

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

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GENERAL VILLA IS A HERO AT JUAREZ TO-DAY

Believed That He Fought and Won a Terrible Battle in Mexico.

Is Looked Upon as the Military Genius of Southern Mexico.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] JUAREZ, Mexico, March 28.—Strong in their belief that General Francisco Villa and his rebel force had captured Torreón, after a night battle, Constitutionalist officers and sympathizers here were jubilant and momentarily were expected to work from the front that the end of what has come to be looked upon as the decisive battle of the revolution had been accomplished.

Latest advices from both Villa and newspaper correspondents, indicated that the rebels had carried their assault into the very heart of Torreón and that the federals were hard pressed. At that time it was General Herrera's force of 4,000 men who were reported to have entered the town from the east and the counter march of General Villa into Torreón from the north was expected to throw the federals into utter rout. No military official in Juarez to-day doubts that the battle which General Villa has waged against Gomez Palacio, now his and Torreón has been the most desperate of any engagement of this or any other revolutionary movement in Mexico. General Villa went to the front with 12,000 seasoned men, well equipped for a vigorous, smashing assault against any resistance the federals might offer. News despatches indicate that the federals fought heroically and that the loss in dead and wounded to both sides was enormous. Lack of hospital facilities, the heat and the desert wind and the four days of strenuous work, practically consisted in his being the "Pan" of the Villa were believed to have amassed a large casualty list.

General Villa himself has become a hero. Everywhere in Juarez his praises were being sung to-day. By Maderistas and Constitutionalist he is looked upon as the greatest military genius in the southern republic, and great confidence is expressed that he will push his triumphant way with his rebel army to the very doors of the national palace in Mexico City.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the loyal order of Moose last night officers were elected for the year. The charter will be closed April 17, and the prospects are for a very large membership. An option has been secured on the Temple Building, Dalhousie street, which it is proposed to convert into a home. The officers elected were:

Past Dictator—W. C. Boddy and Bert Inglis. Dictator—Dr. G. A. Elliott. Vice Dictator—J. A. Jewell. Prelate—Jas. S. Eason. Secretary—P. A. Shultis. Treasurer—T. H. Miller. Sergeant-at-Arms—M. Byers. Orator—Alex. Grant. Inner Guard—Geo. Patte. Outer Guard—James H. Burns. Trustees—Henry S. Peirce, Bert Inglis, W. C. Boddy. Delegates to Supreme Lodge—Bert Inglis.

Father McCandlish gave an excellent address at the St. Basil's Mission room last night upon the ten commandments and the six precepts of the church. He dwelt upon the great value of the commandments and said as dutiful Christians we ought to obey the law of God. Special stress was upon the observance of Mass on Sundays. It was the holy sacrifice of man, being the great object of the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. All dutiful Christians should be anxious to assist in this, the most important work of the church. It was an important act of religion to be observed by all faithful men and women. If they did their duty all would be well and their sure reward would follow. A large audience was inspired by the reverend Father's address.

KIDNAPPED BOY FOR WHOSE RECOVERY REWARD IS OFFERED



Warren McCarrick, Mayor Blankenburg, of Philadelphia, issued a proclamation calling upon the residents of Philadelphia and other cities to exert every effort to aid in the search for Warren McCarrick, seven years old, who has disappeared. The Mayor calls attention to the \$5,000 reward offered by the city for the recovery of the boy or the arrest and conviction of his abductors. The offer of the reward was decided on by the Councils. There was already a reward of \$1,000, offered by friends of the McCarrick family.

CAMBRIDGE CREW WON HISTORIC BOAT RACE TODAY

Favorites Romped Home By Four and a Half Lengths.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, March 27.—The Cambridge crew today won a historic boat race from Putney to Mortlake with great ease, the annual eight oared boat race on the Thames. The distance of 4 1/2 miles was rowed in the quick time of 20 minutes, 23 seconds and Cambridge crossed the winning line 4 1/2 lengths in the lead. The Cambridge crew had been the favorite during the training and justified the predictions that it would win by making the race a procession from the firing of the starting pistol till the end of the race.

Cambridge the Favorites. LONDON, March 27.—Although the Oxford crew had developed wonderfully since the men arrived at Putney for the final training for to-day's inter-varsity eight oared race on the Thames, Cambridge maintained its strong favoritism with the waterside critics up to the start of the four and a quarter mile contest. The light blues had weight on their side and were uniform and well together. The others were less powerful and somewhat ragged.

The course was crowded from Putney to Mortlake with throngs of spectators and all the bridges were occupied early in the day by sight-seers. Cambridge won the toss for positions and chose the Surrey side of the river, thus obtaining the slight advantage on being sheltered from the light wind that was blowing. The oars of the Oxford crew were the first to grip the water, but the nose of the dark blue shell had scarcely appeared in front of its rival when the longer stroke of the light blues gave them the lead, and after this there was no doubt as to the result of the race unless an accident occurred.

