

FLETCHER ORDERS ALL AMERICANS TO LEAVE TAMPICO

Five Hundred Transferred to U. S. Battleships Before Night—Aguila Co. Employees Safe

ALL PRISONERS TAKEN HAVE BEEN EXECUTED

Mexican Minister of Finance Sailed for Paris to Try and Raise a Loan.

OJINAGA, Mexico, Dec. 13.—The federal forces were at a loss today to know what had become of Gen. Salvador Mercado. It was feared that he, with 1000 federals, had been intercepted by rebels in a mountain pass at La Mula, outside of Ojinaga, and that he would be attacked by superior forces before the rebels attack Ojinaga.

Mercado left the fort here to escort in some straggling refugees. Perched on the hill of Ojinaga, which commands a sweeping view of the nearby desert and canyons, the federal army today has its guns trained in expectation of an attack by the 4000 or 5000 rebels who are rapidly surrounding the town.

The commanding position of the federals, with trenches and forts fixed for resistance, will make it impossible for the rebels to storm the place without heavy loss of life. The rebels will have to climb almost straight up to the town and be constantly exposed to fire except for a slight shelter afforded by mesquite bushes.

The 4000 federals garrisoned here, after their retreat from Chihuahua, have resigned themselves to the expected attack, and the rebels, under Gen. Herrera, have announced their intention of attacking from three sides to force a surrender or to drive the enemy across the river into the United States.

Four more troops of United States cavalry reinforced the border patrol at Presidio today. The American military authorities have notified both sides that no shots must be fired across the river.

American Leave. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Rear Admiral Fletcher cabled from Tampico under date of 1 a.m. today that at 4 p.m. yesterday he had ordered all Americans out of the city, and that before midnight he had transferred about 500, who were aboard the Wheeling and Tacoma to the battleships Virginia, Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Admiral Fletcher's despatches were withheld from publication until after they had been submitted to Secretary of State Bryan and secretary of the navy Daniels. The battleship New Jersey has been ordered to Tampico to join the American fleet in the fighting zone.

Ship Prisoners. The navy department later issued this statement: "A cablegram has been received from Rear Admiral Fletcher, sent from Tampico, Mexico, 2 p.m. Friday, which conveys the information that there has been no cessation of fighting, but that the fighting is not serious. Aguila was reported to have just arrived with 3000 men, and taken a position on the right bank of the river. That there were en route to Tampico the Mexican gunboats Vera Cruz and Progresso.

Admiral Fletcher has received information that both the federals and constitutionalists have snatched all prisoners taken, numbering about 65. Three of these men were handed in the forenoon from within the federal lines in full view of the shipping and city. Admiral Fletcher made formal protest in the name of humanity against the practice. He reports that no foreigners or property have been injured, and that the New Jersey is en route to Tampico.

The army transport Sumner, leaves Galveston today for Tampico. Arrangements have been made to care for all Americans at Tampico. They number about 500.

Despatches from Rear Admiral Fletcher at Tampico, received here early today and sent late last night, say the fighting was continuing there, but made no mention of a report that the American admiral had peremptorily ordered the fighting to stop.

Standards to Leave. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Acting on the suggestion of Senor Coloman y Coloman, the Spanish minister, the standards at Monterey are preparing to leave there on a special train for the capital. Fearing that Monterey will be taken by the rebels the minister is anxious that all the standards get out of the town in order to obviate a similar experience to that they underwent at Chihuahua.

The war office says that fighting at Tampico continues and that the advantage is on the side of the federals.

Federals at Tuxpam. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—The oil district of Tuxpam, which for nearly a month has been controlled by the rebels under General Candia Aguilar is now in the hands of the federal troops, commanded by General Joaquin Maas, jr., according to reports received today by the war office.

General Maas has advanced with his column as far as Juares, Casimiro to the north of Tamlauba on the way to Tampico without encountering any rebels, and it is assumed that they have gone to assist in the attack on Tampico.

Employees Safe. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The 15 or 100 employees of the Aguila Company, a Pearson concern, at Tampico, Mexico, are safe. None have been hurt in the fighting between the federals and constitutionalists. This was announced here today by the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products Company, which had received the following cablegram from its agent at Vera Cruz:

"Dr. W. Hayes, first vice-president of the Aguila Company, informs by wireless from Tampico all Aguila employees safe. Please reassure relatives."

RAISING FUNDS. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Adolfo de la Lama, Mexican minister of finance, and Salvador Doherty sailed for Paris today to negotiate for the impossible, a loan for the Huera Government. Senor de la Lama left Mexico City December 4, so far as could be ascertained he made no effort to raise funds here.

ATTACK EXPECTED. VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—There is every indication that the city of Monterey may be heavily attacked by the rebels at any moment, according to a despatch from United States Consul-General Hains here. The telegram was filed this morning by way of Tampico and was sent from that report to Vera Cruz by wireless telegraph. A considerable federal army is believed to be concentrated at Monterey.

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SINGLE BANDIT ROBBED A TRAIN

Beat Messenger of Southern Pacific Train and Stole \$4000.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—(Can. Press).—The express car of a Southern Pacific train, which left here at 11.30 last night, was robbed of \$4000 in cash by a lone bandit, who beat the express messenger into unconsciousness and then escaped by leaping from the car at Harahan about ten miles from here. A special train with deputy sheriff left here shortly after midnight for Harahan to take up the pursuit of the robber.

