

DAY'S FIGHTING FAVORED DIAZ

Mexican Rebel Leader Advanced His Batteries.

SHELLING PALACE

White Cross Fired On by the Combatants.

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commandeered food supplies wherever obtainable, and what the Government has not taken Diaz has seized. It is now impossible to get fresh vegetables, meat, eggs, and other necessities.

WHITE CROSS FIRED ON.

Where Diaz and his 3,000 men in the Ciudadela obtain their food is a mystery. Madero's troops command the approaches to the city and the streets leading to the arsenal.

To the peril of famine is added the graver menace of plague. For two days now bodies of soldiers and citizens have lain in the streets. The Red and White Cross doctors and nurses have labored night and day, but their hands have been too much occupied with the wounded to give them time for the removal of the dead.

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WESTERN MURDER

Norwegian Kills Neighbor's Wife and Escapes.

Unity, Sask., despatch: Mrs. Anton Christianson, wife of a Norwegian farmer living 12 miles southwest of Unity was yesterday shot and fatally wounded, and her daughter, Annie, brutally beaten with a flat iron by Lars Peterson, a young Scandinavian, who resides on the next quarter section. Jealousy was the cause.

Peterson is still at large, but the mounted police are hard on his trail and his capture is expected shortly, especially as he is without money and the entire district is alarmed and on the lookout for him.

ROMAN GRAFT SCANDAL.

Rome, Feb. 17.—The Parliamentary commission which has been investigating suspected cases of graft in connection with the new Palace of Justice, which has been twenty years building and has cost \$12,000,000 instead of the original estimate of \$1,500,000, has ordered the arrest of two prominent contractors, Ricciardi and Borelli, and has issued a warrant for the arrest of crown lawyer Silvera, who has disappeared.

WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR DEAD.

Indianapolis despatch: Charles Major, the well-known Indiana author, died at his residence in Shelbyville, today after a lingering illness of cancer of the liver. He had been sick for more than a year. He leaves a widow.

AN ALPINE PHENOMENON.

London, Feb. 17.—The Geneva correspondent of the Daily Chronicle ascribes to Prof. Quervain the discovery of a remarkable zone of silence on the Jungfrau.

STEAM PIPE BURST.

Belfast, Feb. 17.—The Daugh steamer Sally MacFisk, while on her voyage from Copenhagen to Boston, was compelled to return to Belfast owing to the bursting of her main steam pipe.

SOLEMN SERVICE IN MEMORY OF HEROES

St. Paul's Cathedral Packed at Memorial for Lost Explorers.

More News of Expedition---Details of Awful Troubles of Return Trip.

A London cable: The British nation to-day paid its last respects to the memory of Captain Robert F. Scott and his heroic companions, who died in the wilds of the Antarctic, after reaching the South Pole. A great memorial service was held in the Cathedral of St. Paul's, in the centre of the metropolis, and this was attended by people of every walk in life, from King George, in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet, down to the common laborer, who was proud to feel that the men who had met such a noble death were his countrymen.

The King, surrounded by a brilliant uniformed staff, occupied a seat beneath the great dome, while the other parts of the cathedral were filled by the general public to the fullest extent of the accommodation.

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MORE PARTICULARS.

London cable: Commander E. R. G. Evans sends further particulars in a despatch from Christchurch, N.Z., of the ill-fated British Antarctic expedition. The party, under Captain Scott, after leaving Commander Evans on Jan. 4, 1912, marched an average of 12 miles daily, and reached the pole on Jan. 17. Captain Scott's observations by the theodolite on Jan. 18 fixed the pole within half a mile of Amundsen's observations.

The Scott party had followed Amundsen's track, and found his camp within three miles of the pole.

Several photographs of Scott and his comrades at the pole were obtained.

NO SIGN OF SCURVY

Scott's Party Died of Starvation Alone.

Expedition Next Summer to Recover Bodies.

London, Feb. 17.—A despatch from Christchurch to the Daily Mail gives further details of the death of Scott and the other members of his party. The correspondent says that every ounce of food had been used long before death came to Scott, Wilson and Bowers, and only a small quantity of tea was found in the tent. The doctor found no evidence that scurvy had attacked any of the party. The relieving force found the bodies in three positions: Captain Scott was in a sitting posture with his back to the tent pole. Between his head and the pole he had placed his diary, with the apparent intention of using easier support than the pole itself. Wilson and Bowers were lying in their sleeping bags.

