

HUERTA'S MEN AFTER REBELS

Mexican Federals to Open Attack To-day.

SONORA IN UPROAR

Madero's Body to Rest in Old Home.

Mexico City, March 3.—An attack on the rebel Governor of Aguascalientes, Alberto Fuentes D. will probably be opened to-day by a force of Government troops under General Carlos Garcia Hidalgo.

Another encounter is likely to be brought about shortly between the rebels and the Federal troops, as General Tracy Aubert and his column are about to effect a junction with the forces under General Gerónimo Trevino, and the combined army will then begin to close in on the rebels commanded by the defiant Governor of the State of Coahuila, Venustiano Carranza, at Saltillo.

The isolation of Mexico City from the United States by rail is complete. Ramos Martínez, who, for several months, conducted semi-official negotiations for peace between the late President Francisco Madero and Emiliano Zapata, says that Zapata doubtless will surrender and co-operate with the central Government, but that the rebel leader is waiting for Senor Martínez to be appointed as an official messenger to him from provisional President Huerta's Government.

The private secretary of provisional President Huerta declared last night that the situation in the State of Sonora was grave. Bandits, he said, were over-running portions of the State, and many families resident in the city of Hermosilla were abandoning the city, fearing an attack.

CONFERRING WITH REBELS. Laredo, Texas, March 3.—Reverdo Garcia Granados and Manuel Garza Aldape, peace representatives of the Mexican Government, arrived at Nuevo Laredo late last night to confer with representatives of the revolutionary bands in northern Mexico.

NOVEL HONEYMOON

5-Year Walk to Test Meat vs. Vegetable Diet.

New York, March 3.—A honeymoon walk to last for five years is the plan of Hubert G. A. Hassler, aged 29 years, and Mabel V. Broadie, 15 years old, who were married at the bride's home in New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday.

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MILITANT IS FREE

Mrs. Pankhurst Allowed Out On Bail.

London, March 3.—Mrs. Pankhurst's "hunger strike" was of even shorter duration than imprisoned suffragettes hitherto have been accustomed to. The Home Office to-day over-ruled the Epsom magistrate, and the suffragette leader was released from Holloway jail on bail to-night.

Mrs. Pankhurst, before her release this evening, undertook not to participate personally in the militant suffragette movement pending her trial. Mrs. Pankhurst will be tried at the Old Bailey in April instead of at the Surrey assizes in June or July, as would have been the case in the ordinary course. The authorities made this concession on her promising good behavior.

AN AWFUL PLOT

Ten-Day Mexican Battle a Barbaous Scheme.

To Kill Off Loyal Followers of Madero.

Mexico City, March 3.—On the authority of one of the principal revolutionary leaders is told for the first time the inside story of an astounding conspiracy between General Huerta and General Díaz that constituted the whole reason for the ten days' battle in the heart of the Mexican capital.

The plot in its execution was so barbarous as to be without parallel in the history of modern civilized warfare. It is the story of a prearranged battle in which the common object of the leaders on both sides was the murder of thousands of loyal Madero soldiers—brave men who thought they were giving up their lives for the cause of their President, but who instead were being wantonly slaughtered to execute a plot of monumental treachery.

During these ten days of shrieking shell and death, Huerta, in compliance with carefully considered plans, never sent regular troops against Díaz, but rushed into impossible charges the irregular forces, whose loyalty to Madero could not be questioned, in order that Díaz might kill them and thus weaken Madero.

The guns of the Federal artillery were deliberately misadjusted to divert their shells from the Díaz forces to the neutral zones, there to mangle and kill non-combatants and wreck their homes.

The statements of this revolutionary leader are borne out by the hospital statistics, which show that proportionately fourteen volunteers and marines were killed during the fighting to every Federal soldier.

Also the revised statistics of this amazing sham battle show that 2,247 soldiers and non-combatants were killed and 11,400 wounded.

This conspiracy was hatched by Huerta and Díaz last year when Huerta was in command of a campaign against Orozco. Huerta, although Madero's chief military support, was even then at heart an ally of Félix Díaz, whose uncle, Porfirio, he had but a few months previous escorted to Vera Cruz and exile.

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Conspiracy Against Turkish Government Discovered.

