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Torreon Has Been Taken

Desperate Fighting In Streets of Villa's Report

SAYS ENTIRE ARMY OF FEDERALISTS DESTROYED

Deserts of Rebels' Ranks Unheeded in Heat of Conflict and Men Are Shot Down—Belief That He Plans Slaying of The Prisoners

(Canadian Press) El Paso, Texas, April 1.—Mrs. Francisco Villa, wife of the rebel commander-in-chief, received a telegram yesterday afternoon from her husband, dated at Torreon, saying that the city had fallen yesterday afternoon at two o'clock and that the entire federal army was destroyed in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter in the streets.

At the last minute, it was declared, hundreds of officers and men deserted to the rebels, but the blood of the soldiers was up, and most of them were shot down.

Juarez, April 1.—That Torreon has fallen is the general belief among constitutionalist officers here today.

Though constitutionalist officers refused to discuss Villa's purpose in withholding news of the capture of Torreon, observers of Villa's methods of warfare believe he is holding back in order that he may execute prisoners he has taken and loot the city without having to disregard orders that Provisional President Carranza might send.

April 1.—A new column marching to the relief of General Velasco was said to be under the command of General Joaquin Casas and to number 4,000 men. To meet him, it was reported, General Monclovia Herrero was detailed by General Villa. An engagement between these forces was expected hourly.

General Carranza today informed British, American and German consuls that reports of the fall of Torreon were premature.

P. E. I. FINANCES

Advance Sheets of Public Accounts Submitted in Legislature

Charlottetown, April 1.—In the legislature yesterday afternoon the premier submitted advance sheets of the public accounts, showing receipts and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1913.

The total receipts were \$11,328,876, current expenditure \$4,648,886, capital expenditure \$4,607,876. The receipts included Dominion subsidy, \$972,782; income tax, \$12,730; land tax, \$31,801; miscellaneous taxes on companies, banks, etc., \$17,000; other leases, \$7,060; succession duties, \$5,900; and fox tax, \$38,766.

The fox tax is imposed on the value of the furs of each year. The chief items of expenditure are—Education, \$1,510,000; insane hospital, \$48,000; interest, \$39,000; roads, bridges, etc., \$98,000; \$12,000 placed to credit of debenture sinking fund; administration of justice, \$27,000; and agriculture, \$18,800.

FIFTY THOUSAND FARMERS OUT OF WORK; 38,000 MORE TO FOLLOW

Chicago, April 1.—Nearly 50,000 bituminous coal miners were forced into indefinite idleness today and 38,000 Pennsylvania miners may be thrown out of employment on Friday because of the failure of the recent Chicago conference between the operators and officials of the United Mine Workers of America to reach a new wages agreement to take place of the one which expired last night.

Pending negotiations for a new agreement, coal miners in Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa will continue at work.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, K. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A disturbance which was in the southwest states yesterday, is now moving rapidly towards the Great Lakes and rain is falling in Western Ontario. The weather is cold and unsettled throughout the Dominion and there are indications of still colder weather in the western provinces.

St. John, N. B., April 1.—New England forecasts—Rain and warmer tonight; Thursday, cloudy, moderate to southwest winds.

SUMMER SERVICE OF MANCHESTER LINE ANNOUNCED TODAY

Fortnightly Sailings Between Manchester, St. John and Philadelphia

Table with columns for ship name, departure from Manchester, St. John, Philadelphia, and return dates.

CONDENSED DESPACHES

Captain Amundsen's Arctic expedition will not start until next year. He had planned to start this summer.

President Fallieres of France has won a suit for damages on the ground that the chimney in his Paris residence smoked so much that the family were driven out.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000 for a department of the Rockefeller Institute for the study of animal diseases.

Count Zeppelin's airship attained an altitude of 10,000 feet yesterday. This is a new record.

President Wilson expects the Panama canal bill to pass the senate with a small majority.

The practice of attending murder trials is growing among English women, and crowds attending the trial of a murder trier in the Old Bailey yesterday.

THE "DEAD MAN" SAT UP

Funeral of Eminent Barcelona Musician Was, of Course, Postponed

London, April 1.—The Daily Telegraph's Barcelona correspondent says: "An extraordinary case of trance or catalepsy has occurred here. Don Francisco Ferrer Cabrero, conductor of the orchestra of the Novedades Theatre, was seized with a sudden illness. A doctor certified that his death occurred, due to cardiac failure. The burial was arranged, and the funeral coach, the parish clergy, the family and friends, and a great number of theatrical celebrities arrived at the deceased's home."

