

Rebels Slaughtered Many Federals at Tampico Yesterday

Drove Them to the Centre Of the City. Place Was set On Fire By Bursting shells From the Mexican Gunboats. Huerta Faces Crises

(Special to the Journal)
WASHINGTON, May 13.—Admiral Badger wired the Navy Department that the Federals had been driven to the centre of the town of Tampico and that they had been slaughtered right and left by the Rebels. Admiral Badger also stated that the City was ablaze from bursting shells from the Mexican gunboats.

(Special to the Journal)
WASHINGTON, May 13.—That General Huerta, preparing for a crisis in his dictatorship, has long been planning to leave Mexico City with his troops and make a last stand at Puebla, midway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, was understood today to have been reported to President Wilson last night by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, former charge of the American embassy in the Mexican capital.

The president, it is said, was informed that Huerta had picked Puebla for his first refuge in case rebel assailants get too close to Mexico City and that late developments had caused him already to begin fortifying and provisioning that point.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy is said to have told the president that Huerta had no intention of resigning, though he realized that his regime could not stand long.

He desires, Mr. O'Shaughnessy believes, to acquire as much glory as possible before the inevitable happens.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy is said further to have told the president that reports of the number of troops of Huerta's command are greatly exaggerated and that they number only 4,000 to 6,000. It is understood to be the former charge's belief that neither Zapata nor Villa would have any great difficulty in taking Mexico City. This information is along the lines of other reports reaching the government within the last few weeks. Further information from these sources is that Huerta has been shipping gold abroad in contemplation of his ultimate exile.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF PARKS?

(Special to the Journal)
WASHINGTON, May 13.—Secretary Garrison has directed General Funston at Vera Cruz to ask General Maas, the Mexican federal commander, what has become of Samuel Parks, the United States private who, while supposedly insane, rode through the Mexican lines and has not been heard from since.

A like inquiry has been transmitted by Secretary Bryan to General Huerta through the Brazilian minister in Mexico City. It has been reported that Parks met death in the Mexican lines. Mr. Garrison today said that General Funston had reported unverified stories reported to him to the effect that Parks had been executed.

The secretary said his future course would depend entirely upon the nature of the replies to the inquiries now being made jointly by the state and war departments.

SNIPERS FIRE ON AMERICAN AVIATORS

(Special to the Journal)
VERA CRUZ, May 13.—General Navarette today sent the following message to this point: "Pursuant to orders I have ceased all offensive movements while the armistice lasts." Snipers fired on two American aviators this afternoon but they were not injured. The shortage of food supplies is causing the Mexican soldiers to desert.

FEDERALS SHORT OF AMMUNITION.

(Special to the Journal)
WASHINGTON, May 13.—It is reported that the Federals near Tampico are short of ammunition. Admiral May reports that the Constitution will depart to take Tampico today. A severe fight is in progress near this

THE BIG MIDWAY HAS BEEN LAID OFF

LARGE NUMBER OF CONCESSIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRANTED

The midway for the Home-Coming Celebration at the Fair grounds has been laid off and a large number of concessions and privileges have already been sold.

One of the problems of the Celebration will be to feed the vast crowd of people at the Fair grounds. There should be erected a large number of eating booths on the midway. Those interested are requested to see J. Leon Williams at once in reference to this matter.

Preparations are now being made to deck the city in gala attire. Fred R. W. Reh, of the Washington Decorating Company of Washington, D. C. has arrived in New Bern with a force of decorators.

They have begun making arrangements to show the most beautiful line of decorations ever seen in the city of New Bern. The public's attention is again called to the fact that the merchants are giving away admission tickets to the Fair grounds for absolutely nothing.

THE VANCEBORO SCHOOLS CLOSE.

The public school and the Farm Life school at Vanceboro came to a close this week and the commencement exercises have been in progress since Monday, coming to a close last night.

Quite an elaborate program has been rendered during the week and this has been greatly enjoyed. People from all over the county have been in attendance. Quite a number from New Bern were over yesterday afternoon.

