

RIOTS AWAIT VILLA

U. S. CHARGE WARNS U. S. OF ANARCHY WHEN REBELS APPROACH MEXICO CITY.

TRUCE DECLARED IN TORREON

Gen. Velasco and Rebel Leader Arranging Terms of Capitulation—Officers' Parole and Protection for Volunteers Asked.

Mexico City, April 2.—Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy telegraphed the state department at Washington on Wednesday warning that should General Villa approach Mexico City rioting and anarchy could not be averted. Mr. O'Shaughnessy advised strongly against the new embassy secretary bringing his wife and family to Mexico City. He prophesied that if Villa captures the capital it would be no different than if the New York police was withdrawn and the metropolis turned over to a mob.

If Villa should be defeated there is no doubt that Huerta would break off all negotiations with Mr. Lind and again defy the United States to intervene, O'Shaughnessy declares.

Washington, April 3.—Warren Robbins, who is slated for the post of second secretary at Mexico City, came to Washington from New York on Wednesday. His name will be sent to the senate in a day or two and it is expected he will be confirmed without delay. It is understood Mr. O'Shaughnessy will take a vacation, probably to the United States.

Eagle Pass, Tex., April 3.—Dispatches received here on Wednesday from the American consul at Durango, forwarded to Washington via this city, are reported to announce that the federal commander at Torreon has offered to surrender to General Villa, that a truce has been granted and that the federal and constitutionalist commanders have met and are arranging the terms of capitulation.

General Velasco, it is said, first called for a three hour armistice and offered to surrender the town if the garrison could march out with honors or war and if Villa would parole the officers and guarantee not to kill the volunteers as he had threatened. The dispatch announcing the truce and offer of surrender has been forwarded to Washington.

MIGHTY SOUTHPAW IS DEAD

Greatest of Pitchers, Odd and Quaint Character, Finally Succumbs to Lingering Illness in Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., April 3.—G. Edward (Rube) Waddell, in his time one of the greatest southpaws in the history of baseball, died here on Wednesday of tuberculosis. He had been ill for several months and had come here from St. Paul, where he last worked as a pitcher for the American association. His mother was at his bedside. Rube Waddell—George Edward Waddell was his baptismal name—was one of the oddest, quaintest characters that baseball ever knew. Waddell was a gigantic lefthander of simply magnificent frame and proportions. He flashed in and out, mostly out of several big league teams between 1897 and 1909, as he had only terrific speed and little control to back it with. In 1902 Rube jumped to California, but Connie Mack got him to rejoin in the following spring. Mack, who had the Rube at Milwaukee long before, could control him better than any other manager, and made him a big winner for the Athletics, his glory lasting several years. At the time of need, however—the series with the Giants in 1905—he announced that he had injured his arm, and the White Elephants, without him, fell easy victims. Waddell went to the St. Louis Browns, then to the minors, but never ceased his pranks or his buffoonery. Waddell was buried here on Thursday.

GEN. WOOD TO STEP OUT

Will Leave Post of Chief of Staff to General William W. Wotherspoon.

Washington, April 3.—Brig. Gen. William W. Wotherspoon will become chief of staff of the army on April 22, when the term of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, the present chief of staff, expires. Secretary of War Garrison made this announcement on Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott will be assistant chief of staff and it is expected that he will succeed Wotherspoon when the latter retires on account of age in November. Major General Wood will take charge of the department of the east after April 22. General Wotherspoon has served as assistant to the chief of staff for some years. Brigadier General Scott is one of the youngest of the brigadier generals.

Entire Family Is Slain. Knoxville, Tenn., April 3.—Mystery surrounds the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Selvers and their son, Millar. The bodies of the parents were found in their home near Clinton, Tenn. The body of Millar Selvers was found later.

One Dead, Two Hurt in Cave-in. Los Angeles, Cal., April 3.—One man was killed, two injured and 35 laborers employed in excavating narrowly escaped being buried beneath tons of earth when a bulkhead collapsed and earth from both sides caved in.

PRESIDENT HUERTA PRESENTS REGIMENT WITH COLORS



The picture shows President Huerta and General Blanquet, secretary of war, at the recent ceremonies in Mexico City, when Huerta presented the Twenty-ninth regiment with the colors. President Huerta is seen returning the salute of the regiment.