That the bandit had expected to get \$100,000, which, however, was sent out from here on another Southern Pacific train earlier last night, was the belief of L. C. Lord, the injured express messenger, who was brought to a hospital here early this morning.

"I was talking with an acquaintance at the station just before my train left," said Lord. "This acquaintance introduced me to a man named 'Fleming' as a fellow-Canadian and a railroad man. A few miles out from the city I felt a blow on the head and collapsed to the floor. When I regained consciousness 'Fleming' was standing over me, beating me with a club.

"He took the keys from my pocket, unlocked the safe and took out two packages of \$2000 each and jumped from the car near Harahan. There was an Illinois Canadian northbound freight at Harahan and I expect he got away on that train.

"After 'Fleming' left I crawled to the door and shouted for help. I leave the robber was after the \$100,000 that went out on an earlier train, but there were four armed guards in the express car and when 'Fleming' saw them he changed his mind."

The sheriff's posse and special agents of the Southern Pacific and detectives from New Orleans were given a full description of the robber by Lord.

FIRE DESTROYED LE PAS BUILDINGS

New Theatre and Hotel Fell Prey to Seventy Thousand Dollar Blaze.

LE PAS, Man., Dec. 13.—(Special).—Fire, driven by a strong northwest wind, which originated in the second storey of the Imperial Hotel at 5 o'clock this morning, destroyed a whole block of buildings on Ischer avenue, with property loss exceeding \$70,000.

Buildings which fell prey to the flames were: Lyric Theatre, owned by J. M. Wainman, in operation one week, loss \$7500, insurance \$5000; Imperial Hotel, just completed, owned by H. A. Schultz, \$24,000, insurance \$15,000; Pass drug store, loss \$2500, insurance \$2500; Dreamland, owned by Easton & Moore, loss \$7500, insurance \$4500; Eight House, occupied by Dr. Smythe, loss \$2500, insurance unknown; Haircut parlor, and Mercer's jewelry store, loss \$2500, insurance \$15,000; and \$13,000, insurance on jewelry store unknown.

All the plate glass windows in the stores across the street were broken by the intense heat. Great fears at one time were entertained for the new Opasque Hotel, on Edwards avenue, and a row of houses in line with the fire, but fire was got under control, averting any further conflagration.

Guests of the Imperial Hotel had just sufficient time to vacate the premises in scant attire.

CIVIC WORKS THIS YEAR. Commissioner Harris states in his annual report that this year 54 miles of pavement have been laid, 58 miles of concrete sidewalks, 23 miles of sewers and 23 miles of private drains.

Ward Seven Candidates. Frank Whetter, of Whetter Bros. butchers, is considering possibilities in the aldermanic field in ward seven. The retirement of Ald. Anderson has caused a need for a good running mate for Aid Ryding. Other candidates in ward seven who are mentioned are A. J. Wilson, M. D. Armstrong, and J. McLennan.

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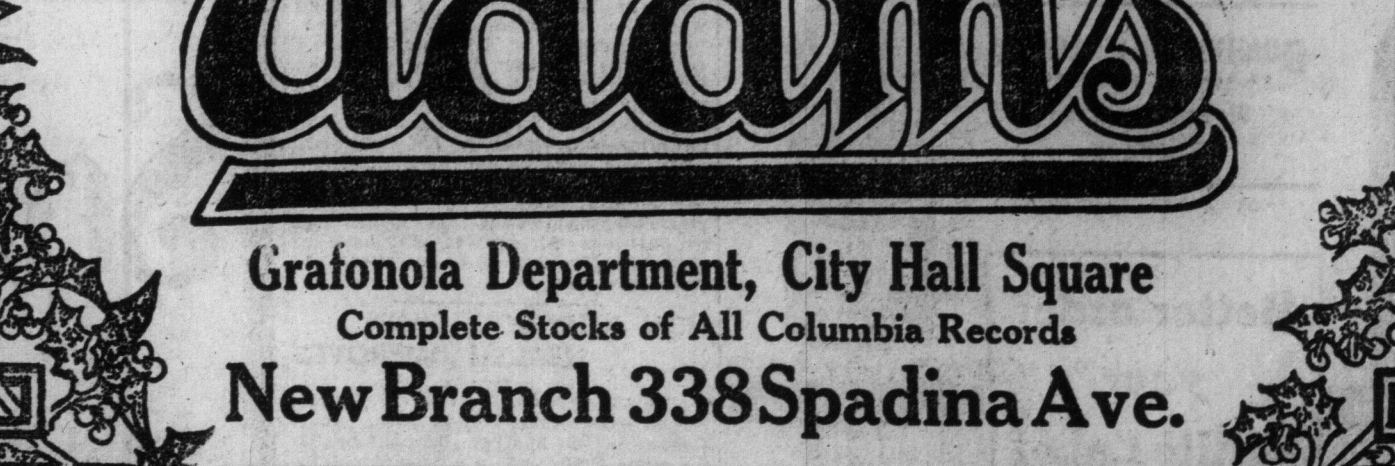
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