"BALD JACK" ROSE AGAIN PLACED ON THE STAND

Becker Defense Endeavors To Discredit Him.

SHAPIRO BEING QUESTIONED

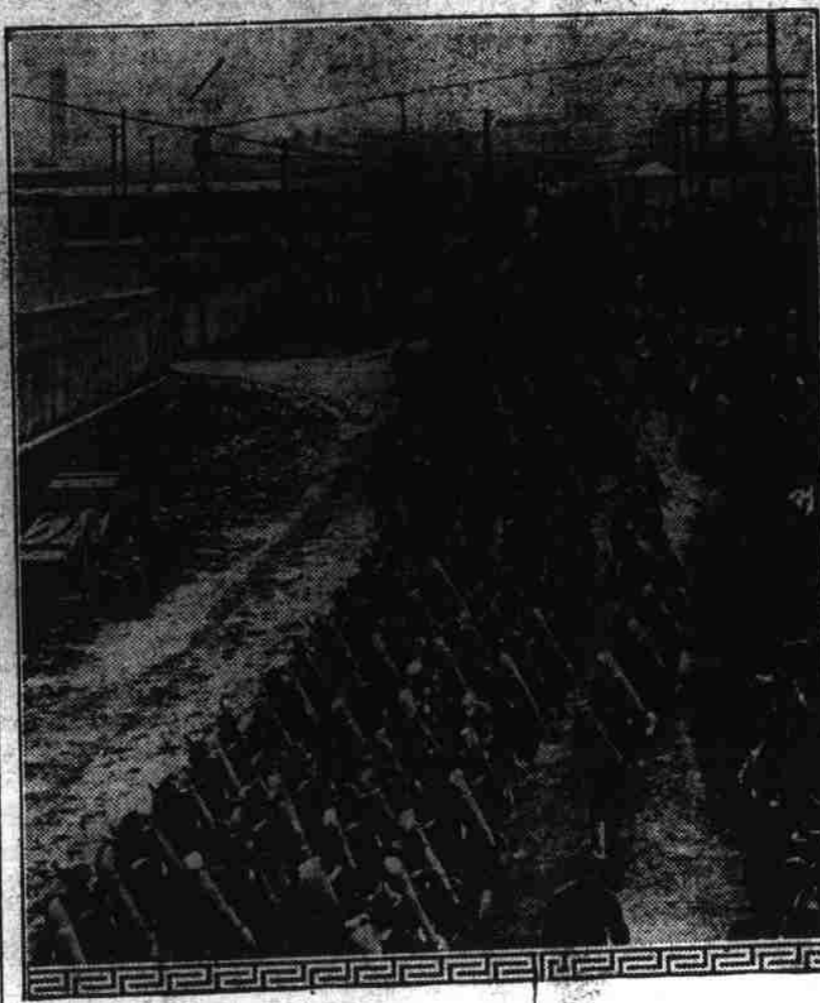
His Evidence Differs Materially From That First Given.

(Special to the Journal)
NEW YORK, May 13.—The greater portion of today's session of the Becker trial was devoted to cross-examination of "Bald Jack" Rose, by the defense who are using every effort to discredit the story told by him yesterday. Counsel for Charles Becker, today obtained an admission from William Shapiro, driver of the gray car, that testimony he gave on direct examination at today's session was not the same he gave at the trial of the four gunmen. Then, Shapiro testified, the record shows, that while while driving the four gunmen to the Metropole hotel, he heard "Dago Frank" say "Everything is all right. Becker has the cops fixed."

At the first Becker trial Shapiro testified he heard somebody in the car make a remark about "Everything being all right." He did not name the person however. During his direct examination today he testified that it was "Whitney Lewis."

The oil interests have appealed to the president to land troops to protect American property.

Troops Under General Funston



This is the Fifth Brigade, U. S. A., which General Funston now has guarding the waterworks just outside of Vera Cruz. During the present week this brigade has been considerably strengthened and General Funston declares that he is able to guard the waterworks against any attack from the Mexicans and assures the safety of the city's water supply.

