

AREA OF REBELLION IN MEXICO GROWING

Insurgents Make More Successes in the South and East Coasts.

CAPTURE OF OIL FIELDS WOULD FILL WAR CHEST

Northern Provinces of Unhappy Republic Almost Completely Under Rebel Rule—Washington Amazed at Huerta's Inaction.

VICTORIA CAPTURED

Brownsville, Texas, Nov. 18.—Every member of the defending garrison of Victoria was killed before constitutionalists finally captured Victoria, capital of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, today. This report was made to constitutionalist headquarters at Matamoros tonight by General Gonzalez, who commanded the attacking forces. General Gonzalez described the battle as one of the bloodiest of the present revolution.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Absence of any evidence that fresh instructions had gone forward from Washington to John Lind or Charge O'Shaughnessy was understood in official circles here today to mark the advent of another period of patient waiting for some decisive development in Mexico.

In spite of all the rumors of blockades and intervention coming from Havana and Vera Cruz, there had been no navy or war departments as might be expected to precede adoption of any such radical steps by this administration. Moreover, it has been intimated in official quarters that only by direction of congress would such a step be taken.

Officials still decline to give any information as to what has been accomplished by William Bayard Rust in his conferences at Caranua with General Carranza and his constitutionalist cabinet.

State Department advices made public today indicate that the insurrectionary movement is spreading rapidly, not only in the north of Mexico, but to the south and east. This last development is regarded here as very important, because the success of the constitutionalists in obtaining possession of the rich oil fields in the east and some deep water port on the Gulf coast would enormously strengthen them from a military point of view, the former insuring them a full supply of themselves with munitions of war from Europeans in the West Indies.

The State Department is looking for news of the capture by the insurgents of Victoria, the capital of the State of Tamaulipas, which would complete the rebel control of the northern part of the Mexican states. Consular reports today from Vera Cruz stated that all bridges between Tampico and Victoria had been destroyed, train traffic totally suspended and the tracks to the north and south of Victoria torn up.

The city is about 100 miles northwest of Tampico, and it is understood the safety of a considerable number of foreigners is threatened by the military operations there. The German cruiser Bremen arrived yesterday at Tampico, the nearest port to Victoria, to afford refuge to the Germans in that neighborhood who can succeed in reaching the coast.

On the west coast the German cruiser Nuernberg has been despatched to San Blas to gather up German refugees in that neighborhood who fled from Tepic, capital of the state of that name, before it was captured by the insurgents a few days ago.

At the War Department the strategists are puzzling over the lack of activity by the federal forces in Mexico, who appear to have offered no success in a few days.

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A NOTED CANADIAN MEETS VIOLENT DEATH IN NEW YORK

Rev. Dr. James Ross, of London, Ontario, Struck by Automobile and Died of Fractured Skull.

New York, Nov. 18.—The Rev. Dr. James Ross, a leading scholar and educator of Canada, was struck and fatally injured by an automobile in a city street late today. He died from a fractured skull, an hour later. He had stepped from behind a trolley car into the path of the automobile. Several women who witnessed the accident tore their dresses into strips and bandaged Dr. Ross' head before the arrival of an ambulance.

Several letters from Andrew Carnegie, found in Dr. Ross' pockets, indicated that the clergyman came here to seek Mr. Carnegie's aid for the public library at London, Ont., Dr. Ross' home.

According to A. O. Jeffery, of London, Ont., who identified the body, he and Dr. Ross came here Monday to buy books for the library in London. They were to have returned to Canada tomorrow.

HOW LIBERALS WASTED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ARSENAL AT QUEBEC

Investigation Just Completed Shows Scandalous Conditions Under Laurier.

MAJOR LAFFERTY NOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF ARSENAL

No Account of Stores Had Been Taken for Thirteen Years—Great Waste and Lax Methods Exposed in Every Department.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 18.—The leave of absence of Col. Gaudet, former head of the Quebec arsenal, has expired and he goes to the retired list. Major Lafferty who was placed in charge of the institution last August, will be confirmed to that appointment. While acting superintendent he has received pay only as a major in the Royal Canadian Artillery.

