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BRING STORY OF FEARFUL TIME IN FIRE AT SEA

Oil Burner, Ablaze, Saved by Great Rain

Engineer and Fireman Were Penned in Steel-Walled Compartment for Hour and Half — There Were 1,260 Passengers on Board.

New York, July 7—The Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord arrived here yesterday with the first account of the narrow escape of the ship and 1,260 passengers from death by fire at sea a month ago yesterday. A fireman dropped a crowbar in the stoke room, that day, breaking an oil feed pipe. The vessel is exclusively an oil burner. The super-heated oil, squirting into the fire room, was ignited, and in a moment the place was a seething furnace.

First Assistant Engineer Johann Gulbransen and Fireman Jensen made a dash for the valves. They were cut off by the flames and driven back to an old stoke hole, through which they climbed. For an hour and a half they were in a steel walled compartment without ventilation, while the fire roared on the other side of the partition.

The only outlet for the flames was through the smoke pipe. Burning oil was sucked up and spattered blazing from the funnels to the decks.

"Had the Lord not sent a great downpour of rain, lasting all through the fire," said Captain Bull today, "we must all have perished, but as that rain of live fire met the flood of water on the decks it was extinguished or floated overboard."

Chief Engineer Kristoffersen succeeded in reaching valves outside the fire room, which shut off the oil from the fire room. More than an hour after the flames had died down he led a party to search for the first assistant and Jensen. The shoes of the rescue party were burned through. A second attempt was made with the feet of the rescuers tied in bundles of wet waste. Gulbransen and Jensen were making faint knocking signals against the steel wall of their oven prison. They fainted when the stoke hole door was opened. They had stripped off every vestige of clothing. Both had lost noticeably in weight, they said they thought fright had as much to do with this as the heat. Both are in the ship's hospital.

Repairs were made immediately after the fire, and a wireless call for help, which had been sent out, was revoked. On arriving at Bergen the passengers gave loving cups to Captain Bull and Chief Engineer Kristoffersen.

GREAT DRIVE AGAINST POLES BEGUN BY REDS

Heaviest Attack They Have Yet Made

Poles Withdrawing at Several Points — Reported That Allies Are Considering the Question of Military Aid.

(Associated Press.)

Warsaw, July 7—Along a front of approximately 720 miles, the Russian Bolsheviki have launched the greatest attack they have ever hurled against the Polish lines. On the northern and southern flanks the Poles are retiring in the face of superior enemy forces, the attack on the northern sector being the most severe of the struggle on this front. Faced with the necessity of shortening their line, the Poles have begun a withdrawal at all points.

The Bolsheviki offensive is heaviest on the northern sectors of the front, and it is not known here to what extent the Poles have been forced to retreat. Northeast of Revno, the Bolsheviki have advanced, cutting the railroad to Kovel. General Budenny continues his raids in this region. Severe fighting is going on along the right flank of the Polish line and also on the Bersina front where the Soviet army has brought up large reinforcements.

Spa, July 7—A member of the Polish delegation said yesterday that Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Wilson were considering the question of military aid for Poland.

London, July 7—The fortress of Rovno, one of the famous triangle of fortresses in Volhynia, to the east of Dubno and Lutsk, has fallen into Bolshevik hands, so it is announced in a Soviet communication from Moscow.

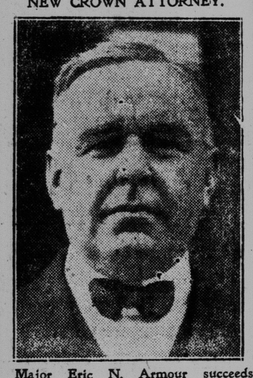
In capturing the fort from the Poles the Bolsheviki took 1,000 prisoners, two armored trains, two tanks, two six-inch guns and a train with locomotives.

The communication adds: "In the direction of Proskurov (south of Rovno) we broke through their fortifications and are driving the enemy back along the railway (in the direction of Tarnopol and Lemburg.")

AFTER MANY YEARS

John Riggin is a visitor to the city after an absence of sixty-four years. He has been living in Ontario during that time and is now living on the borders of Lake Huron. He naturally finds a great many changes in and about the city.

NEW CROWN ATTORNEY.