Floods Cause Heavy Loss In The West

One Person Killed at Pittsburg, Pa., Half Million Dollar Property Loss at Detroit and Loss In Ohio

(Special to the Journal)
DETROIT, MICH., May 13.—A flood here today caused a property loss of half a million dollars. Factories and business houses are inundated and fifteen thousand men are out of employment. Several persons narrowly escaped death and a number were seriously injured.

Freemont Hard Hit.

(Special to the Journal)
FREMONT, O., May 13.—Storm raging here today has caused a heavy loss to crops. A flood is feared and every precaution is being taken to avoid further disaster.

One Killed At Pittsburg.

(Special to the Journal)
PITTSBURG, PA., May 13.—One person was killed, a score or more were injured in the flood which struck this city today.

The property loss is estimated at more than a million and a half dollars. A part of this damage was done by the

water while the wind played havoc at other points. Flood warnings have been sent out to all points below this city and the citizens have been urged to get their belongings to a safe place.

Wisconsin Loses Also.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., May 13.—The tornado which worked havoc in Central Iowa, today swept over Southern Wisconsin, cutting a path of from one to four miles wide in the neighborhood of Southern Dane county, while the accompanying electrical storm fired scores of farm buildings, and hail ruined crops, causing a money loss of over \$1,000,000, ending four lives and injuring scores.

Southern Dane and Northern Rock counties were the center of the cyclonic disturbance, but every county in the southern belt of the State reports damage from lightning or wind.

On Lake Michigan shore a tidal wave swept up the rivers, causing losses to marine interests.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY

Ghent Team Defeats The Married Men.

One of the most interesting games of baseball played on a local diamond this season was witnessed yesterday afternoon by a large crowd, when the Ghent team defeated the Married Men by the score of eleven to ten.

This was a hard fought game from the beginning to the finish, and required an extra inning for the Ghent team to win.

The battery for the Married Men were Willis and Wasche, while the pitching and receiving for the Ghent team was done by Mitchell and Barnes.

PREACHING TONIGHT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. M. Van Miller of Jacksonville, N. C., will preach tonight at First Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hood and Mrs. N. J. Leary of Pollockville spent yesterday in the city.

200 PERISHED IN QUAKE IN SICILY LATEST ESTIMATE

Many Peasants Are Migrating Quickly As Possible.

AMERICANS SEND BIG SUM. Probably Not Needed, but Offer Greatly Appreciated, Italian Government Says.

(Special to the Journal)
ROME, May 13.—The official estimate of the dead as a result of the earthquake of May 8, which destroyed many villages on the eastern slope of Mount Etna, is 200. This is the largest relative fatality ever recorded, considering the smallness of the area affected by the outbreak.

American Ambassador Page received today a cablegram from the American Red Cross Society at Washington, offering \$5,000 for the relief of the earthquake victims. Greatly exaggerated reports of the extent of the catastrophe have been scattered broadcast. The fact is that the relief subscriptions already fully cover pressing needs and may render further help unnecessary.

Count Deia Somaaglia, President of the National Red Cross of Italy, said "Whatever the outcome of the offer of the American Red Cross, its splendid generosity makes a deep impression in Italy and draws tighter the bond of sympathy already existing."

At Catania today army, navy and civilian authorities continued their efforts to relieve distress. Many of the peasants are migrating from the district, taking with them all they could recover of their personal effects and leading their farm animals with them. Others for the present refuse to move from the scene until they know the fate of their missing relatives.

The injured found among the debris of the ruined houses have been carried to the nearest hospitals after treatment by the Red Cross surgeons. The village priests are untiring in their efforts to console the stricken people, many of whom form processions to neighboring shrines.

The injured in the earthquake total many hundreds, and from time to time the number is added to by the finding beneath the ruins of others who were unable to extricate themselves owing to fractured limbs.

Two Hundred Massacred at Ristovatz

TWO HUNDRED GONE TO DEATH AFTER REFUSING TO SWEAR BY KING.