It will be recalled that, as the result of an extended investigation last winter and spring, some ten million rounds of ammunition were found to be defective. Since then new methods have been adopted and the machinery generally has been turned up. The new ammunition was sent to the school of musketry at Halifax and a report has just been received that it is of the highest class in accuracy, strength and uniformity.

Imperfect Ammunition. When the inquiry took place evidence was given to the effect that the gauges used in the arsenal had been made in Woolwich, whereas, on further investigation, it has been found that not a single Woolwich gauge was employed. The inferior kind which were used was responsible largely for the imperfect ammunition turned out.

Great Waste Shown. Another conspicuous example of lax methods was furnished in the poor material used in making 1,400,000 cartridge cases. It was necessary to melt them down. Much of the machinery used at the arsenal had been allowed to become so run down that it was impossible to turn out proper ammunition though the manufacture proceeded.

It has been established that there was no stock taking for thirteen years at the arsenal. The shell factory established three years ago, which produced a single shell of correct dimensions and its machinery is in such a condition that the place is practically closed down. An attempt has been made to salvage about 3,000 shells but it is doubtful if this can be done to any degree whatever. In testing one, a \$3,000 quick firing gun was ruined and it is a serious question whether any further attempts at rectification will be made.

\$100,000 Loss in Shell Factory. The monetary loss arising from this side alone of the arsenal will probably exceed \$100,000. The general conduct of the institution under the old regime is regarded as scandalous and steps taken to reform it on the basis of efficiency reflect credit upon the Minister of Militia and the experts whom he has engaged.

Summarizing the discoveries made subsequent to the report of the Harlow Commission last summer, they are: All the gauges formerly in use in the rifle cartridge factory are proved to have been wrong. Partly as a result of this discovery, six or seven million components have followed the 12,000,000 rounds of completed rifle ammunition to the scrap heap.

No less than 100,000 steel clips or chargers for the latest ammunition have had to be scrapped.

Much material in course of manufacture, including 1,500,000 brass cups for making cases, has had to be scrapped or melted down.

The imperfect condition of the machinery which caused the "Blow backs" was due to faults which were discovered and rectified as soon as it was carefully examined.

A \$15,000 Discrepancy. Stock taking revealed a discrepancy of nearly \$15,000 between the quantity shown in the store ledgers and those in the stores account in the general ledger. All the artillery ammunition so far made, about 5,000 rounds, is useless, not one properly made shell having been turned out in three years. The 20,000 shells in course of manufacture must be examined for defects.

NOTABLES AT DINNER. London, Nov. 18.—The government entertained the delegates to the International Conference on Safety at Sea at a dinner tonight. The Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, presided, and the guests included Viscount Haldane, William Marconi, and Prince Louis of Battenberg.

PICTURESQUE AND BEAUTIFUL N. B.



ST. ANDREWS, N. B.

SON FOLLOWS DAD'S EXAMPLE

Quebec Man Shoots Himself—Father Also Died by His Own Hand Years Ago—Cause Unknown.

Quebec, Nov. 18.—Seymour Blanchet shot and killed himself today. He resided with his mother, who is the widow of the late Judge J. P. Blanchet, of the Court of King's Bench. At three o'clock this morning the report of a revolver was heard from his room, arousing the members of his family. Blanchet was found lying on the floor, with part of the back of his head blown off, and a smoking revolver lying beside him.

He died this afternoon, without regaining consciousness. Deceased, who was 32 years of age, was for a number of years in the employ of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Company, and secretary of the Quebec Transportation Club. He leaves his mother, a sister and a brother.

The father of the deceased, Judge Blanchet, died by his own hands some years ago.

NEW MEXICO INDIANS ON THE WARPATH

General Scott and Troop of Cavalry Sent to Placate Navajos by Peace if Possible

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—In the hope that the excited Navajo Indians, who are now defying the government authorities at Beautiful Mountain, New Mexico, may be induced to yield peacefully and surrender the eight renegades whose arrest is sought, the War Department today ordered General Hugh L. Scott, commander of the second cavalry brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas, to proceed in haste to the Navajo agency to confer with the Indian chiefs.

General Scott is singularly influential with the Navajos whose language he speaks. He has always been regarded by them as their best friend, and it is believed that he will be able to placate them.