Major Eric N. Armour succeeds Lieut.-Col. R. H. Greer as crown attorney for the county of York, Ontario. He will take up his duties on Sept. 1. Mr. Armour is a member of the legal firm of Bristol & Armour. He served in the Canadian forces during the war, and was a member of the Canadian corps, headquarters staff.—British & Colonial Press photo.

OFFER MADE TO THE SHIPYARD MEN IN HALIFAX

Will Take No Notice of It, Say Strikers — Talk of Sympathetic Walk-Outs.

(Canadian Press.)

Halifax, N. S., July 7—The management of the Halifax shipyards announced today that the yards will be open for work tomorrow morning and that all men reporting will be taken on at increase of five cents an hour offered on May 28, given their former positions and accorded the seniority and rank held on May 31. This will be the second attempt on the part of the shipyards to get the plant functioning since their 18,000 employes struck for increased wages at the end of May. On the former occasion minor rioting occurred.

At strike committee headquarters this morning it was said that no notice would be taken of the company's offer. They said that the main question at issue was the recognition of the marine workers' union. They said the Halifax Tramways employes will hold a meeting this evening to consider a sympathetic strike and that officials of the local railway brotherhood were considering calling a meeting for a similar purpose.

FOR SURFACE OF DOUGLAS AVENUE

Scarifier to Be Put to Work and Rough Spots Smoothed Out.

Good news for the motorists who use Douglas avenue will be contained in an announcement made by one of the officials of the city public works department this morning that a scarifier is to be put on the street as soon as the work in Adelaide road is completed. On account of the scarcity of asphalt, the department has been unable to go ahead with the paving of the avenue this year, but has decided to improve the existing surface. The scarifier will be used to level off the rough spots and a roller will then be put on and the whole surface smoothed. It is expected that this work, which will not take a very long time, will improve the road considerable and will suffice until a start can be made on the permanent surface.

ONTARIO PRIEST IS DISCIPLINED

Kingston, Ont., July 7—(Canadian Press)—Rev. Charles J. Mea must apologize to Archbishop Spratt of the Kingston diocese "for the great offense given to his person and authority," pending which apology Father Mea will remain suspended from the celebration of mass, according to the judgment of the supreme ecclesiastical authorities in Rome, as announced in yesterday's issue of the Canadian Freeman, a Catholic newspaper of the arch-diocese of Kingston. This decision has followed an appeal to Rome by Father Mea, following his suspension by the archbishop.

The case arose from a civil action of Sister Mary Basil against Archbishop Spratt for alleged attempted abduction in connection with her removal from this city to Montreal. Father Mea was said to have prevented the attempted abduction and he appeared in court in behalf of Sister Basil against the archbishop. Sister Basil was awarded $24,000 damages. Father Mea, it is said, fully submits himself to the decision against him.

SIR ADAM BECK'S PLAN IS HELD UP

Toronto, July 7—The Ontario government has decided to hold up Sir Adam Beck's hydro-electric radial railway project until a special government commission, yet to be appointed, can inquire into it, and report.

An official statement says that so far as the government's information goes at present, the government is doubtful as to the scheme being practicable. However, the government holds out hopes that if it can be convinced, it will be ready to act accordingly.

Sir Adam Beck's proposal was for the immediate purchase of the Toronto and Eastern Railway, the Toronto suburban railway, and the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway from the federal government for $6,878,374.

FOR THREE YEARS TO HOME FOR GIRLS

In a case in the Kings county court in Hampton yesterday in which Dora A. DeLong was charged with stealing $80 from Gordon Fairweather, a plea of guilty was entered and Judge Jonah imposed a sentence of three years in the Maritime Home for Girls in Truro. She is now lodged in the Hampton jail awaiting transportation to the home.

SAYS HUSBAND PLOTTED TO BRING ABOUT HER DEATH

Millionaire Patent Attorney in Washington Arrested and Bailed on Wife's Charge.

Washington, July 7—Chester A. Snow, millionaire patent attorney, was released on $10,000 bail yesterday after his arrest on a warrant charging him with conspiracy to bring about the death of his wife, Addis H. Snow.