When the crews shot through Hammersmith Bridge, about the half distance, Cambridge had a clear lead of two lengths and this was maintained until the boats approached Barnes Bridge, where the leaders spurred and went through the bridge three lengths in advance of Oxford. A gallant effort was then made by the dark blues and the gap between the boats was momentarily lessened. C. E. Tower, the Cambridge stroke, however, made a final call on his men and Cambridge passed the winning line easy victors by four and a half lengths.

The weather was ideal for the race. A SECOND ARREST. REGINA, Sask., March 28.—A second arrest was made last night in the alleged attempted bribery of Alderman Wessel, C. Hogg, inspector in the provincial license department, is locked up. It is alleged he offered the alderman money for the latter's influence to secure an appointment as city police chief for Provincial Chief of Police C. A. Mahoney.

ASQUITH MINISTRY IS STILL FLOUNDERING

If French and Ewart Insist on Resigning, Government Will be Wrecked—An Effort Made to Get Them to Reconsider Resignation.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, March 28.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: "The Cabinet crisis continues, and the immediate outcome depends on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart with regard to their resignations. If these officers refuse to withdraw their resignations, and persist in retiring into private life, the immediate fall of the Government is regarded as inevitable, but if they can be induced to retain their military posts the Cabinet will probably carry out the plan of proceeding with the Home Rule and Welsh Church bills and appeal to the country about June or early in July.

The importance of the issues depending on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart explain the remarkable efforts made within the last 48 hours to induce them to withdraw their resignations. It was understood last night that both officers had been persuaded to abandon their intention to retire, and it was also understood that Sir John French, dictating his own terms to the Cabinet, had declared he would persist in his intention to resign unless adequate reparations were rendered to him for the humiliation inflicted on him by the Government's repudiation of two paragraphs of the document to which he, in common with Colonel Seely and General Ewart, had appended his signature. He stipulated, it appears, that his reputation should be saved by the issue of a new definition of duties of officers and men in circumstances similar to those of the present position, and the new army order which Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons yesterday was the Government's response to this demand.

All day long the House of Commons was on tenter-hooks and provided the almost unprecedented spectacle of a crowded chamber at noon, for on Fridays the attendance is usually of the scantiest. Not a Cabinet Minister, however, was in sight, and when the Scottish whip, John W. Gulland, rose to announce another postponement till 5 o'clock of the eagerly-awaited statement, murmurs of disappointment were heard all around.

On the Opposition benches the resentment displayed deepened when the Speaker made it plain that the rules rendered impossible any adjournment either of the debate or of the House. Mr. Bonar Law protested that the situation was public scandal, but there was nothing for it but to wait till 5 o'clock, so for five hours a thin House talked about feeding school children, while the fortunes, not only of Field Marshal French, but of the whole government were known to be at stake outside. From 4.30 p.m. onward, the house began to fill rapidly in anticipation of Premier Asquith's statement, the peers' gallery was thronged. Lord Lansdown, whom nobody had even seen watching the proceedings of the House of Commons before, occupied a prominent position in the gallery and looked down with curious interest on the animated scene below, so different from the dull, lifeless proceedings in the Lords. Other peers present included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Courtney, Lord Denbigh, Lord Middleton, Lord Montagu, Lord Lytton and Lord Lamington.

A touching and exciting scene occurred just before the House adjourned for the week end. When Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition had concluded his criticism of Premier Asquith's new army order, Major Morrison-Bell rose and insisted on making a statement on behalf of the officers and men of the army. A determined attempt was made to shout him down, and he was encouraged by his Unionist friends and with the aid of a powerful voice he eventually compelled the House to listen to him, speaking in stentorian tones and with great feeling he said: "The statement we have just listened to is the grossest insult to the army that has ever been offered to it."

He indignantly protested as an old soldier that the new order was unnecessary. Army officers and men, he said, have always been ready to do their duty. This passionate outburst finally brought to an end a dramatic political week which will always be memorable for its marvellous vicissitudes, the house then adjourning.

LETTER CARRIERS ASK HALF HOLIDAY IN SUMMER TIME

Executive of Association Puts Request Before Postmaster General.

OTTAWA, March 28.—The executive of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers of Canada, composed of W. H. Hoop of Winnipeg, A. McMordie of Toronto, E. Sergie of Montreal, C. Bradshaw, Ottawa, met the postmaster-general, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, and Mr. Hector Vorrett, the assistant deputy, yesterday laying before them the requests as decided upon by the letter carriers' convention.