The General's instructions are to confer with Major McLaughlin, the Indian agent, before beginning his conference. To back his mission with a show of force, orders were also sent to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, to train and despatch to the Navajo agency a full squadron of the 12th cavalry to serve as general Scott's escort.

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LAKE FUNDS NOW \$56,000

Subscriptions Continue to Pour in for Relief of Great Lakes Storm Sufferers.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Subscriptions to the Marine Relief Fund continue to pour in, and the total tonight is \$56,316. Following the decision of the Dominion government, which subscribed \$25,000, the Ontario government today contributed \$10,000 and several churches were received for large amounts. These included a cheque for \$1,000 from the Grand Lodge of the A. F. and A. M., and cheques for similar amounts from the St. Lawrence and Chicago Navigation Co., and the T. Eaton Company, Ltd.

INSANITY WILL BE SCHMIDT'S DEFENSE

New York, Nov. 18.—Hans Schmidt, the priest, who confessed to killing Annie Amuller, a young German girl he had married by a self-performed ceremony and afterwards dismembering her body and throwing it into the Hudson River, will be placed on trial tomorrow before Judge Foster in General Sessions Court. Insanity will be Schmidt's defense.

FORTY ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION IN MINE

TO PREVENT GAMBLING IN COTTON NOW

J. L. McLaurin of South Carolina Proposes Plan in Address to New York Exchange.

New York, Nov. 18.—Ex-Senator J. L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, proposed a plan for ending objectionable gambling in cotton futures, in an address today to a committee from the New York Cotton Exchange, which is considering changes in the rules to meet criticisms directed against the present methods. Mr. McLaurin said that the failure of congress to enact legislation at this session imposing a tax on dealings in cotton options, was due to the fact that no plan had been devised to destroy gambling in contracts which does not also involve the destruction of legitimate business necessary to keep open such channels of trade as could not be closed without disastrous effects.

Mr. McLaurin said the present system was objectionable, because cotton prices made on the New York Exchange were based upon the supply of cotton in New York warehouses. As "this stock of cotton is only a comparatively small part of the total, he said, it was possible for speculators to manipulate prices for gambling in a way which would not otherwise be possible. Under present methods contracts made on the New York exchange call for delivery of warehouse receipts for cotton stored in New York warehouses. Mr. McLaurin suggested that the plan for a tax on cotton options which was considered recently by congress be amended so as to provide for a heavy tax on all contracts made through all exchanges in the United States, provided that cotton delivered in the state in which it is grown is exempt from the tax.

"What would you do then?" he said. "Your New York stock of cotton would be absolutely valueless for the purpose of inflating or depressing prices. You could not afford to deliver cotton except in the south. Why should not the great New York exchange get in the van and lead this progressive movement, instead of being driven by a congressional lash."

Concord, N. H., Nov. 18.—Harry K. Thaw occupies tonight the same apartments at a local hotel which have been his home since September 17, and now and then he is in the joint custody of United States Marshall Nute and High Sheriff Holmes A. Drew. But his legal status has been altered materially in twenty-four hours.

After an all day hearing before Judge Edgar Aldrich in the United States court today, an agreement was reached between William T. Jerome, counsel for the State of New York, and Thaw's lawyers, Judge Aldrich assisting, whereby these steps were taken:

The writ of habeas corpus filed by Thaw at Littleton in September was temporarily suspended.

Thaw was arrested by Sheriff Drew under the extradition warrant issued by Governor Folger.

A new and supplemental writ of habeas corpus under the extradition proceedings was filed by Thaw's counsel.

To this the State of New York was given seven days to reply, with Thaw to have five days thereafter in which to make his replication. Then all the documents in the case are to be printed and briefs filed by both parties.

This having been done, Judge Aldrich will fix a date on which final arguments will be made before him on the question of constitutional law raised in the petition for habeas corpus, viz: Does Thaw's case come under the extradition laws?

An appeal may be taken from his decision by one side or the other, so that the case may progress to the United States Supreme Court.

The presence in the city of Sheriff Hornbeck, of Dutchess county, N. C., led to the belief that Mr. Jerome had expected to take Thaw back to New York with him as the result of today's proceedings, but nothing happened during the hearing to substantiate that belief.

