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FIGHT ON MEXICAN BORDER

MEXICAN FEDERALS PURSUING REBEL TROOPERS FIRED INTO U. S. TERRITORY.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS REPLY

After Three American Horses Had Been Killed, U. S. Troops Opened Fire, Killing Several.

Eagle Pass, Texas.—Mexican federal soldiers who attempted to pursue rebel troops with a rifle bullet defeated a Constitutional force escaping to the United States and safety, met sharp resistance from United States cavalry of border patrol at McKee's Crossing, above Del Rio, Texas. When three horses held by the American troopers had been shot down the Americans returned the fire across the Rio Grande and after the exchange of shots, the Mexicans withdrew, bearing with them dead and wounded.

No American was hurt. How many of the Mexican soldiers were killed or wounded is not known.

Official reports of the occurrence to Colonel Sibley, commanding at Fort Clark here, caused orders for all available cavalry of the border patrol to proceed to Del Rio. One troop and a machine gun platoon left Eagle Pass.

The clash across the international line was precipitated, according to official reports to headquarters here, by persistent firing of the federals at the fleeing Constitutionalists who had gained American territory and surrendered to United States troops. Three horses held by American cavalrymen were killed.

For ten minutes Captain Winterburn of troop E, Fourteenth cavalry, signaled to the federals to cease firing, but reported that his signals were disregarded and his own men were in danger.

\$1,000,000 FIRE IN DURHAM

Break in Water Mains Renders Firemen Helpless—\$1,000,000 Loss. Durham, N. C.—The entire business section of Durham was threatened with destruction by a fire which originated in the Duke building, a five-story office structure.

Buildings occupying one city block have either been entirely destroyed or badly damaged.

The flames raged for more than a half-hour while the firemen stood helpless as a result of a break in the city water mains. There also was another break which reduced the water pressure and hindered the firemen.

The latest estimates place the loss at fully \$1,000,000.

A heavy wind blew the flames and parts of burning roofs fell throughout the city. The Academy of Music was in the path of the fire.

Federation to Help Farmers.

New York.—The development of American farming is to be undertaken by the National Civic Federation, which organized a department on agricultural conditions and rural betterment. The executive committee held a luncheon at which noted speakers discussed the farming industry. They held that co-operation and systematized organization among farmers was necessary if the industry in the United States were to be brought up to the standard obtaining in other countries. The decision to aid the farmers was contained in a resolution adopted at the suggestion of Dr. Albert Shaw, who declared education and standardization were factors toward solution of the problem.

Wants Nation to Guard Honor.

Washington.—President Wilson declared that in seeking the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, he not only was asking that the nation do that which it was bound in honor to do, but was going the way of the majority in the Democratic party. He pointed out that, when the Panama canal act was passed, a majority of the Democrats then in the house of representatives voted against the tolls exemption, and that only by a coalition of a minority of Democrats with a number of Republicans did the measure become law.

Baby Hangs Self by Bonnet String.

Cleveland, Ohio.—William Henry Yeomans, baby son of Henry Yeomans, a wealthy mine owner, was left alone in his crib on the porch of his home. When the nurse returned she found that a string on its bonnet had caught a hook at the side of the buggy and in turning over the infant had strangled itself to death. A train on which the father was traveling to his Colorado properties was stopped near Chicago by means of a long distance telephone message, and he returned to Cleveland.

ALFRED NOYES



The English poet has been asked to join the faculty of Princeton university and it is understood that he has agreed to accept.

REPORT ON COTTON CROP

CROP IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EVER GROWN IN THE UNITED STATES.

Over Thirteen Million Running Bales Produced by Southern Farmers, Is the Report.

Washington.—One of the largest cotton crops ever grown, amounting to 14,127,356 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint, was produced by the farmers of the United States during 1913, the census bureau announced in its preliminary report of cotton ginners as reported by ginners and delinters to February 28.

These figures compare with 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint and 609,594 bales of linters last year, and 15,692,701 bales of lint and 567,575 bales of linters in 1911.