The complaint, filed by Mrs. Snow, who was granted a limited divorce about two years ago on a charge of cruelty, alleged that Snow in last January entered into a conspiracy with two unidentified persons to murder her. Neither the complaint nor Mrs. Snow's attorney disclosed the method to be used in the alleged conspiracy.

ALLEGE PLOT FOR ROBBERY ON OCEAN LINERS

New York, July 7—Details of an alleged conspiracy by seamen to commit wholesale robberies aboard trans-Atlantic liners on the high seas were disclosed by pier detectives in court here yesterday at a hearing in the case of three sailors charged with stealing cloth from the steamer Belgic which arrived here on Friday.

Detective Stephen J. Dunleavy testified that he believed from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000 worth of merchandise had been stolen from steamships of the International Mercantile Marine during the last year by bands of organized thieves.

The defendants, George Cullen, George Patterson and Thomas Wells, were held in $2,500 bail each for further hearing today.

RESUME TRADING IN WHEAT FUTURES

Chicago, July 6—Plans to re-open trading in wheat futures on July 15 virtually were completed yesterday at a meeting of a committee of sixteen representing the eight chief grain exchanges of the country. An advisory committee of thirteen, composed of representatives of all wheat interest was expected to approve the recommendations of the exchange committee at a meeting here today.

Few changes were made in the plans decided up on several weeks ago by the committee. They provide for trading in December delivery at the start. Should it be deemed advisable to trade in a delivery earlier than December, the proposal will be considered by the exchange committee.

Representatives at the meeting said grain exchanges were preparing for a reopening of the market after three years of suspension. Chicago exchange rules provide for delivery of many grades and other exchanges are planning to change their rulest providing for the delivery of number three grades of wheat on contract at a penalty of five cents. Minneapolis, Duluth and Kansas City have posted the proposed changes for adoption. Minneapolis will make its contract grade No. 1 northern spring wheat, with no 2 northern deliverable at two cents less, and No. 3 at seven cents under the No. 1, or five cents below the No. 2.

Winter wheat is to be made deliverable on contracts at Minneapolis at five cents under spring, with the penalty for the other grades on the same basis.

DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY

Spa, July 7—(By the Associated Press)—Decision was reached by members of the German ministry and military officers attached to the German delegation here this morning to recommend to Konstantin Fehrenbach, head of the German delegation, that a plan of disarmament for Germany be presented the Allied representatives this afternoon. The conference, therefore, will continue.

SAYS CHARGES MADE BY NURSE NOT JUSTIFIED

Ottawa, July 7—There will be no investigation into charges made by Nursing Sister Mary E. Pollock, to the effect that conditions at the Speedwell military hospital in Guelph were deplorable. Assistant Deputy Minister Scammell of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, last evening said that the department was fully acquainted with conditions at the hospital and that there was no justification for the charges made.

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

Fredericton, July 7—The York county council opened its semi-annual session here yesterday afternoon. Rev. A. F. Bate, curate of Christ Church Parish Church, acted as chaplain. The customary appointments were made by Warden T. C. Everett. Today the council will hear delegations on behalf of the War Memorial Fund and Victoria Public Hospital.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I talked with a man today who predicted that within a year a wave of hard times would sweep over this continent and bring failures and all kinds of trouble."

"I aint scart," said Hiram, "I cal'late I'll hev enough stuff down in the sullar to keep me an' Hanner goin',—an' enough seed fer another crop o' most things we hev to eat. As fer clo'es—we don't foller every change o' fashion an' git a new suit every few days. Do you know, Mister, if folks was sensible they could git along with about half the things they spend money fer, an' then after a while the'd be enough to go round—an' prices 'ud come down some. That feller's that's talkin' about hard times may be right—but we was lookin' fer 'em right after the war an' they aint here yit. We've put 'em off some way. Mebbe we can't go on puttin' 'em off—as he says. Anyway—it's a good idee to think about what might happen an' git ready fer it. The umbarell I might a got, but didn't, aint gonto keep no rain off when I git caught in a storm. You take my advice—don't fly no kites when you need the string to tie up your pants."

NOT IN HARMONY

Ontario Referendum Committee and Dominion Alliance Branch.

Toronto, July 7—Lack of harmony between the Ontario referendum committee and the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance is shown in a circular letter issued by the referendum committee on June 12, and made public by the alliance yesterday.