If possible an expedition will go to the Antarctic next summer to recover the bodies.

SILENT ON FUEL SUPPLY.

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 17.—Commander Evans, of the Terra Nova, in reply to questions again to-day as to the shortage of the fuel supply referred to by Captain Scott in his message to the public, said he had now nothing to say concerning the expedition, and he hoped that the world would not insist on being further informed on the subject.

HOG CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

Amherstburg despatch: The first hog cholera outbreak in this section in the past three weeks occurred yesterday, when a number of the health of animals in the Department of Agriculture was reported to be suffering from the disease. The outbreak is believed to have been introduced from the United States.

From the time of reaching the Pole Petty Officer Evans' condition gave anxiety, but good progress was made on the return journey over the great plateau in medium weather. Before descending the Beardmore glacier, Dr. Wilson and Lieut. Bowers collected a number of fossils on Backley Island.

The descent of Beardmore glacier was accomplished in thick weather, and deep snow greatly delayed the march. Petty Officer Evans fell on the rough ice and sustained concussion of the brain. His condition caused further delay, and the surplus food was consumed. On Feb. 17 Evans collapsed and was placed on a sledge. He died a few hours afterwards.

The bad ice surface and the illness of Captain Oates still further hampered the progress and weakened the energies of the party. Sometimes they made only three miles in a day. Then came blizzards and head winds, which completed the disaster.

The searching party, under Dr. Atkinson, found their tent on Nov. 10, half covered with snow. The bodies were identified. A tent was placed over them and a large cairn of snow erected. A cross, with a brief record, was placed on the top of this, signed by all the members of the searching party.

Dr. Atkinson is authority for saying that none of the symptoms of scurvy were present on the bodies.

ALEXANDRA'S SYMPATHY.

Queen Alexandra has addressed the following letter to Lord Curzon of Kedleston, President of the Royal Geographical Society:

"Marlborough House, Feb. 12, 1913. "Dear Lord Curzon: "Queen Alexandra desires me to tell you how deeply grieved, she is to hear of the death of Capt. Scott and his party in the Antarctic. Her Majesty feels that the death of these brave explorers and their intrepid leader is an incalculable loss, not only to the nation, but to the great society of which you are president.

"It may be some slight consolation to know that their purpose has been achieved, and Her Majesty is certain that their splendid, successful undertaking in the cause of science and discovery will be forever gratefully remembered by the people of this country.

"Her Majesty has read the pathetic, touching message which Captain Scott left behind, and is confident that it will not pass unheeded.

"I am to assure you of Queen Alexandra's intense feeling of sorrow at this disaster, and to say how full her heart is of sympathy for Mrs. Scott and the relatives of those who perished in the performance of their duties.

"Believe me, yours sincerely, "Henry Streetfield, "Marsh."

NEW COLLEGE YELL

Princeton Students Welcome to Suffrage Hikers.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 17.—The staccato yell of Princeton University, with the appendage "Votes for women, votes for women, votes for women," greeted the "army" of suffragettes who are marching to Washington when they arrived here at 7 o'clock to-night. The women, 13 strong, had covered 27 miles in eight hours of active walking and several of them were on the point of exhaustion when the lights of the university town twinkled a welcome.

"General" Rosalie Jones, commander of the expedition, and veteran of the march to Albany, declared that her leadership to-day's walk exceeded anything she had experienced. "Corporal" Martha Klatschen, who is less than five feet tall, had to be supported during the last four miles of the march. She staggered into the village an hour after the arrival of the vanguard, pluckily refusing offers of a lift from passing automobiles.

The scheduled twenty miles between Metuchen, N.J., the day's starting point, and this village was stretched into 27 as the result of the women taking the wrong road. This took them over a stretch of rough marching before they found the main highway again. Three women dropped out en route, leaving 13 "regulars" to-night.

HEROIC ACT KILLED HIM.

Kingston despatch: Edward M., son of Edward Hays, Deseronto, died at the General Hospital here to-day. At his home town, late last fall, his brother fell into the river. He could not swim and would have been drowned but for the heroism of Edward.