(Special to the Journal)

LONDON, ENG., May 13.—A report received here tonight was to the effect that more than two hundred Macedonians had been massacred at Ristovatz.

The massacre took place after the Macedonians had refused to swear allegiance to the king of Serbia.

GUT PRICE SALE

Begins This Morning At S. Coplon's.

S. Coplon & Son's owners and operators of New Bern's largest department store, will today inaugurate their first annual May white goods sale and this event will be of great interest to the ladies of New Bern.

On page 8 of this issue of the Journal this firm today tells about a few of the thousands of articles which will be sold at a greatly reduced price and every reader should peruse that advertisement before laying the paper aside.

Battleship Wyoming Off For Vera Cruz

LEFT FORT MONROE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON—ANOTHER TODAY.

(Special to the Journal)
FORT MONROE, VA., May 13.—The battleship Wyoming sailed today for Vera Cruz. The Sacramento is loading ammunition and will make her departure tomorrow.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The dreadnaught Texas sailed tonight for Vera Cruz.

THE THURMAN SCHOOL HAS CLOSED TERM

Commencement Exercises Were Held Yesterday.

MANY WERE IN ATTENDANCE

New Bernians Delivered Interesting and Forceful Addresses.

The Consolidated School of Township No. 7, located at Thurman, came to a close yesterday and the commencement exercises were well attended and greatly enjoyed. Quite a number of New Bernians went to Thurman to attend the event and there were a number of citizens from all parts of the county in attendance.

There were quite a number of speakers on the program. Hon. George E. Hood of Goldsboro made the first talk. Mr. Hood was introduced by G. L. Hardison, of Thurman, after which he presented the school a flag and Bible from the Jr. O. U. A. M. The speech of acceptance in behalf of the school was made by Hon. S. M. Brinson of this city, county superintendent of public instruction.

One of the most interesting talks was made by L. C. Brogden of Raleigh. During the course of his remarks Mr. Brogden touched on the subject of rural education and paid a high compliment to the citizens of No. 7 Township for the efforts they are making to give their children the very best possible education. He told the pupils of the school that they need not expect to make a success in life if they did not have an education and urged them to take advantage of the opportunity now being given them.

At the conclusion of these addresses a big picnic dinner was served. A number of similar dinners have been served at Thurman in the past few years, but the one placed before the visitors yesterday probably surpassed all previous efforts and the great quantity of palatable food was greatly enjoyed by those who partook of it.

After the remains of the dinner had been cleared away, J. W. Sears, farm demonstrator of Craven county's Farm Life School at Vanceboro, made a very interesting talk. Prof. Sears is a speaker of ability and, having his subject well in hand, entertained his hearers for more than half an hour.

Among the other speakers of the day was G. D. Canfield of Morehead City. Mr. Canfield is more familiarly known as "Good Roads Canfield" and he upheld his reputation by making a forceful talk on the necessity of good roads in making any school a success and urged the people of that township to devote a part of their time and money in making the roads in that section as good or better than any to be found in the county.

Col. James A. Bryan of this city, who is not a resident of that township but who is one of the largest taxpayers and who has probably taken a greater interest in the school than any other man, was on hand and made an interesting talk. Col. Bryan spoke on the advantages of education and urged the children to take advantage of every opportunity offered them of securing a better education and of widening their views. Col. Bryan had arranged to be on hand Mrs. Bayard Wooten, one of New Bern's expert photographers, and photographs of the building, grounds the crowd and the school wagons which are to be enlarged, were taken. Col. Bryan is to have these wagons enlarged and will present them to the school.

The Peoples Concert Band of this city furnished the music for the occasion and this aided greatly in making it a complete success.

Boat Capsizes Fifteen Drowned

UNKNOWN VESSEL FOUNDERS OFF COAST OF SOUTHWOLD ENGLAND.

(Special to the Journal)
ALDEGURGH, ENGLAND, May 13.—A steam collier, whose name could not be learned, capsized off Southwold this afternoon and fifteen members of her crew met death.

Life savers along the coast made every effort to save the crew but their efforts proved useless.