A LONG C.P.R. TUNNEL

U. S. Cabinet to Have Labor Portfolio.

There was desperate fighting in the State of Coahuila, Mexico. Turkey renewed its offer to cede Adrianople and to conclude peace.

The Ontario Motor League's membership campaign closed with a banquet in Toronto.

The Liberals of Frontenac county will hold their annual convention at Kingston on Thursday, March 6.

A deputation of Detroiters is in Washington to urge the Government to permit the import of Niagara power to Detroit.

Christopher Gossell was found dying in his stable at Kincardine from the kick of a horse. He had recently returned from California.

The President of the Quebec Dairy-men's Association at Cowansville recommended agricultural courses in colleges for ministers of the Gospel.

A. H. Hubbs, of Picton, has been appointed Seed Inspector for Central Ontario between Toronto and Kingston.

The former holder of the office was Mr. T. G. Raynor, of the Seed Department, Ottawa.

A new conspiracy against the Turkish Government has been discovered. Huttu Bey is supposed to be at the head of it, and nine others are implicated.

Some of the conspirators have been arrested, and others have fled.

J. G. Sullivan, chief engineer of western lines of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, announced that tenders were being called, to close April 15, for a great tunnel 28 1/2 miles long to cut through one of the Rogers' Pass Hills.

The United States House agreed to the Senate amendments to the bill relating to the Government a new Department of Labor, to be supervised by a Cabinet official. The bill is signed with increase to ten members of the Cabinet of the incoming Administration.

Colonial Secretary Soli, of Germany, has issued an appeal to German women to renounce the use of birds of paradise plumes in their millinery.

The Colonial Office is doing its utmost to discourage the slaughter of birds and is raising the export duty on birds which are killed in the German colonies.

Oliver Small, the Viscount, Sask., bank teller against whom a charge of theft was preferred in the District Court, is, in the opinion of Mounted Police Physician Dr. Desrosiers, mentally unbalanced, and it has been decided to remove him to Regina. He will be kept under observation there by the police, and if his condition does not improve, he will be taken to the Brandon Asylum.

FAVOR THE CANTEEN

Canadian Artillery Association Air Their Views.

Ottawa despatch: There promises to be a lively argument on the liquor question in the general conference of militiamen and of representatives of the W. C. T. U. and the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire which is being held at the military week at Ottawa here to-morrow.

At the meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association to-day the question of canteens was discussed with considerable vigor and the statement was made that the representatives of the artillery branch of the militia present at the meeting voiced the general sentiment among the officers of the other branches who have been in Ottawa this week, in favor of well-conducted canteens for the sale of beer and light liquor, as opposed to the arbitrarily "dry camps" which Gen. Col. Hughes is seeking to enforce.

The whole question is to come up at the general meeting of all the branches to-morrow, and the Minister and the W. C. T. U. will probably have some difficulty in maintaining their position if the criticism which was voiced this morning and this afternoon by the artillery officers is any indication of the general sentiment of the militia.

This morning the Artillery Association passed a unanimous resolution in favor of reverting to the canteen system in training camps, and its delegates to the general conference to-morrow were instructed to maintain that attitude.

Lieut.-Col. Lacey R. Johnston, Commander of the 2nd Montreal Heavy Brigade of Artillery, was elected President, succeeding Lieut.-Col. Rathburn. The Vice-Presidents of the Association are: Lieut.-Col. Currie, of Victoria; Lieut.-Col. Penhale, of Sherbrooke; Lieut.-Col. Mowbray, of Halifax; and Lieut.-Col. Bergeron, of Quebec. The office of Secretary-Treasurer was filled by Capt. C. H. Sharman, of Ottawa.

BABY PRINCESS HOLDS TRAIN.

The Hague, March 3.—Queen Wilhelmina and her daughter, Princess Julianna, were scheduled to leave here at 7:30 to-night to join the Prince Consort, who is ill in the Taunus Mountains. A crowd of people waited at the station to see the Queen depart, as there is great anxiety over the illness of her husband, but her Majesty would not allow herself to be escorted by the young Princess, and she got the young Princess started into the carriage unaided.

This delayed the departure until 10 o'clock, but the crowd waited patiently and then cheered the party as the train started.