Among the most important features advanced were: Asking for increased salaries. Iso one-half day per week holiday during the three hot months—June, July and August.

In connection with this request consent for the same has been obtained from the business houses in the majority of the large cities of the Dominion and favorable consideration is expected from the department for this concession.

The question of a properly fitting uniform was advanced, it being stated that if the same are made locally satisfaction in this respect is assured. These were some of the principal requests made and the executive stated that the interview was of such a nature that the requests will be satisfactorily attended to, it being the most interesting and promising meeting that the federation officers have been granted.

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Chief Slein Will Be Defendant

Chief Slein will be proceeded against at the High Court of Assize on Tuesday in connection with the second trial of the action for damages of Gladys Meredith, the Holmedale girl. Papers were served yesterday on the Chief, Officers Chapman and Boylan are not being proceeded against.

Strathcona And His Fees From C. P. R.

MONTREAL, March 28.—Lord Strathcona always boasted that he never had cashed in a cent from the C.P.R. in the shape of director's fees. After his death a number of cheques amounting to around \$50,000, and covering his 32 years' directorship, were found among his private papers. They represented the usual payments to him as directors and had not been cashed.

As the cheques were received by Lord Strathcona they were filed away without endorsement. The executors have now notified the company that these cheques drawn upon it are held by the estate, and a formal claim has been filed.

Lord Strathcona was a director of the C. P. R. from its inception in 1881 to his death. Directors fees for a time were \$1,000 a year, but latterly they have been \$2,000. The estate is estimated will contain from \$40,000 to \$50,000 from the uncashed cheques, which Lord Strathcona kept as souvenirs.

His Lordship, of course, received handsome returns from his investments in C. P. R. capital, both original and new issues.

A few drops of vinegar added to the water in which potatoes are boiled will prevent them turning black.

LIFEBOAT AND PATROL IN MAD RACE TO LORNE BRIDGE LAST NIGHT

About half-past 10 last night two women on Lorne bridge saw a man acting suspiciously on the bridge. He was leaning over the parapet, and every few minutes he would put his foot into the fence-work and withdraw it, as if he was deliberating upon a jump into the dark, turbid waters. One of them screamed, but it had no effect upon the man, who still leaned over, and finally tried to mount the parapet. One of the women then regained her presence of mind and phoned for the police, telling them what the man was doing. With all possible speed the lifeboat was hurried to the scene of the apparently impending desperate deed, and the gallant rescuers were prepared for valiant action. The bridge was reached, and there was found the supposed suicide, who was still dangling around the fence-work of the structure. He was surrounded, and then it was discovered that he was none other than Pete Adams, and that he was only feeling the effects of a convivial expedition and was trying to get rid of them as is customary upon ocean liners. So the lifeboat was not launched, and no soul was saved from a watery grave, but Pete Adams was taken to a dryer place for the night and will appear in the dock charged with being drunk.

Another version of the affair says that Peter actually did jump over the bridge, but he was not near the water and struck the embankment on the north side of the river. The firemen assert he went over, but as the man is not injured, and the police deny that he did, it is not likely that he ever got over the parapet.

NOBLE GRAND IS CLEAR RIGHT UP TO GALT

Ice Came Down Very Quietly Last Evening, Causing Little Trouble.

River Rose Only Four Feet Above Normal Level.

The ice in the Grand river at Wilkes' dam and at Galt last night broke up and came down the river quietly. This morning, except for an occasional chunk of ice, some drift wood etc., the river was clear. The river rose to four feet 10 inches above normal up till 9 o'clock this morning when it started to recede.

The break came about 8 o'clock last night, when the first of the ice slipped over Wilkes dam and went quietly down the river. It was not long before all the ice at that dam was washed away. About 10.30 p.m. the first of the Galt ice appeared at Lorne bridge and slid over the dam without any damage being done. All the time the water in the river was steadily rising. At two o'clock the gauge at the headgates registered 4 feet 7 inches of water above normal and it was rising fast.

This morning Kerby island was partially covered over with water which cleared out the channel of all remaining ice. The City Engineer had a number of watchmen at the headgates all last night, but their services were not needed.

The flats in Eagle Place are this morning one mass of water, but so far no damage to property has been recorded. On the Newport road three feet of water is rushing across making traffic impossible. As yet nothing has been heard from Caledonia as to the condition of the ice there. City Engineer Jones stated this morning that when the ice gets free from the headgates and Wilkes dam the city had little to fear of any damage to its property.

TEMPORARILY INSANE

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., March 28.—Evidently temporarily insane while on board a C. P. R. train, John Bennett, of Bank Head, Alta., slashed his throat with a razor while the train was passing Ruby station, a point about 50 miles from here. One of the train crew rendered first aid, and clamped the terrible wound together with pressure points, until Bennett was brought to St. Joseph Hospital in Port Arthur. He had in his pocket a third class ticket for Glasgow, Scotland.