"HAIL INSURANCE" IN SASKATCHEWAN HOUSE

Regina, Sask., Nov. 18.—The attack of the Liberal member from Weyburn, Dr. Mitchell, on the manner in which the Hail Insurance act of Saskatchewan has been administered during the past year formed an unusual feature of the sitting of the provincial legislature this afternoon. The minister of municipal affairs,

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 18.—Sixteen persons on board the C. P. R. train on the North Shore, which reached Hull at 1:20 tonight, were held in one of the cars all night owing to the fact that the passengers having been found suffering from smallpox. The people in the car will be looked after by the Ottawa board of health until danger of infection is passed. Dr. Isabell, the Hull medical health officer, notified the Ottawa authorities and the latter acquiesced in the patient being brought to the smallpox hospital here. The patient is from Louisville, Que.

WILL PROBE THE CAUSE OF "TURRET CHIEF'S" STRANDING

First of Series of Inquiries Into Recent Great Lakes Disaster Will be Opened on Friday by Wreck Commissioner.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 18.—First of a series of inquiries into the recent disaster to Canadian shipping on the Great Lakes will be opened at Kingston on Friday by Captain G. G. Lindsey, wreck commissioner. The powers vested in Captain Lindsey are sufficient for the widest investigation and no alternative method of inquiry by commission or otherwise, has been considered.

The first investigation will be to determine the causes of the stranding of the steamer Turret Chief in Lake Superior. The Turret Chief was an English built vessel. Her crew escaped by wading ashore. Discussing the fact that the wrecked vessel left port despite the showing of storm signals Captain Lindsey said: "If captains stayed in port every time storm signals were displayed they would soon be replaced by others who would not. If a skipper does not know enough to stay in port when his own weather wicket tells him a storm is coming, he will not stay for storm signals. These have been down at different times for months, but what is needed is someone to tell captains when the storm is going to be the kind last week's were."

ACTON COAL MINE IN ALABAMA—SCENE OF HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

SEVEN BODIES ARE ALREADY RECOVERED

Identified Victims All Married Men and List May Run as High as Forty—Explosion Blocked All Escape from the Colliery.

Acton, Ala., Nov. 18.—An explosion in No. 2 mine of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company here at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon entombed between 25 and 40 miners, according to estimates of company officials. Up to nine o'clock seven bodies had been removed from the mine.

The list of dead: L. L. Patterson, E. Bright, John Langston, Henry Childers, Boss Driver Burns Kittrell, Two unidentified negroes.

All except Bright were married. Kittrell went into the mine only five minutes before the explosion to do some cleaning. Three of the rescued are Greks and a number of dead in the mine are thought to be Greeks.

Of the victims some are white and some are negroes, as the mine employed miners of both races. The normal force of employees is seventy men, but yesterday was pay day at this mine and some did not report for work today. Twenty-three diggers entered the workings this morning and early tonight it was not known how many others reported during the day.

The first rescue party who entered the mine this evening searching for any who might be alive, reported that they had passed several dead bodies lying beside the tramway of the sloping shaft.

Mine officials hurried here from Birmingham, twenty-four miles away. They brought State Mine Inspector C. H. Nesbitt and an automobile load of surgeons.

Acton Mine No. 2, which lies in Shelby county on a branch of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, has been considered one of the best equipped in the district. It has a single track slope and uses an eighteen foot fan with the split air system. So far as ascertained, the mine workings were not much damaged by the explosion, the cause of which has not been determined. It is expected that the work of removing the living, if any, and the dead, will be speedily accomplished.

SMALLPOX HELD ALL PASSENGERS IN CAR

GAS POISONS TWO BROTHERS

Tragedy in Toronto Rooming House Brings Accidental Death to Two Young Men

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Lying side by side in their bed in the rooming house at 165 Dundas street, two brothers, Archibald McFarlane, twenty-three years old, and Neil McFarlane, twenty-one years old, were found dead from the effect of gas poisoning shortly after six o'clock this morning. Although the police are investigating the case, it appears to be entirely accidental. The two young men came originally from Lindsay.

Hon. Geo. Langley, and the minister of agriculture, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, defended the act, and the Hail Insurance commission strongly and the debate was finally adjourned without definite action.

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