D. R. A. ANNUAL

May Send Team for the Palma Trophy.

Ottawa report: Lieut.-Col. J. H. Burland, of Montreal, was elected President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association at its annual meeting to-day. The others officers for 1913 are: Patron, the Duke of Connaught; honorary president, Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes; vice-presidents—Ontario, Col. W. C. MacDonald, Toronto; Quebec, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Wilson, Montreal; Nova Scotia, Senator L. Power, Halifax; New Brunswick, Col. J. Titton, Ottawa; Manitoba, Col. E. B. Steele, Winnipeg; British Columbia, Lieut.-Col. J. Duff-Stuart, Vancouver; Prince Edward Island, Lieut.-Col. H. McL. Davidson; Alberta, Lieut.-Col. James Walker, Calgary; Saskatchewan, Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gwynne, Ottawa; Yukon, Dr. Thompson, M.P., Dawson.

The Duke of Connaught was present, and congratulated the Dominion Rifle Association on its good work in the interest of rifle shooting. Col. Hon. Sam Hughes said he intended to add to the number of rifle ranges so that there would be one for each manouevring district. An effort will also be made to pay the expenses of one tyro from each unit to the D.R.A. meet.

Owing to heavy expenditure last year's balance of \$1,075 in the finances of the association is down to \$108.

At the meeting of the Council of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association this afternoon it was decided that the annual matches be held from August 25th to August 30th inclusive. It was decided that if finances permitted Canada would send a team to compete at Camp Perry, Ohio, next September for the Palma trophy. Last year the American team came to Canada to compete for the trophy with the hope that Canada would send a team to the big meet at Camp Perry this year. The match will be shot on Sept. 8 and it is expected that several nations will have representatives there.

OMAHA FIRE HORROR

20 to 75 Believed Dead in Hotel Blaze.

Omaha, Neb., March 3.—Loss of life estimated all the way from twenty to seventy-five resulted from a fire which destroyed the Dewey Hotel, a second-class hotel, occupying a three-story building at 13th and Farnam streets, to-day. Three hours after the fire was discovered it was pronounced under control. It was confined to the building where it started.

The fact that the hotel register was destroyed will make it difficult to obtain a list of the dead, and while the manager of the place states that about fifty were registered, others who were about the hotel and who had not made their names were not registered, and the total number was more nearly a hundred.

Of these not more than twenty-five are known to have escaped.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. It started in the rear of the building, but had gained great headway before it was discovered.

The lower floors of the Dewey Hotel building were occupied by the Raphael-Fred Cloth Company, the Miller-Liquor Company, the Adams Express Company. The stock of all these companies was destroyed.

The property loss will aggregate one million dollars, according to an estimate of men affected.

AGED WOMAN BEAT CHINESE.

Calgary, Alta., March 3.—Mrs. John Wilkinson, aged 70, is in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of striking Jim Lee, a Chinese, with an iron bar.

Lee had a dispute over the ownership of a chicken and it is alleged that in the subsequent battle the aged woman struck the Chinese with the bar, a physician finding the skull fractured in two places. Mrs. Wilkinson was unable to obtain bail and is being held until Lee is able to appear against her. The affair occurred at Bowden, near Red Deer.

WILSON ESCAPES ACCIDENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., Mar. 3. President-elect Wilson escaped a possible train wreck to-day on his weekly journey from Princeton to see a dentist here.

A track walker on the Pennsylvania Railroad discovered a broken rail near Tacony, a suburb, and the train on which Mr. Wilson was riding was held on the block three minutes later.

The preceding train had broken a piece out of the track just beside a culvert. The President-elect was delayed 40 minutes.

HAPPINESS KILLED AGED BRIDE

Los Angeles, March 3.—Happiness and excitement killed Marcelina Leon, and to be 105 years of age, after she had shown strength of mind and body sufficient to win her way and obtain the consent of the courts to marry the man who for 50 years had been her sweetheart. She is dead at her home to-day after being a bride for but five days.

Relations opposed her marriage to Precansion Leon, 82 years of age. She fought them in the courts, obtained the dismissal of her niece as guardian, and established her competency to do as she chose, but shortly after her marriage she collapsed.