"Suddenly a rumor was circulated that Cabrero had been resuscitated, and that his body, on being transferred to the coffin, lifted itself to an upright position. Medical experts made examination and found that, while there were the usual symptoms of post-mortem rigidity, Cabrero was a notable musician, and had been conductor of the most important lyric theatre here for forty years. He was likewise a composer of several successful light operas."

PARIS HEARS SONG SUNG IN BRUSSELS

Another Triumph of Wireless Telephone Due to Italian Engineer

Paris, April 1.—Communication by wireless telephone between Laeken, a suburb of Brussels, and the Eiffel Tower, Paris, was established by the other night and the voice of a tenor singing at Laeken could be heard.

This was the first time a new and powerful microphone invented by an Italian engineer.

GOLD MEDAL FOR PEARY

To Be Presented to Him Next Monday, the Fifth Anniversary of His Discovery of North Pole

New York, April 1.—Next Monday, April 6, will be the fifth anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., retired, and the event will be celebrated with a dinner in his honor at which his hosts will be the members of the Explorers' Club.

Admiral Peary will be made the recipient of a gold medal by the club.

AN INDIVIDUAL BOY PROBLEM Charles Hawkhurst was brought to the police station last evening by two men who found the boy wandering about the streets. It is a hard matter to know what to do with him, however, as the boy is unwilling to go back to the Wiggins' Orphanage, which he recently left and they are not willing to take him back for fear of influence over the other boys. He can not be sent to the Protestant Orphan Home as they do not take anyone over ten years of age and Hawkhurst is about seventeen. He was remanded.

DIED TODAY. The death of Thomas E. Foley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Foley, occurred this morning at the home of his parents at Drury Lane. He is survived by his parents, three brothers—William, John and Walter, and six sisters—Mrs. Walter Harris, Mrs. Andrew Ramsey, Mrs. Henry O'Brien, and Misses Agnes, Leola, and May, all of this city. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon.

More About Valley Railway Finance

Com. McLellan Publishes Letter From Lisman & Co. To Mr. Flemming—Where is The \$100,000 Check? A Batch of Questions—Let's Have All The Facts Before Any More Goods Are Delivered

Commissioner McLellan is still disposed to press for definite information about the Valley Railway and the proposal to give up another \$300,000 in guaranteed bonds. This morning he made public the following statement: "In referring to the Valley Railway, at last Monday's meeting of the common council I omitted to mention the letter of F. J. Lisman & Co., addressed to Hon. J. K. Flemming and bearing date of Dec. 12th, 1911.

"As I may not have correctly interpreted the contents of which appear to have been referred to in letters written to the Globe, I herewith submit a copy of same, and the questions which have been proposed by my interpretation.

(Copy) Frederick, N. B., Dec. 12th, 1911. Hon. J. K. Flemming, Premier of the Province of New Brunswick, Frederick, N. B.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the proposed construction of the St. John Valley Railway, we beg to state that in consideration of a contract being entered into between the Government of the Province of New Brunswick and the Saint John & Quebec Railway Co. for the construction of the said Railway, we agree to purchase on behalf of a Syndicate which we shall organize, the unguaranteed securities of the said Saint John & Quebec Railway Co.

We further agree and bind ourselves to the Government of the Province of New Brunswick, that the said securities shall net the Company not less than \$700,000 per mile, less one per cent of the said Railway upon which the Bonds of the Company are guaranteed by the Government.

(Signed) F. J. LISMAN & CO. Questions: "Did the government receive a bond, in the form of a check for \$100,000 with this document? "Did the government satisfy itself as to the responsibility of Lisman & Co? "Has the government required Lisman & Co. to make good their offer? If not why not? "If the government has demanded of Lisman & Co. that they complete their contract, and Lisman & Co. refuse to do so, has the government retained the \$100,000? "If Lisman & Co. were willing to pay \$7,000 per mile for unguaranteed second mortgage bonds, why is it the government's necessity for guaranteeing them? "If the government guarantees the second mortgage bonds at this date, does

ONE IN EVERY TEN TO BE MOVING THIS YEAR

That Means Busy Times For The Teamsters of Montreal

Montreal, April 1.—More than a tenth of the people of Montreal will change their residence on May 1. The annual moving day, according to estimates based on transfer of telephone service, shows that about 5,000 telephone subscribers out of more than 35,000 have already asked for a change of their service.