The circular, which is said to have been issued by Dr. A. S. Grant, secretary of the referendum committee, declares that the action taken by the alliance is making an appeal for $150,000 with which to carry on a campaign in support of prohibition at the coming referendum, is absurd, as the campaign is in charge of the referendum committee, not the alliance.

Henry Sutherland, treasurer of the alliance, who expressed regret that one section of the temperance forces should turn its guns upon a other, said that the alliance had been the dominant factor in every battle for prohibition in the last forty years, and there was no reason why it should stop now.

COX PLANS TO MAKE SPEECHES IN EVERY STATE

Dayton, Ohio, July 7—In a telegram to the democratic national convention accepting the presidential nomination and thanking the delegates for their support, Governor Cox yesterday intimated that he is ready to make an intensive speaking campaign in every state.

His close friends said he will urge his political advisers against "front porch" campaign such as Senator Harding, Republican nominee, expects to make at his home in Marion.

The governor said, however, that no plans have been formulated and the campaign will not be discussed officially until democratic national committee members and other party leaders return from San Francisco.

NEW REVOLUTION?

Eagle Pass, Texas, July 7—Reports that twelve bridges had been burned in Mexico, south of Monclova, gave rise here today to rumors that a new revolution had broken out in the southern republic. Adlofo Gonzales was said to head the new movement.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The disturbance which was centered over the Mississippi Valley yesterday has moved to the Great Lakes, causing good showers over the greater part of Ontario. Light showers have also occurred in southern districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta while in other parts of the dominion the weather has been fair.

Showers.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, fair. Thursday, fresh southwest winds, with showers.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair to clear followed by fresh to strong winds, and rain tonight and on Thursday.

Toronto, July 7—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest During Yesterday	Lowest During Night
Prince Rupert	46	70	46
Victoria	40	78	54
Kamloops	54	88	58
Calgary	46	70	44
Edmonton	52	76	50
Prince Albert	56	78	54
Winnipeg	60	68	48
White River	58	64	52
Sault Ste. Marie	56	60	54
Toronto	66	70	60
Kingston	62	76	62
Ottawa	64	78	62
Montreal	64	82	62
Quebec	66	80	62
St. John	58	76	52
Halifax	72	82	54
St. John's, Nfld.	62	68	50
Detroit	70	76	66
New York	70	80	66

DID THEY KILL THE WRONG MAN?

Paris, Texas, July 7—Two negroes, agen 19 and 28, charged with having shot and killed their landlord and his son, were burned at a stake here last night. Sheriff Clarkson, of Paris, is later said to have declared that one of the negroes, was not the right one and he was doubtful about the other. The killing of Hodges and his son was said to have resulted from a dispute over money.

GREAT SUM IS INVOLVED IN THIS

Hearings Closed on Matter of Large Increase in Rates on U. S. Railroads.

Washington, July 7—Hearings were closed before the inter-state commerce commission yesterday on the railroad's application for increased freight rates, which has been described by shippers and carriers alike as the greatest single proposition in its effect on the people in general ever submitted to the commission.

Decision by the commission is expected early in August so that the new rates may be effective when the government guarantee expires on Sept. 1.

The railroads under the provisions of the transportation act ask rate advances which would yield added yearly income of $1,017,000,000 to provide the six per cent return permitted by the law. In addition the carriers contend that the expense to be created by the expected award of the railway labor board, estimated at between $500,000,000 and $1,000,000,000 must be met by further increases.

TORONTO WORLD THINKS WHITE WILL ACCEPT

Toronto, July 7—The World says this morning: "Sir Thomas White left for Ottawa last night. The World believes that, notwithstanding his guarded statements to our reporter and to the Canadian Press, he will accept the premiership of Canada if offered to him this morning by the governor-general, the Duke of Devonshire.

"Colonel Henderson, secretary of His Excellency, reached Toronto from Ottawa yesterday morning and saw Sir Thomas White. Both left for the capital last night."

POLICE COURT

"How much did you pay for the stuff that made you drunk?" asked Magistrate Ritchie of one of the prisoners before him in the police court this morning. "Nothing, your honor," was the answer. "Another 'nothinarian!' You people must have lots of friends, but rum never did any person any good except those who sell it."