FATAL OTTAWA FIRE.

An Ottawa despatch: Fire which broke out in the annex to the schoolhouse of the Oldate Fathers, Ottawa, East, early this morning, totally destroyed the building. Sister St. Simone, a nun, was burned to death while twelve others had narrow escapes, being carried down the fire escape by the firemen. Sister St. Simone was seen crawling toward a fire escape by the other sisters, but she is supposed to have fallen and been unable to reach the windows. The origin of the fire is not known, and it is estimated that it cost \$100,000.

MILITIA ORDERS

Regulations Create Reserve of Active Force.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Two important announcements appear in militia general orders. The first provides officially for the reserve formation of the active militia. This is to be divided into two categories, one to be the reserve of officers borne on the general list, as at present. In addition there are to be corps reserves, which are to consist of:

"1. Qualified officers, not above the rank of major, who are permitted to withdraw from the training establishment and be carried on the reserve list of their unit. Such officers are not to exceed in number those authorized for the training establishment.

"2. Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the active militia who have completed not less than three annual trainings and who desire to transfer to enlist or re-engage in a reserve unit."

The second commencement creates the appointment of an officer to be known as "commanding divisional artillery." The appointment shall be tenable for a period of four years, and may carry with it promotion, by selection, to the rank of colonel. It is limited to divisions in which there are not less than three organized field artillery brigades, which train and practice annually, and is confined to officers who have commanded a brigade of field or of heavy artillery. The officer commanding divisional artillery is under the divisional commander responsible for the command and training of the artillery of the division. He is also responsible for the command and training of other artillery units of the field army stationed within the divisional area.

An officer to be graded as a brigade major will be appointed to the staff of the divisional artillery commander.

H. R. H. AT KINGSTON

Duke Gets Honorary Degree at Queen's.

Kingston, Ont., despatch: The Duke of Connaught spent to-day in the Limestone City. His Royal Highness arrived from Ottawa at 8 a.m. over the C. P. R., and at 9 o'clock he was met by the Mayor and City Clerk, who accompanied him to the City Hall, where a civic address of welcome was read, to which the Duke made a happy reply. Afterwards His Royal Highness paid a visit to the Royal Military College, which he first saw in December, 1911. At 10:45 o'clock he inspected the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and other permanent corps, as well as district veterans, in the armories. His Highness lined at Tete de Pont Barracks. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Duke attended a special convocation at Queen's University, where the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the royal visitor by Sir Samuel Fleming, the aged Chancellor. The Duke was presented for the degree by Principal Gordon. The engineering corps of the university acted as a guard of honor to His Highness while he was at Queen's. At the request of the Duke there was no guard of honor for the civic reception. His Highness left this afternoon for Toronto.

FOUND FORTUNE IN JEWELS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Under a guard at police headquarters to-day is a small, flat, tan-colored leather casket, containing a fortune in pearl jewelry, and detectives are seeking its owner. It was picked up yesterday in the middle of a street in the fashionable section of the capital by W. B. Dixon, driver of a delivery wagon. Dixon promptly turned the jewels over to the police. The collection includes two bracelets, several pins and brooches, a number of rings and a pearl chain. More than 100 pearls form the settings. There is nothing about either the jewelry or the casket itself which gives any clue to the owner.

\$50,000 MONTREAL BLAZE.

A Montreal despatch: Spreading with great rapidity through the factory of the Canadian Rubber Company to-day a fire did damage to the extent of \$50,000, and endangered the lives of two employees. One man, James Saunders, was burned about the legs and arms, while Kenneth was caught in the elevator, which struck between two floors and was rescued by several companions who went back for him with a ladder. An auto fire truck collided with a street car on the way to the blaze, and a fight threatened to break out between the firemen and the car's crew, until the former decided that after they had put out the fire was the time to quarrel.

WILL HONOR BRYCE.

New York, Feb. 17.—Corympan representing 29 denominations will attest to the esteem in which they hold James Bryce, the retiring British Ambassador, at a farewell dinner in his honor by the clerical conference of the New York Federation of Churches here next Monday. According to announcement, Roman, Russian and Greek Catholic Churches and the Jewish faith will be represented, together with the Protestants. Joseph H. Choate, former Ambassador to Great Britain, will be a special guest of honor with Mr. Bryce.