WITH HONORABLE RECORD

After a most creditable career as conductor on the I. C. R. George A. Chesley, of Hampton, in the service for nearly thirty-eight years, was superannuated today. He returned to the city this morning from Halifax on his last run. Conductor Chesley is held in high esteem. His record is deserving of praise for he has never been suspended, had been absent only once from duty, his train has never been wrecked, and he has never been responsible for a death. For some time he has been running as conductor on the train from St. John to Halifax, leaving at 11:30 p. m. and has made many friends in that position. He will now take the "simple life" in his pretty little cottage at Hampton, which he purchased some few years ago.

MR. RUSSELL FIRST

The nomination of James V. Russell for the office of city commissioner was filed yesterday at city hall. This is the first nomination to be received and was filed a week in advance of nomination day which comes next Tuesday.

April Showers

A good many substantial April Showers of Sunshine—the sunshine of real dollars—are going to come to advertisers this month.

This is because they are shrewd enough to advertise in the modern way—through the newspapers—frequently with direct co-operation between manufacturer and merchant.

Results can almost be forecast—for this kind of advertising is going directly into the homes when the people are in a mood for buying.

And this means that business will come to men who are going after it. Any manufacturer or merchant interested in newspaper advertising is invited to address the American Newspaper Publishers Association, Bureau of Advertising, World Building, New York. Booklet on request.

TOOK OUT MORE THAN MILLION

That is Record of Withdrawals From Local Savings Bank in Year Ended Yesterday

Further evidence that the last year was "tight" financially was given today in the returns from the Government Savings Bank which showed the withdrawals to be much greater than the deposits, an increase of those of the previous year. For the month ended yesterday the deposits were \$75,482.87 and the withdrawals \$78,112.87.

The deposits for the fiscal year ended yesterday were \$881,598.78, and the withdrawals \$1,055,944.72. The figures for the previous year are not available but they do not show so much money withdrawn.

GIRL'S GOOD NAME IS AT STAKE; CHEDDRE CASE TO HIGHER COURT

Magistrate Says People Should Have as Much Respect For Faithful Servant as For Judge or Governor

Myrtle Cheddre, arrested a time ago on suspicion of stealing a diamond ring valued at \$300, the property of Mrs. E. Shanbury, was sent up for trial this morning. Magistrate Ritchie said that if he were trying the case he would certainly not convict the defendant, but he would be constrained to send her before Mr. Justice McKewen and the grand jury to be tried by them on Friday. If she were found not guilty she would be expected and all who had followed the case would see that it was a mistake.

The magistrate went on to say that in the case of the defendant, her name, which was practically all she had and from St. John on May 8. The said given every chance to defend it. He said people should have as much respect for a faithful servant as for a judge on the bench or the governor of the province.

ALBERTA PREMIER IN LONDON

London, April 1.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, premier of Alberta, with his wife and family, have arrived in London via Egypt and Paris. The principal object of his visit is to see the office of the provincial general, operating at the Trafalgar Square, near the dominion immigration office.

With regard to the general outlook in Alberta, Hon. Mr. Sifton declares that the province was suffering less than other parts of Canada from the depression, while the collapse of the real estate boom tended to make the professional, business and agricultural classes concentrate on hard work, with better productive results. He expects to return to Canada at the end of April.

MRS. CURRIE DENIES

An action brought by Mrs. Gertrude Drillon of 920 Main street against her husband, Hattie Currie, living in the same house, was continued in the police court this morning. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant sent valentines and other papers to her through the mail, with defamatory statements. Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff and E. S. Ritchie for the defendant. Mrs. Currie pleaded not guilty and denied having sent any of the letters on the valentine. Mr. Mullin asked the defendant to write several sentences contained in the letters and she offered in evidence. The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

LOCAL RIFLEMEN

At the annual meeting of the 82nd Rifle Association on Monday evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Major H. Perley, captain; Major J. S. Frost, treasurer; Colonel-Sergeant Vail secretary; Private Able, assistant; Captain Dunfield and Colonel-Sergeant Dorman, additional members of executive. It was decided to send a team to Moncton this year to compete for the Moncton Challenge shield, and to enter another in the Canadian Military Rifle meeting. The 1914 programme of matches will be about the same as that of last year, and an active season is expected.

