

AMERICANS' PERIL GROWING GREATER

In Greater Danger Now Than Before the Huerta Regime Went Into Power.

ATROCITIES IN COAHUILA

Consul at Matamoros Attacked While Defending Countrymen From Being Robbed.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Startling evidence that American lives and American property are in even greater peril than they were before the Huerta regime in Mexico has been received by the State Department. The department, however, took no action whatever in the matter.

From consular reports and telegrams the government learned that the climax of atrocities against Americans has been reported in Coahuila, in the north-central part of Mexico, and all along the American border.

The consul at Cuidad Porfirio Diaz reported that Colonel Jesus Carranza, brother of the Governor of Coahuila, arrived in that town at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by 200 armed men, and announced his purpose of preserving order, although there had been no disorder up to that time. Carranza has thus far refused to submit to the Huerta-Diaz regime, and there are grave reasons to fear that he and his troops will soon be in open insurrection.

From the consul at Durango word was received that the Copper Queen mine, owned by the American Smelters Security Company, was sacked February 23 by a band of armed guerrillas, numbering sixty. The consul at Matamoros has called upon Governor Colcott of Texas, to protect the lives of Americans in that village. The consul himself was attacked while protecting Americans who were being robbed.

Senator Morris Sheppard brought word to the White House that he had received many telegrams from Texas, along the border, demanding that something be done to protect Americans live and property.

Undisturbed by these reports, the State Department let them take the usual course.

Consul Garrett, who was attacked by Mexicans while doing his best to protect the lives of his countrymen, was ordered to make a report to the department, giving all the facts. Reports were also asked from other consuls, who had already reported outrages of various sorts. When these reports are received they will be forwarded to Ambassador Wilson, in the City of Mexico, and Wilson will add them to the claims of other American citizens, who ask redress for the outrages which they and their families have suffered at the hands of the lawless banditti, now roving through the Mexican frontier.

An indication of the terrorism that exists through the Mexican territory, Theodore C. Hamm, Consul-General at Durango, reported that 200 of the garrison at Torreon have revolted, and are in arms against Huerta. These 200 men are more than a match for the few troops Huerta has been able to spare from the safeguarding of his own newly-built republic in the capital.

Despite these dispatches, which followed each other into the State Department with alarming rapidity today, there was no change in the settled policy for the government to "give the Huerta-Diaz regime a chance." State Department officials have endorsed the report of Ambassador Wilson, which exonerates Huerta and declares that any guilty knowledge of the plot to shoot down Madero and Carranza.

TO LEAVE THE DIOCESE.

Tuesday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "We notice that Rev. F. N. Skinner, so well and favorably known in Fayetteville, as well as all over the State, has recently accepted a call to South Carolina. Mr. Skinner is the secretary of the Diocesan Council and a member of its Standing Committee, and will be a great loss to his church in this diocese." Mr. Skinner is rector of the Episcopal church at Beaufort.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY

New Vaudeville
Murphy Musical Duo.
Eccentric comedy entertainers—original monologue and ragtime musical.
Pictures
"Freckles"
A Vitaphone production, featuring John Bunny.
"The Charge of the Light Brigade"
"Honor the Charge they Made"
"Honor the Light Brigade"
"Noble Six hundred"

Over four hundred, out of six hundred soldiers gave up their lives to the everlasting glory and honor of England's military discipline, and all within the short space of 18 minutes. Tennyson has immortalized the "Charge of the Light Brigade" in poetry, and it is re-enacted for the Edison Co. to record it upon the motion picture screen. The complete costumes for this picture were made to order from authentic military authorities in London. Every soldier in this town should see this great historical picture. "He Sings Off Smoking" and "How a Horse-shoe Unset a Happy Family" are two splendid comedies.

Matinee daily at 3:45. Show at night starts at 8 o'clock. Usual prices.

FLAMES CONSUME PORTION OF HOME

Residence of J. P. C. Davis on South Front Street Damaged To Extent of \$2,000.