Charles Ackleson was charged with being drunk and also with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling. He pleaded guilty to both charges and, accompanied by Inspector McAinsh, went to a man who, he alleged, sold him the liquor. As a result of this visit Alfred Edmon, Pond street, was charged with supplying liquor to Ackleson, who in his evidence said he went to the store of the accused and bought a bottle of gin for $4.50. Inspector McAinsh said that the place was at 20 Pond street. The accused denied selling the liquor but he said Ackleson was in the store and bought other articles. The case was postponed until this afternoon. The accused put up a deposit of $200 for his appearance.

A case against Fred Mahaney and Wilfred Graham, charged with stealing a storage battery, the property of Edward Ricketts, was resumed. Louis Patchell, one of the proprietors of a garage in Erin street, said the two accused asked him if he wished to buy a storage battery. He said they brought in the battery which he identified as the one lost by Mr. Ricketts. The accused said they found it but he said he told them they had better leave it there until the matter was looked into. They told him they thought they should get rewarded, the price of a bottle of "lemon" anyway. This case was also postponed until this afternoon.

Five men, charged with drunkenness, were before the magistrate and one pleaded not guilty. Sergeant O'Neill, Detective Biddiscombe and O. F. Gellizeau, C. P. R. investigator, said the accused was drunk in shed No. 5, West Side. The accused finally pleaded guilty and was fined $8 or two months in jail. The other men were remanded.

ONE ST. JOHN MAN

Toronto, July 7—Forty-four candidates have successfully passed the examinations of the medical council of Canada in June, in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and will be registered on the Canadian medical register. They are now qualified to practice medicine.

They include: G. B. Cross of St. John's Nfld., F. G. Donnelly of St. John, N. B., and C. M. Eaton, Truro, N. S.

EXCHANGE TODAY

New York, July 7—Sterling exchange steady. Demand 394; cables 394 3-4. Canadian dollars 87.75.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

Prince George of Greece, the Duke of Sparta, who is betrothed to the Princess Elizabeth of Roumania.

WARSHIP WILL BE HERE SATURDAY

A telephone message to the Times from R. S. Barker, Fredericton, secretary to Lieut.-Governor Pugsley, says that H. M. S. Calcutta will arrive in St. John harbor on next Saturday afternoon and remain until the following Tuesday. It was said here today that on Saturday night the ship's officers will be the guests of the lieutenant-governor, and the city is planning a programme of entertainment for Monday.

BACK PAY FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Ottawa, July 7—Back pay checks for fifteen months will be paid to civil servants in the next two weeks. The total amount, according to an announcement in the House of Commons, will be about $4,000,000, that being the estimated cost of ante-dating the civil service classification.

The individual amounts paid will be the difference between a civil servant's former salary and that awarded him by the classification schedules.

FORESTERS HEAR THE MAYOR AND CHIEF RANGER

At the second day's session of the New Brunswick High Court of the International Order of Foresters held in the Seaman's Institute this morning with E. A. McKay in the chair, reports of committees were heard.

The meeting was honored by the presence of Supreme Chief Ranger, W. H. Hunter of Toronto who gave the delegates valuable advice and information on forestry and on the finances of the order.

Mayor Schofield in a short address welcomed the delegates to the city. The morning was occupied in routine business.

The order was reported in flourishing condition throughout the province. There are nearly 100 delegates in the city for the meetings.

Two Hundred Montreal Barbers Shed White Coats

Montreal, July 7—Two hundred barbers, members of the local union, went on strike this morning following the refusal of their demands yesterday. At a meeting of the Master Barbers' Association last night it was decided that it would be impossible to meet the men's demands of $25 a week and half the receipts above $35 under the present scale of charges to the customer.

Of the 800 barbers who are employed in the city 600 are still at work, according to the figures of the Master Barbers' Association, so the strike is not liable to cause much inconvenience.