CITY COURT ACT

Herbert J. Smith returned at noon today from Fredericton where, with other members of the St. John bar, he appeared before the law committee of the legislature in support of the amended and revised city court act. The delegation also included Hon. A. Porter, R. G. Murray and Henry W. Robertson. Mr. Smith said that they were given a favorable hearing and the committee seemed well disposed towards the bill. The delegation went to Fredericton armed with authority from the common council and with their support.

As an April Fool joke in Montreal the police were kept on the jump today by fake reports of the whereabouts of the murderers of Constable Honor Bourdon.

PASTOR CALLED BY FREDERICTON CHURCH IS GOING TO TORONTO

Maryville Mayor Goes in By Acclamation—Capital Imports Greater

Fredricton, N. B., April 1.—The Methodists of this city have extended a call to Rev. C. S. Applegarth, of Galt, Ont., but it is understood that he has lately accepted a call to Toronto.

Major Grey and candidates in three out of four wards were elected by acclamation in Maryville today.

Customs collections for March totalled \$9,497, an increase of \$2,682 over that of last year. The imports for the year totalled \$846,189, and the duty collected was \$75,422. For the previous year the imports were valued at \$683,298, and the duty was \$68,587.

FREDERICTON ASSESSMENT IS FIXED AT \$100,000

An Increase of \$10,000—Opposition to Publicity Grant Fails

Fredricton, April 1.—The city council last night fixed the assessment at \$100,000, an increase of \$10,000 over last year. A delegation of citizens strongly opposed making a grant for publicity purposes, saying that the city had received no value from the expenditure in recent years. The council voted the usual amount of \$2,500.

The council passed a resolution recommending Matthew Tennant, dry goods merchant, for the position of police magistrate. He will accept if it is offered to him. His appointment would be satisfactory.

IMPROVING OF LIVE STOCK

Subject Taken Up by Legislature's Committee on Agriculture

Fredricton, April 1.—The committee on agriculture met this morning with John Young in the chair. The best means for the improvement of live stock in the province was discussed. The chairman explained what the dominion government was doing. Mr. Dickson of Kings and others believed more attention should be given to educating the young men; failure in the past had been owing to the lack of knowledge that the importation of well bred stock was a waste of money if the stock were not properly fed and taken care of.

Mr. Stewart of Gloucester and others strongly advocated the establishment of county associations.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Stewart, Dickson, Farley, Sheridan and Culligan to draw up a resolution to present to the committee this evening on the best means to be adopted towards the establishment of a system for the improvement of live stock and establishing experimental farms.

NO DEFINITE ASSURANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY HARBOR

Ottawa, April 1.—Two million dollars for a harbor at St. Croix, N. B., was asked by a delegation which saw Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen today. The delegation got no definite assurance.

NORDICA STILL ILL BUT SAILS DESPITE ADVICE

Thursday Island, Queensland, April 1.—Lillian Nordica sailed from here today on the steamer Houlman. She is still greatly prostrated, after the attack of pneumonia, and took passage on the steamer against the advice of her physician.

THE STEAMERS

Donaldson Line steamer Saturnia is due to sail tomorrow for Glasgow on her last trip from St. John this season. She will have in the vicinity of 100 passengers and a cargo of general freight. Saturnia will open the Donaldson Line service between Glasgow and Montreal, sailing from the other side on April 18.

C. P. R. Liner Montreal is due in St. John tomorrow afternoon. At 10:38 o'clock last night she was 250 miles southeast of Sable Island.

Allan Limer Granplan, from Boston, sailed last night from Halifax for Glasgow.

Royal Mail steamer Royal George, from Bristol, is due to arrive in port tomorrow morning between five and six o'clock. She passed Sable Island this morning at seven o'clock. The George has twenty-eight saloon, 208 second cabin and 738 third-class passengers, 1,724 bags and 847 packages of mail, and 1,100 tons of general freight.

Steamer Morwanna sailed from Halifax yesterday for New York.

R. M. S. Virginian will sail this afternoon about three o'clock for Liverpool direct with 270 passengers, about four cars of mail matter and a good cargo of general freight and provisions.