ROOF IGNITED BY A SPARK

Error in Alarm Caused the Fire Wagons To Arrive Fifteen Minutes Late.

Fire which is supposed to have originated from a spark from the chimney almost completely destroyed the second story of J. P. C. Davis' handsome residence at No. 37 South Front Street late yesterday afternoon and also damaged an adjacent residence owned by Charles H. Hall.

The fire was discovered shortly before 4 o'clock and the alarm was sent in from box-number fourteen. For some reason unknown the alarm system was in an erratic condition and the fire companies were not able to locate the scene of the conflagration. In the meantime an immense crowd had gathered to watch the fire and many of these assisted in saving the furniture much of which was taken from the building before being damaged.

The fire had full sway at the second story for at least fifteen minutes and it was wrapped in flames when the companies arrived and the first line of hose laid, but within a short time there were a number of streams of water being thrown on the blaze. The hydrant pressure was very low and it was necessary to bring out one of the engines.

Sparks were flying in every direction and for a time it seemed as though Mr. Hall's residence would be destroyed but a few streams of water saved this building. A small structure in the yard occupied by Ruff's boarding house was ignited by falling sparks but the blaze was discovered and extinguished before any damage was done.

It is estimated that Mr. Davis' home and furnishings were damaged to the extent of two thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance. The damage to Mr. Hall's dwelling which will amount to about three hundred dollars is also covered by insurance.

INTEREST GROWS ALL THE WHILE

Boys and Girls Getting Aroused To Great Activity In Marathon Racer Contest.

SEVERAL ALREADY AWARDED

Children Urged to Report To the Journal Any Subscriptions Already Obtained.

Interest is steadily increasing in the wonderful offer being made to the boys and girls of New Bern whereby they can become the owner of one of those much talked of Marathon Racers, the machine with which one can have hours of fun and exercise, absolutely free of cost.

Yesterday a number of boys and girls called and secured subscription blanks and at once got busy in search of five new subscribers to the daily Journal, which is all that you are asked to do in order to become the owner of one of these little racers. Several of the machines were awarded and the boys who won them were simply d-e-l-i-g-h-t-e-d.

Just stop for a moment and think how easy it will be for you to get one of these racers without paying a single penny of your own money. Visit five of your friends and ask them to subscribe to the Journal for three months. The price being only one dollar for this period there is every probability that they will help you out, in this way. If you cannot get all new subscribers, a renewal for 6 months or 2 for 5 months will take the place of each new subscription. Then when you have secured the subscriptions, bring them to the Journal and claim your racer.

Now, today is the time to get busy in this contest. Don't let your friend get ahead of you. Come down to the Journal office this afternoon, get your subscription blanks and get to work.

Now, just a word to those who have already secured two or three subscriptions and have not turned them in to the office. Those people who gave you a subscription are wondering why they do not get their paper. They do not realize that you are holding back their subscription until you get enough to win the prize. Come to the Journal office today and turn in those which you have already secured and you will be given credit for them. If you prefer cash prizes instead of the racers we will pay you liberally for each subscription which you secure. Don't let this slip your mind. Unless we have the subscriber's name we cannot send his paper.

GETTING READY TO PRESENT "THE LITTLE MINISTER"

The members of the Palat and Powder Club are now engaged in learning their parts for the production of "The Little Minister" which they will present at the Masonic Theatre at an early date. The club is one of the best in the State and the best production will be better seen than the one previously presented on two different occasions.

Fighting Dangerous Slides In The Panama Canal Ditch



Photos by American Press Association.

DA NGEROUS slides at various points in the Panama canal are continually delaying the work. At Culebra cut recent slides have been particularly annoying to the engineers, who hope to send the first boat through the canal this year. Thousands of tons of earth, rock and debris have tumbled down into the cut, burying huge steam shovels and dirt cars. The pictures show how the attack is made on the debris after the spalls. Steam shovels eat up the earth fast, as shown in the top picture, and steam drills fasten themselves upon the mass of rock for the purpose of blasting, as seen in the bottom illustration.