COUNTY COUNCIL HOLD A BUSY SESSION FRIDAY

Toll Roads and Prison Farm Scheme Were Discussed.

Financial Difficulties Too Great in Purchase of the Road.

The County Council of Brant met yesterday at the Court House, when the principal item before the Council was the report of School Inspector T. W. Standing. The body decided that no action would be taken with regard to the purchase of the toll roads in the county. It was admitted by the Council that the payment of tolls by farmers was a hardship, but nevertheless the Council did not see their way clear to purchase the roads, which they thought would practically be on their hands, a dead weight. This decision was confic to after a discussion after the annual statement of the Brantford-Oakland toll road had been read. Two other communications to be placed on the file were those inviting the county to join a joint counties prison farm scheme. The question of the county's contribution to the maintenance of the Collegiate Institute was considered, but not finally dealt with. The city has estimated that for last year the county is in debt to them to the extent of \$399 over and above the payment of the proportion already asked. This matter will be further investigated. The auditors have had a busy time with the accounts this year, and it was decided to increase their remuneration. Other business of minor importance was transacted, and the Council adjourned, having been in session for one day.

Planning Reception To The Duke

Mayor Spence announced to-day that plans were being made for a fitting reception to His Royal Highness here on April 15 next. A military display is under consideration, having the Dufferins, the Dragoons and the Field Battery on parade. The Mayor favors having His Royal Highness officially open the new part of the Brantford General Hospital, but there is some doubt as to whether the building can be finished in time.

NO WAY YET TO BREAK UP THE DEADLOCK

Nearly 900 Officers, it is Said, Were Ready to Resign at Once.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, March 28.—No way has been found up to a late hour to-day for the British Government to break the deadlock caused by the proffered resignations of Field Marshal Sir John French and Adjutant General Sir John Ewart from their positions at the head of the British army. The Government, however, was still hopeful that its difficulties would be overcome before it again meets the House of Commons on Monday.

Should the chief of the general staff and the adjutant general to the forces persist in their attitude, it is generally thought that Col. John Seely, secretary of state for war, will leave the cabinet.

In case the government should be able to devise a means satisfactory to the field marshal and the adjutant general by which the memorandum handed to Brigadier General Gough and giving assurances to the officers that they would not be employed to fight the Unionists in Ulster, can be recalled, thus enabling them to retain their posts, the transfer of Col. Seely to some other field of activity probably will satisfy the Liberal and Labor malcontents.

In the meantime, the opposition of the army to employment in the coercion of Ulster is vouched for by no less an authority than Sir Edward Richard Russell, a staunch supporter of the government, in a signed article in the Liverpool Post, of which he is the editor, says to-day: "It is a positive fact that when he visited the war office early this week Field Marshal Lord Roberts had in his pocket a list of nearly 900 officers of the army who were ready to send in their papers."

The members of the cabinet separated to-day for the week-end, and most of them have gone on visits to various parts of the country. It is hoped that when the present difficulty in regard to the army has been settled, both parliament and the country will return to the main issue, namely the position of Ulster with perhaps a greater disposition to find a method of settlement by consent.

SIR LYMAN JONES MAY LEAVE PARTY

Opposition's Support of Free Agricultural Implements Given as Reason.

OTTAWA, March 28.—Sir Lyman Melvin Jones, president and general manager of the Massey-Harris Implement Company, and a number of other companies, and a member of the senate, is stated to have severed his connection with the Liberal party, and will no longer lend to that party his support. It is understood that he has been a close friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The reason given for his severance is the adoption by the opposition in the principle of free agricultural implements. Sir Lyman has for long been a close friend of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Will Prevent a Fashion Parade On Easter Day

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, March 28.—Designed to check what is declared to be a growing tendency on the part of the American people to make the Easter season the occasion for displaying fashionable clothes, a movement was launched here to-day to form the "Society for the Prevention of Easter Desecration." The members of this society would pledge themselves not to wear new articles of clothing beginning with Palm Sunday, until after Easter Sunday. In proposing the new society, the district of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union declares that the real meaning of Easter is often lost sight of now a days because of the popular craze for new and fashionable clothing, and predicts that the movement will vastly increase the calm devotional spirit of that season. The struggle at Washington over the appeal of the exemption clause in the Panama Canal Act was begun in the House of Representatives.

Advertisement for a business or repair service, mentioning 'Depts.', 'FURNITURE', 'Telephone Co.', 'WANT ADS.', 'CLEANING?', 'MARKET ST.', 'PAIRS', 'Ground', 'Sharpened', 'REPAIR CO.', 'Night 1425'.