The department of agriculture's estimate, announced December 12, placed the 1913 crop at 13,677,000 equivalent 500-pound bales.

The total value of the crop, including the value of cotton seed, is unofficially estimated roundly at more than \$1,000,000,000, compared with last year's \$920,000,000, and \$963,000,000 for the previous most valuable crop, that of 1910.

With this report the bureau of census departed from its previous method of reporting the cotton crop by not including the quantity of linters in the total production. Director William J. Harris announced this was done because with the installation of modern machinery closer delinting of seed had increased the quantity of linters and at the same time lowered the average quality of the fiber so that now only a small part, if any, was used as a substitute for lint cotton.

The number of running bale of lint cotton, counting round as half bales, was 13,964,981, and of linter cotton, 629,019 running bales, compared with 13,488,539 running bales of lint and 602,324 running bales of linters last year, and 15,563,073 running bales of linters in 1911.

Included in the production for 1913 are 29,267 bales, which ginners estimated would be turned out after the time of the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 99,916 compared with 81,528 last year and 101,554 in 1911.

VILLA REACHES TORREON

Federal Stronghold Shelters 9,000 Troops Under General Velasco.

Constitutionalist Headquarters, Yermo, Durango, Mexico.—General Villa and his army of 12,000 rebels invested the federal stronghold of Torreon. The khaki-clad columns occupied the environs of the city without opposition, and in wheeling and dragging field pieces into place to shell the federal trenches, dug at every point where the federal commander, Gen. Refugio Velasco, expects attack.

Velasco's army is estimated to number 9,000 men. South and southwest of this city his position is regarded as almost impregnable by reason of the mountains, through which only three passes run, and these have been rendered almost impassable by fortifications and barbed-wire entanglements. In other directions the city is reached through the desert and high hills.

Identifies Train Robber.

Atlanta, Ga.—Harry B. Melville, the postal clerk on the Queen and Crescent southbound train No. 1, running from Cincinnati to New Orleans, which was robbed near Birmingham of \$40,000 on the night of February 19, arrived in Atlanta and identified A. O. Perry, one of the three alleged yeggmen, who were arrested at No. 89 Brookline street, as the train bandit who stabbed him in the back with a knife when he refused to tell the gang of robbers where all the money in the small car was hidden.

TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

FARM PRODUCTS TO BE CARRIED DIRECT TO DOOR OF THE CONSUMER.

TEN CITIES ARE SELECTED

By Parcel Post Postmaster General Burelson Will Cut the Cost of Living.

Washington.—Preliminary steps were taken by the postoffice department to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry farm products direct to the door of consumer. Ten cities were selected to begin the work of establishing direct connection between producer and consumer, Postmaster General Burelson having issued an order permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit shipped by parcel post.

Orders went to the postmaster at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, LaCrosse, Wis.; Lynn, Mass.; Rock Island, Ill., and Washington, directing them "to receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm produce in retail quantities by parcel post." Printed lists of these names will be distributed among town and city patrons.

"By the use of the lists," said First Assistant Postmaster General Roper, "the city consumer can get in touch with a farmer who will fill his weekly orders for farm produce. The consumer will receive the product fresh from the country, and the personal relationship established no doubt will tend to improve the quality. The farmer will be relieved of carrying his produce to market, as the rural carrier will make daily collections at the farmer's own door of the retail shipments to city consumers.

"The point has been raised that difficulty will be experienced in the return of hampers and other containers. This problem does not appear to me to be difficult, as the farmer may use inexpensive hampers whose value would not warrant their return, or he may use the higher grade hampers for which he may include an additional charge to be credited to the consumer on the return of the hamper by parcel post."

EUROPE CONTROLS RADIUM

Claimed Americans Fail to Recognize Importance of Radium.