MOVE TO DREDGE BRICE'S CREEK

SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES OF VALUABLE LAND WOULD BE RECLAIMED.

(Special to the Journal.)
Riverdale, Feb. 26.—A movement is on foot to dredge Brice's creek. It is estimated that several thousand acres of valuable land will be drained and put in condition for farming.

It is understood that the John L. Roper Lumber Company will soon cease working in this section. This is regretted by our citizens as the company turns loose several thousand dollars each year.

Last Saturday night two young men of this town tanked up on "blind tiger" and proceeded to paint the place red. They succeeded in such an admirable manner that they fell into the grasp of the law and today were forced to "cough up" two dollars each for their fun.

Charles Simpson has invented a fountain marking brush which bids fair to replace the much used marking pot and brush. With Mr. Simpson's brush, one can mark objects for hours at the time without soiling the hands. He has made an inquiry as to securing a patent on it.

The farmers in this section are making extensive preparations for the approaching season. Already large quantities of seed potatoes have been planted and other seed will soon be planted. The approaching season bids fair to be a very good one.

Quite a number of visitors were in our town last Sunday attending the services conducted by Rev. Fulcher. His sermon was interesting and very instructive.

Local fishermen have had exceptionally good luck during the past few weeks and have caught large numbers of shad and other varieties of fish. The dealers are paying a good price for the water food and the fishermen are making a considerable amount of money.

MUCH COTTON UNMARKETED.

According to a statement made yesterday by one of the leading cotton brokers of this city, there are at least one thousand bales of cotton in this section which have not been brought to market. In addition to this there are about fifteen hundred bales in storage in this city. This cotton is being held for higher prices than are now being quoted. According to this gentleman's opinion there will be very little change in the present price for several weeks, possibly not until June or July.

HIS SON FIGURES IN AN ELOPEMENT

RUNAWAY AFFAIR IN BALTIMORE PROVES TO BE OF INTEREST HERE.

The following article from a recent issue of the Baltimore American is of interest here as the young man who figures in it is the son of W. E. Dickinson of Bridgeton, having left here several years ago to live in Baltimore where he is connected with the Packard Automobile Company:

"Abandoning their intention of going to Washington, Harry E. Dickinson, a young automobile salesman, and Marguerite Ebaugh, 18 years old, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Albert Ebaugh, 122 Prospect avenue, Roland Park, eloped and were married yesterday by Rev. B. F. Devries in the parsonage of Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church.

"So quietly did the young couple lay their plans that no one was aware that they intended getting married. Yesterday morning young Dickinson called at the home of his fiancée in an automobile, and after telling Mrs. Ebaugh that they were just going for a spin, they departed, taking with them Miss Esther McFadden, a cousin of Miss Ebaugh, whom they later took into the secret.

"They planned to go to Washington and it was while on the way there that the first difficulty was encountered. One of the tires of the automobile blew out. Next, after changing tires, a chicken was run over and crushed. Soon after the chicken was killed bad roads were encountered and then it was decided to return to Baltimore.

"The courtship of the young people dates back three years, when Dickinson came from his home in North Carolina after the wedding the news was broken to the bride's parents. At first Judge Ebaugh refused to believe it. With Mrs. Ebaugh it was different for she at once folded them both in her arms and gave them her blessing, and the Judge, too, finally came around after Mrs. Ebaugh had reminded him that they, too, had eloped 25 years ago."

DR. STROSNIDER RESIGNS.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Strosnider arrived in the city yesterday morning from Pamlico county where for the past four or five weeks Dr. Strosnider has been conducting a hookworm dispensary. For the past two years Dr. Strosnider has been employed by the State as a hookworm specialist but he has resigned this position and will in the future make his home at Mount Olive, N. C. The dispensary is now in charge of the assistant.

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