HOMES FOR VANTOU? ORPHANS

Montreal, March 3.—Sympathy for the Vantou orphans, seven of whom their parents in the "doubt" tragedy of Saturday night, led two Montreal women to adopt two of the younger children, and they are now assured of good homes, in which good surroundings and care will, it is believed, efface from their childish minds all memory of the horrible crime which made them orphans.

GOOD ROADS

Ontario Convention Down on Statute Labor.

Provincial Minister Promises Further Aid.

Toronto despatch: To attempt to crystallize convention sentiment by the adoption of different resolutions relative to good roads legislation resulted in stormy discussions at yesterday's sessions of the Good Roads Convention.

Following severe condemnation of the statute labor system by W. A. McLean, Chief Highway Engineer for Ontario, Dr. L. I. Hewes, Maintenance Engineer, of Washington, and others, a resolution, requesting that the Provincial Government consider legislation to bring about the abolition of statute labor in all townships, was submitted to the delegates. The resolution met with strenuous opposition from several speakers, one delegate characterizing the consideration of such a proposal as "a retrograde step and a disservice to the pioneers who for over half a century have built and maintained county roads as well, or better, than they are constructed in the city of Toronto." The majority of those speaking to the motion favored the abolition of statute labor, and succeeded in having this resolution carried.

Discussion waxed warm over the resolution which recommended "that counties be empowered to arrange that a portion of the cost of construction of country roads be carried by property adjoining or benefited by those roads." The indefinite wording of the resolution immediately gave rise to the question as to whether or not this referred to city property, and introduced the matter of increased assessment. Many delegates opposed the resolution as embodying a principle of direct taxation of improvements which would have a deterrent effect on the construction of roads in the future, and would especially prejudice those counties which have not yet adopted the scheme outlined in the act. The proportion of construction cost to be borne by those living on back roads opened up new difficulties and the resolution was referred back to a committee for further detailing.

The necessity for thorough drainage of rural roads was emphasized by Mr. W. A. McLean. "The spring conditions in Ontario will do more harm to a poorly-drained road than the rest of the year," he said.

Mr. McLean referred to the fact that in spite of Government aid many counties of Ontario were not as yet taking advantage of the Good Roads Act.

Dr. L. I. Hewes, Engineer of Maintenance Division, U. S. Office of Roads, described the organization by means of which road reform has been accomplished in many states of the Union. "In the States where road work has been most successful, we find the people demanding State aid for maintenance," said Dr. Hewes. "I do not hesitate to condemn the old statute labor system, as millions of dollars have been spent under that system without any good result."

Promises of further aid from the Provincial Government, subsequent to exhaustive investigation, was made by Hon. J. O. Reame.

BROKE HER RECORD

"Unkissed Mother" Carressed by Young Son.

Baltimore, March 3.—The unkissed mother has been kissed.

Mrs. Theresa E. Deems, who lives at 1208 A. Avenue street and was said several weeks ago that she had never known the kiss of man, woman or child, has been kissed at last.

It was last week, when Mrs. Deems was recovering from an injury to a leg and when the siege which accompanies such an injury was beginning to wear upon her carefulness, two lips were turned to her own. She could not resist them.

The tempter was her son, William E. Deems, who is now seven years old. She had never before kissed him.

"Was that really your first kiss?" Mrs. Deems was asked.

"Yes," she replied, and she smiled prettily as if the occasion was a dream long to be remembered.

"Did you enjoy it?"

"Oh! it was simply divine. My boy kisses me every day now, and he has become a regular kissing bug. I let him kiss me all he wants, but no one else shall kiss me."

"Your husband said that he kissed you more than a thousand times," Mrs. Deems was told.

"He never did and never will. My son was the first person ever to kiss me, and he will be the only one. His kiss during my suffering played my pain more than I can tell," said the wife who was kissed last week for the first time in her thirty-five years of life.

STRATHCONA OFFERS AID.

London, Eng., March 3. The Lord Mayor has announced, in connection with the special efforts now being made to save the Crystal Palace and grounds for the nation, that Lord Strathcona has undertaken to provide the last fifty thousand dollars of the sum needed (over a million dollars), not half of which is yet forthcoming.

PARENTS VISITED WALES.