Washington.—How the American people failed to recognize the importance of radium as a cancer cure until European countries had obtained virtually all of the present available supply, is graphically told in the annual report of Joseph A. Holmes, director of the federal bureau of mines, made public. The report tells in detail of the bureau's unsuccessful efforts to obtain a quantity of radium sufficient to supply the twenty or more hospitals of the public health service and "serve in part to meet the needs of the various cancer hospitals of the country."

Director Holmes estimates that "in the United States 75,000 persons die each year from cancer. Explaining that radium is considered the most promising cure for certain types of cancer, the director says the most serious barrier to progress in demonstrating this is the scarcity of radium. "There probably is not more than thirty grams of radium now available for use in such treatment in all countries," the report says. "Of this amount there probably is not more than two grams of radium bromide in the United States, in the hands of a few surgeons. Probably fifteen grams of radium bromide was produced during 1912, and of the fifteen grams nearly 11.5 grams were extracted in various European countries from ores shipped to them from the United States, mainly from Colorado and Utah.

Man's Slays Four Persons.

Oak Park, Ga.—J. A. Eubanks, a farmer of this place, killed his wife and two young daughters as they slept, and after setting fire to his home, barn and several tenants' houses, fired a bullet through his own forehead, killing himself.

Two Badly Hurt on Trestle.

Atlanta.—Edward L. Hufe, senior at Tech, and Miss Mabel Bixbie, a milliner, were seriously injured when the Seaboard Express No. 5 from New York City to New Orleans ran them down as they were walking over a trestle near this city. As the fast train swept around the curve, thirty minutes late, the engineer saw the couple crossing the steel structure. Too late, he blew a warning blast. The couple attempted to escape, but before they ran ten feet the pilot of the engine had tossed them into a dry gulley.

MARY CLEAVES DANIELS



Miss Mary Cleaves Daniels, daughter of Judge Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro, N. C., recently visited her uncle, the secretary of the navy, in Washington. The above picture was taken at the Daniels home "Single Oak," in the suburbs of the capital.

LAYMEN CONVENTION CLOSES

Baptist Laymen Pleased With Great North Carolina Meeting at Durham.

Durham.—Under the spell of "Christ's Challenge," presented in a masterful manner by President E. M. Poteat of Furman University, the Baptist laymen brought to a close one of the greatest Baptist meetings ever held in North Carolina, a convention great in its accomplishments, great in attendance, great in the addresses, and one that will have a vast effect on the missionary work of the Baptists in North Carolina, according to the leaders.

President J. D. Bruner of Chocoma College presided; and, following a praise service, Dr. William Smith delivered a stereopticon lecture on missions. He was followed by Doctor Bruner in a few remarks.

Dr. William Louis Poteat of Wake Forest then presented 14 student volunteers for mission work. These were conducted to the platform and presented in person to the audience. There were eight young women, two of whom came from the State Normal and six from Meredith. The six men presented came from Wake Forest College.

10 Day's in Old Fort if Foggy.

Old Fort.—Visitors in and out of Old Fort have commented on the big sign erected some time ago which reads as follows: "The Old Fort Board of Trade will make any visitor its guest for 10 days, who encounters a foggy day in Old Fort." That the weather in Old Fort is remarkable for its balminess has been long recognized and the indications are that the local Board of Trade will not spend much of its funds for board for visitors who claim the forfeit.

Rocky Mount Sells Bonds.

Rocky Mount.—For the 40-year, five per cent improvement and gas plant bonds Rocky Mount is to receive 99 per cent with accrued interest and with an additional expense of \$100 for engraving and the money will be available within the next few weeks and the legality has already been approved by the purchasing company, Longstreth, Richards & Co., of Cincinnati. The issue is for \$200,000 and will net this city \$197,000.

Publishers at Asheville Next.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association unanimously endorsed and commended the administration of President Wilson at the annual meeting here. Asheville was selected as the place for 1915 convention. Officers elected are: F. W. R. Hinman, Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, president; W. L. Halstead, Atlanta Constitution, vice-president; William Clements, Birmingham News, secretary.