N. S. HEALTH OFFICERS CONVENE IN KENTVILLE

Kentville, N. S., July 7—The sixth annual meeting of the Medical Health officers of Nova Scotia was opened yesterday in the Provincial Sanitorium, and was attended by prominent medical men from all over the province. Addresses were given by Dr. Hattie, provincial health officer, Dr. Craig of the Massachusetts Relief Committee, and Dr. Edgar Douglas, all of Halifax, and others.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, July 7—The local stock exchange opened this morning very strong and during the first hour several new highs were registered. Quebec Railway was the leader, selling up to 36½. Spanish River common recorded a new high at 114½, while the preferred went to 119. Laurentide was strong, as was also Sherwin Williams. Other issues were quiet.

Carpenters' Strike Ends.

Sherbrooke, Que., July 7—The carpenters' strike, which has been going on for over three weeks, was ended last night, the men going back to work, following the acceptance of terms agreeable to both contractors and the union.

Reported 20,000 Canadian Ex-Soldiers In London To Sue Ottawa Government

London, July 7—(Canadian Associated Press)—The press states that 20,000 Canadian ex-soldiers now in Great Britain will take action against the Canadian government for arrears of army pay alleged due through breach of contract.

The dispute is on the question of the rate of exchange.

ENGLISH PRESS ON NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENCY

Most Attention to Relations of the Nations

Belief That Irish Question Will Not Prove a Disturbing Element — References to Policy of Leaders.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, July 7—Newspapers of London, in commenting on the Chicago and San Francisco conventions, this morning devote more attention to future relations between the United States and Great Britain than upon the bearing the conventions will have on the domestic affairs of America.

"There is nothing in the declared policy of either Mr. Cox or Mr. Harding to disturb the most cordial relations between the two countries," says the Morning Post, which also expresses pleasure that "political dealings with the Irish question in the United States have not affected our natural friendship and there is now good hope they will not be allowed to do so."

Several journals warn the people here not to take a too serious view of utterances inevitable during the campaign by "certain groups in the United States who make twisting the lion's tail a favorite amusement."

The Times, recognizing that affairs of Europe, especially of Great Britain, will be much discussed during the campaign, says: "It would be wise frankly to ask ourselves whether it is strange if the progress of European affairs since the armistice should have induced in American minds a feeling of bewilderment bordering on alarm."

Most newspapers touch very lightly or ignore the Irish plank adopted at San Francisco, but the Morning Post says: "American politicians do not scruple to serve their own ends by resorting to expedients which they know are offensive to the British nation. The most reckless British politicians would never consider the possibility of gaining votes by inserting in their election addresses with references to matters of purely American concern. We believe the Irish resolution does not cut very much ice as it stands."

MUST RETURN TO TORY RANKS

Toronto Ward-3 Conservatives Serve Notice on M. P.'s

Criticize Borden and Colleagues and Say He and Hearst Have "Shot Old Party to Pieces."

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, July 7—Notice was served on all Unionist M. P.'s in this city at a meeting of ward three Conservatives last night that they must return to the ranks of the Conservative party if they wish to retain their seats in the next dominion general election.

Sir Robert Borden and his union colleagues were severely criticized, and it was declared that Sir Robert Borden and Sir William Hearst "had shot the old Liberal-Conservative party to pieces."

Toronto, July 7—Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the privy council, was in Durham yesterday visiting his constituents with a view to learning their attitude on his resigning from his official position in the government. He said he had not yet reached a decision as to whether or not he would resign.

He characterized as incorrect a despatch from Port Hope, published in a Toronto paper, stating that the concensus of opinion among his constituents was that he should resign.

J. H. Flynn to Sir Robert.

Toronto, Ont., July 7—J. Harry Flynn, dominion organizer of the Grand Army of United Veterans, has sent a telegram to Sir Robert Borden as follows:—"Your resignation as leader of the government and Unionist Party without a general election will deprive hundreds of thousands of soldiers from expressing their indignation at your broken promises and pledges to them at the polls, and can be construed only as a lamentable lack of courage on your part."

VILLA REPORTED TO HAVE SIGNED AN ARMISTICE

El Paso, Texas, July 7—A despatch to the El Paso Times from its correspondent in Torreon, Mexico, says Villa has signed an armistice and agreed to cease attacks on trains, garrisons or towns. He has also agreed to surrender under certain conditions to be approved by Provisional President De La Huerta.

The despatch said that the armistice was negotiated by Elias L. Torres, who left El Paso two weeks ago for Villa's camp in the mountains near Saucillo.