BAD FIRE AT LINDSAY.

A Lindsay despatch: With a bitter cold wind, about 10 o'clock this morning fire was discovered burning in the back premises of a store owned by Killen's Large Food and Grocery Store on York street here. The building, which was of frame, shored with iron, was totally destroyed, together with its contents, which consisted of produce of all kinds, including \$70,000 worth of flour. The rear parts of the store of M. J. Carter, J. Walsh, and J. J. Killen were badly damaged, while in the main part of the store, owned by Dr. Neelands, dentist, and the Mrs. J. P. Patton, the smoke and heat caused some damage and incalculable loss. Killen's loss will run into several thousand dollars.

VALUABLE PAINTING SOLD.

New York, Feb. 17.—Many notable paintings, including the property of the estate of the late M. C. D. Jordan, of this city, were sold last night to private art lovers and professional dealers from many cities in this country and from London, Paris and other European art centres. In less than two hours forty-two paintings were disposed of, for prices aggregating \$75,000, which is declared to be some \$3,000 more than the total realized at the best previous sale of its kind in this city.

Among the canvases that brought great prices were the "Athena," "Lucretia Stabbing Herself," for \$130,000; the "Turner's 'Rainy Day,'" for \$100,000; a Romney, \$100,000; and a "Crown," \$55,000.

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Indian Woman Dead Aged 108 Years.

M. LEPINE TO RETIRE

Lords Reject Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

Constable McCall, Toronto, with a broken arm, stopped a runaway horse. Mr. John Penman was honored by M. C. A. workers at a banquet in Toronto.

Vegetable growers around Toronto will pay \$40,000 more for seeds this year than last.

Matilda La France, an Indian woman, who died at Brampton, was said to be 108 years of age.

Dugald McBane, of St. Thomas, died suddenly to-day at Rainy River, where he was visiting his son, Dr. McBane.

A Bruce county deputation asked for a subsidy for a steamer line between Southampton and Saint Ste. Marie.

The Kaiser's daughter and her fiance made a State entry into Berlin.

Scott fixed location of South Pole half a mile from where Amundsen placed his flag.

Members of the Ontario Vegetables growers' Association think they are being rebuffed by Canadian seed merchants.

Lepine, the Paris Prefect of Police, attends to take a well-earned rest, and will retire on March 23rd.

Richard Mitchell died in Cuelpa in the house in which he was born eighty-one years ago, and in which he had always lived.

N. E. Rubel, member of a firm of accountants, fell to his death down an elevator shaft from the nineteenth floor of the McCormick building, Chicago.

After having been in progress for the last three years, commenced as it was in 1910, the general census (also telegraph tolls in Canada concluded at Ottawa.

Sylvester Smith, who gave his home as Toronto, engaged in a running gun fight with the Montreal police, but was finally cornered and overpowered by several police with drawn revolvers in their hands.

Fireman McCann, of the T. and N. O. Railway, was severely injured in the collision of two yard engines at Chatham. McCann's left leg was crushed and his right leg was broken at the ankle.

Denias Delay, an old man who lived at 24 Blackfriars street, West London, was found by neighbors in his home half starved and in a very serious condition. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, but his case is a critical one.

The House of Lords rejected the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, 252 to 51. Its fate is identical with that of the Home Rule Bill; it must be passed by two succeeding sessions of the House of Commons before it can become law.

The death occurred at Welland County Hospital of Wm. Sandy, from the effects of a fall at the steel plant, Port Colborne.

NEW UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS.

Montreal despatch: At a meeting of the corporation of McGill University, held yesterday, it was decided to establish a double course in arts and dentistry to extend over six years, three in arts and three in dentistry. The requirements in arts are to be identical with those prescribed for students taking the double course in arts and medicine.

The dean of the faculty of medicine reported the result of a conference held between the representatives of the McGill and Toronto Medical Schools, which are now before the medical faculties of the two universities for consideration. The important recommendations are that physics and chemistry be made compulsory for matriculation; a scheme for the grouping of subjects for examination; and the question of the appointment of examiners by each university.