of Texas, influenced by its expanding market for meat cattle, are planning to take up cattle raising on a larger scale than ever before. The reduction in cotton acreage the coming season will be a big boon to the cattle industry throughout the state, it is predicted. The output is expected to double during the next year. Blooded cattle is being brought into the state, and attention will be paid more closely to breeding.

Aldermen Purchase Fire Motor Truck For The City of Greenville

OFFICERS FIRED UPON BY NEGRO

As Result The Latter Receives Pistol Ball Through His Stomach

ONE OFFICER ALSO SHOT

A pistol duel in which Police Officers Brewer and Bland had as their adversary the notorious criminal "Jim" Brown came very near resulting in a serious fatality this morning about 10:30 o'clock. In the rapid fire and exchange of shots between the officers and the desperate negro law-breaker Officer Warren Brewer received two wounds, one taking effect in his left shoulder near the collar bone and the other a slight flesh wound on the first finger of his right hand. As a result of the negro's sudden madness he now lies in jail with two bullet wounds from the pistol of officer Brewer.

"Jim" Brown is not an unfamiliar name with officers here but has been considered a violent and dangerous negro for a long while. It was only a few months ago when his son William Brown, about whom today's trouble arose, resisted officer Warren Morgan when the latter went to arrest him for riding a bicycle on the side-walk.

It was at this time that William ran away in order to escape arrest by the officer and he had not been seen any more until last night when he was spied entering his father's house down near the river. The officers were on the alert and early this morning, about 5:30, Police Officer Bland and Brewer went down with a search warrant. The young Brown who was there with his wife took to the river upon hearing the officers coming. True to suspicion a large quantity of whiskey was found in Brown's house. The whiskey was taken and officer Bland and Brewer together with Chief of Police Smith, soon started to the river to look for the younger Brown. Chief Smith remained at the wharf and Brewer and Bland took after the negro by the canoe route and were soon on his trail. They soon met "Jim" Brown, the father, just a little ahead of them and directly between them and the landing of younger Brown.

According to Officer Brewer, who was followed by the Reflector reporter shortly after the shooting, Brown became resentful when asked where he was going and snatched his gun from his pocket. Mr. Bland and I, having loaded, told him to leave his pistol at the canoe. When we told him to consider himself under arrest, he raised his pistol and his first fire was the beginning of the exchange of shots. I fired five times and Bland four times. I was hit first in the left shoulder and next on finger of my right hand. We emptied our guns before the negro finished firing. I think I fired the two shots that took effect on the negro, one in the

side-walk.

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Interesting Session Held at Regular Monthly Meeting

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS

New Furniture, Etc., Ordered Purchased For The Mayor's Office. City Election to Be Held on First Monday in June.

The Board of Aldermen met last night and took up the business of their regular meeting of last week at which time they met and adjourned on account of the District Convention of Odd Fellows being in session here. Several important matters were brought up and passed upon last night. The Mayor and the entire Board were present.

The first matter to be taken up by the Board was in regard to the listing of taxes by Capt. J. J. Laughinghouse. The report of the committee was called for, whereupon Capt. Laughinghouse asked to be heard. He requested that the Board rescind its former action. At the end of the discussion it was moved and carried by a 5 to 3 vote that he be relieved of 1915 taxes and that he be required to pay the taxes due from the year 1914.

The Motor Fire Truck proposition next came up and Fire Chief Overton and several citizens made short talks in favor of the purchase of a truck. A committee of three, consisting of Aldermen Hardee, Smith and Ellington was appointed to investigate and purchase a motor truck if their judgment so directed them.

Mr. L. W. Tucker appeared before the Board and asked for an appropriation of \$50.00 to help defray the expenses of a dinner for the Old Soldiers at the celebration on the 11th of May. A motion to this effect was made and carried by a unanimous vote. The sum was later raised \$25.00 making the total \$75.00.

The reports of the Regular Committees were next called for. The Finance Committee filed a report and the same was adopted. The Water and Light, Ordinance, Cemetery and Market Committees had no report to make.

The report of the Purchasing Committee stated that chairs had been ordered for the Mayor's Office. The committee in its report also recommended the purchase of a desk for the Mayor and suggested that the Mayor's Office be renovated. A motion was made and carried as to the purchase of the chairs and the desk.

Alderman Ellington submitted blank forms for reports to be made by the City Manager. It was moved and carried that the blanks submitted be adopted and that they be prepared by the office of the City Clerk. The salary of the City Manager was raised \$15.00.

The Purchasing Committee was authorized to purchase a one-horse lawn mower for the cemetery, a surveyor's level, and sprayers for the street sprinkler.

Alderman Z. P. Vauhyko was appointed a Committee of one to represent the Board on the Public Library Committee.

Mr. Freley was elected policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Clark, his election to date from April 1st. The Purchasing Committee was authorized to purchase

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