HE FAVORS IT.

Mrs. F. E. Holman, president of the Free Kindergarten Association, has received a letter from Dr. J. W. Robertson of the Royal Commission on Technical Education, stating that he fully sympathizes with the association in its efforts to make the kindergarten a part of the public school system in this city. The letter was written in Fredericton, and Dr. Robertson added that if he had an opportunity of conversing with those in authority he would be glad to commend the scheme heartily.

Home Rule By Consent

Looks More Like That In London Today

UNIONIST M. P.'S FRAME AMENDMENT TO BILL

Difficulties Nearer Solution Than Ever—Asquith, at War Office, Has Page in For Report on Army—No Opponent to Premier so Far

(Canadian Press) London, April 1.—The result of yesterday's debate in the House of Commons was to confirm the impression that an understanding will eventually be arrived at. A large meeting of Unionist members in favor of a settlement on the federal plan, was held in that committee room of the House of Commons yesterday. The proceedings were private, but it is understood that an amendment to the home rule bill, carrying out the views of the meeting, was approved and will be placed on paper after the bill has been read a second time for discussion in the committee stage. Thus home rule, by consent, is nearer to actual realization than it has ever been.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a pastoral letter to the clergy, in which he recommends that they invite their congregations to pray on next Sunday for a peaceful solution of the perplexities and anxieties in regard to Ireland.

Chancellor Lloyd George is reported somewhat better, and was able to attend a meeting of the cabinet. He will probably be present in the House of Commons today.

No Opposition Yet to Asquith New York, April 1.—A cable to the New York Times, says: "No Unionist candidate for Premier Asquith's seat for East Fife has been officially designated, and there is still some uncertainty as to whether it will be outbidded."

London, Eng., April 1.—Hon. Mr. Asquith took full charge of the British army today. He summoned General Sir Arthur Paget, commander of the Irish garrison, to the War Office, and there he was generally expected that for several hours. General Paget was summoned from Ireland to give the new secretary of state for a full report on the disaffection that is said to exist among officers and men in his garrisons. Recent revelations have shown that the two men were widespread than the government supposed.

While the premier and General Paget were in conference the Globe announced the adoption of a vote on the second reading of the home rule bill had been postponed until Monday. This announcement, which the Globe states was made on "high authority," caused surprise, because the original programme of the government had called for a division tomorrow evening, at the close of the debate on some measure.

Yesterday in Parliament London, April 1.—Another surprise was experienced in the political world yesterday, when the expected resignation of Viscount Morley failed to materialize. Sir Robert Balfour, who had been Lord Morley would make an announcement regarding his position, and consequently there was a large attendance of peers in the House.

Lord Morley made a short statement to the effect that he had not resigned, but that if the first resignation of Colonel Seely had been accepted, his would have followed. He had advised the paragraphs added by Colonel Seely to the memorandum because he "caused great impression that they represented the views of the government."

In the commons, the debate on the second reading of the home rule bill proceeded, although Mr. Asquith was absent. Walter Long moved the rejection of the bill, strenuously denying that the opposition intended the measure because it was desirous of destroying the parliament act.

Sir Edward Grey invited the opposition leaders to resume the conversations for a settlement. At the same time he offered a general election on condition that the Unionists facilitate the passage of the plural voting bill. Sir Edward indicated that the government was determined to place the home rule bill on the statute book, and that this condition must govern all offers of a settlement. He favored a solution along the lines of the federal idea.

Mr. Asquith entered upon his duties at the War Office yesterday. He began his tenure of his new office with an invitation to General Paget to come to London and give his version of recent incidents in the controversy.

NEW HOUSES

Mr. Guernsey Builds at Rothesay, Mr. Nobles at Renfirth

A handsome residence for use throughout the year is being built at Rothesay for Herbert M. Guernsey who, with his family, will occupy it as soon as it is completed. Mr. Guernsey is now on her way from England to St. John.

Doddridge L. Nobles is building a summer and winter residence at Renfirth on a lot he recently purchased from Messrs. Caylor & Laurencanson.

MAYOR HOME AGAIN

Mayor Prink returned at noon today from Fredericton. He says that satisfactory progress is being made on the various bills still before the legislature. The mayor had nothing to say regarding the Valley Railway matter at present.