London, March 3. King George and Queen Mary visited the Prince of Wales at Oxford this afternoon. After luncheon at the Hotel Cecil, the royal party went to visit Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of the Colonies, and his wife.

Mr. Harcourt has been spoken of as the new Viceroy of India.

The man who is too proud to org and too homeat to steal shouldn't aspire to a political job.

\$600 IS MINIMUM

A Montreal Society Lady Needs That Per Month.

Montreal, March 3.—What is considered in this city a reasonable and necessary allowance for a lady in society was discussed in Judge Guerin's court yesterday, when Mrs. Matilda L. Hall sought for a separation of property from her husband, George R. Hall, a well known real estate operator.

Mr. Hall was willing to give his wife \$400 a month and a house rent and tax free. Mrs. Hall demanded \$600 as the minimum upon which she could exist. "I think she should be able to struggle along on \$400," said defendant's lawyer, opposing the motion to allow Mrs. Hall her claim.

Mrs. Hall further pleaded that her husband had deserted her and asked that her interests be protected, as he got intoxicated, and when in that condition might suffer business losses which would affect her position.

Judge Guerin reserved his decision.

WILSON WITH ROOT

In Opposing U. S. Preference in the Canal

And British Papers Congratulate Him on Stand.

Washington, March 3.—President Elect Wilson said this morning, when talking to the Democratic Senate leaders most closely in his confidence, that he favors the passage of Senator Root's amendment to the Panama Canal bill, to repeal the provision exempting American coastwise ships from payment of tolls. It was said to-day that the new President had made his position plain lately to several Democratic Senators. It was the subject of remark, because Senator O'Gorman, New York, who has been regarded as more or less of a spokesman for Mr. Wilson, was a sturdy opponent of the Root amendment and a champion of free passage of American ships.

There is no likelihood of any action upon the Root amendment during the few remaining days of the 62nd Congress. It was recently labelled in the Senate Inter-oceanic Canals Committee, thus preventing the possibility of even being brought before the Senate on a minority report. It is expected to be renewed at the next Congress, probably during the extra session.

London, March 3.—Despatches from Washington announcing that President-elect Woodrow Wilson had expressed himself in favor of supporting Senator Elihu Root's amendment to the Panama Canal Bill repealing the provision exempting American vessels from paying tolls for passage through the Panama Canal, have given rise to considerable comment in the English newspapers, which verse their gratification over his alleged attitude.

The Westminster Gazette says: "We all very much regretted to find ourselves in conflict with the United States Government on a point of this kind, and believe that public opinion in the United States will welcome this changed attitude, leading to the avoidance of further controversy."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Dr. Wilson is to be congratulated on striking a true and high note in this matter upon the eve of his accession. We think repeal of the exemption clause would be far the best solution of the tangle created by the shortsightedness of over-reaching politicians."

TO FORCE THAW

Whitman May Call Him Before Grand Jury.

New York, March 3.—District Attorney Whitman to-day considered the advisability of calling Harry K. Thaw to testify before a grand jury that may be drawn to investigate charges and counter-charges of bribery in connection with an attempt to release him from Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. The prosecutor believes that Thaw holds the key to the complicated situation presented by the mass of evidence obtained by Governor Sulzer's committee of investigation.

While this committee has expressed doubts of its power to compel Thaw's appearance, a grand jury would have authority to examine him in criminal proceedings.

The New York District Attorney and the grievance committee of the New York Bar Association both took a hand in the Thaw investigation to-day. Mr. Whitman said he would not act until he had time to go through the testimony before the Governor's Committee, a transcript of which reached him last night. The Bar Association will attack an inquiry into the professional conduct of one of its members, John N. A. Whitman.

LOW WIRE RATE TO CUBA.

Toronto despatch: The G. N. W. Telegraph Company announces that the cable letter service, which has been in effect between Canada and the principal European countries for several months, will, on March first, be extended to Cuba. Letters for points in Cuba will be accepted either in the English or Spanish language and will be delivered within 24 hours. Between points in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and Havana a charge of \$1.50 will be made for a minimum 20 words and five cents for each additional word. From points in Manitoba to Cuba the minimum will be \$1.75 for twenty words, the extra word rate being the same as in eastern Canada. To interior points in Cuba a slightly higher rate than the above will be charged.