Pine Cuts 2,000 Feet of Lumber.

Greenville.—Mr. M. D. Haddock of near Black Jack, Pitt county, recently cut a pine that netted 2,000 feet of heart timber, besides some other sap lumber. That heart is worth anywhere from \$2 to \$4 the 100 feet, so that one tree was worth somewhere about \$60. There is a pine in the same section that is so large that timber men can not handle it. It would make more than that above mentioned. There are yet some large trees and considerable amount of timber standing in Pitt county.

UNABLE TO WATCH MEXICAN WAR

U. S. ARMY MEN DEPRIVED OF OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CAMPAIGN.

LITTLE NEWS IS RECEIVED

Secretary Garrison Suggested to General Bliss in Answer to Latter's Telegram What Disposition to Be Made of Constitutionalist Prisoners.

Washington.—With the beginning of active battle on a comparatively large scale in Central Mexico, Army officers here find themselves deprived of a much desired opportunity to study the campaign through trained military observers on the field. Since the United States has not accorded political recognition to either Federals or Constitutionalist, there is no way by which American officers can be detailed to view engagements as in ordinary wars.

All that was made known officially to officers on duty at the War Department of the latest important movements in the neighborhood of Torreon was contained in a brief dispatch from American Consul, officers that the Constitutionalist had captured three towns in the neighborhood of Gomez Palacio.

There has been no exhibition of real strategy at any time in this recent campaign in the opinion of general staff officers. In the opinion of experts here, General Villa's successes so far have been founded purely upon his ability to inspire soldiers with desperate courage.

Secretary Garrison suggested to General Bliss in answer to the latter's telegram respecting the disposition to be made of the score of Constitutionalist soldiers driven across the Rio Grande by Federals near Del Rio that it would be wise to keep this party separate from Federal soldiers detained at Fort Bliss.

Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1,000 for delivery upon Texas soil of five Mexicans suspected as murderers of Clemente Vergara has caused State and War Department officials serious concern for international complications.

ROOSEVELT EQUIPMENT LOST

While Trying to Explore "River of Doubt" All Equipment Was Swept Away in Rapids.

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt's family and friends were anxiously awaiting further advices about the accident by which his party lost its entire equipment in the rapids of a Brazilian river. While no concern it was stated, was felt for the colonel's safety, yet his family wanted to learn details of the accident and whether the expedition would be abandoned, especially as the party was so far from an equipment base.

News of the mishap came in a brief message from Anthony Fiels, a member of the party. It was dated at Santarem, Brazil, and read: "We have lost everything in the rapids. Telephone my wife of my safety."

Durham Has Million Dollar Fire.

Durham.—The worst fire in the history of Durham, discovered about 11 o'clock at night, at 2 o'clock next morning had destroyed the five-story Brodie L. Duke office building on Main street, and several stores and though partly under control was raging with a fury that menaced the entire block. The loss was estimated at over million dollars.

The following business houses suffered complete loss: Woolworth damage, \$20,000; R. A. Baldwin, \$30,000; Rawls department store, 440,000; Pritchard-Bright Clothing Company, \$35,000; Lloyd Hardware, \$50,000; Herring & Elliott, \$50,000; Holland Brothers, \$50,000; Blacknell's drug store, \$40,000; Bellamy's Shoe Store, \$25,000; T. M. Stephens Grocery, damage, \$15,000; Durham Book & Stationery Co., \$40,000; Royal Tailors, \$10,000; Chatham Furniture Co., \$25,000; Durham Reformer, \$10,000.

Great Dreadnought Launched.

Philadelphia.—The superdreadnought Oklahoma, one of the largest and most powerful battleships afloat, was launched from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J. The giant sea fighter was christened by Miss Lorena Jane Cruce, daughter of the Governor of Oklahoma, who crashed a bottle of champagne against the ship's great prow as the hull began to glide into the Delaware river. Miss Cruce was surrounded by a dozen girl friends from Oklahoma.

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