REBELS IN TORREON

FORCE FROM EAST FIGHTS WAY TO CENTER OF CITY.

General Villa's Forces Capture Gomez Palacio on Third Assault—Federals Retreat.

Chihuahua, March 31.—Such news as arrived from the front at Torreon Sunday was unfavorable to the rebels. Local rebel officers admitted they had received dispatches from the front, but declined to reveal the contents.

A report originated at one of the hospitals after more wounded arrived in Chihuahua that General Villa had been wounded slightly and forced to retire from the field.

Juarez, March 30.—General Villa said, in a telegram received here, that virtually all Torreon, including the entire business section, was in the hands of his soldiers.

Gen. Monclove Herrera, his own rebel brigade and part of the Zaragoza brigade, all veterans, were reported by Villa to have entered Torreon from the east, 4,000 strong, and to have fought from house to house and street to street until the bull ring on the northern fringe of the town was taken with the section of the city through which the railroad passes. This included the business section or most of it.

Gomez Palacio, Mex., March 30.—Four days of fighting, including three desperate assaults by the rebels, enabled Gen. Francisco Villa to move into this place and establish headquarters within three miles of Torreon. The deciding assault was preceded by a bombardment after which the infantry and cavalry dashed into the streets of Gomez Palacio. Rifles, machettes, pistols and hand grenades were used in a hundred different encounters in the narrow thoroughfares. The grenades, of home manufacture, were lighted with cigarettes, which are an unofficial part of the equipment of every Mexican soldier.

INCREASE IN ARMY BUDGET

Measure Passes Senate at \$7,500,000 More Than Last Bill—Mexican Situation Is Factor.

Washington, March 31.—The senate passed the annual army appropriation bill on Saturday. The measure carries \$101,750,000, about seven million five hundred thousand dollars more than the house bill and about the same amount over the last army appropriation bill.

"I would not yield to these big increases," announced Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, "were it not for the disturbed conditions on the southern border."

7 BANDITS HOLD UP BANK

Set Schoolhouse on Fire at Elma, Wash., to Distract Attention—Escape With Loot of \$3,700.

Tacoma, Wash., March 30.—Seven armed men entered the Elma National bank at Elma, in southwest Washington, made a prisoner of the cashier and escaped with about three thousand seven hundred dollars. The bandits, according to the report received here, set the town schoolhouse on fire to distract attention. Several shots were fired, but no one was hurt.

Ten Trains Taken Off

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 2.—Retrenchment on the Pennsylvania lines west was extended when ten passenger trains were taken off the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad. Shop forces are also being reduced.

Murdered Girl Is Buried

Sonnet, N. Y., April 2.—In the gray dawn funeral services were held here for Miss Lyda Beecher, the young school teacher who was murdered near Poland last Friday night by seventeen-year-old Jean Glanlin.

ASQUITH WAR CHIEF

CABINET HEAD ASSUMES OFFICE AFTER SEELY REFUSED TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION.

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RESIGNED FROM PARLIAMENT

English Statesman, in Accordance With Law, Stands for Re-election—Officers Absolutely Decline to Retain Rank in Army.

London, April 1.—Following all the many solutions of the government crisis which had been proposed and discussed Premier Asquith announced a decision to the house of commons on Monday which none of the prophets had expected or even suggested.

The prime minister himself will assume the burden of the war office, in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the house at this critical stage, when the second reading of the home rule bill is about to be taken up, and will appeal to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days for re-election. Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Gen. Sir John Ewart, adjutant general, declined to withdraw their resignations, in spite of the army order, which Viscount Haldane cleverly framed as a platform on which the generals might stand with consistency and honor.

It thus became impossible for Col. J. E. B. Seely, who was co-signer with them of the assurance to Brigadier General Gough that the army would not be used to suppress the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the secretaryship for war. His resignation, therefore, was accepted after he had been for some days under fire from the newspapers of his own party, which insisted that he must go.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, lord president of the council, who was partner with Colonel Seely in drafting the offending paragraphs of the document, stands in the same position and his withdrawal from office is expected.

The only practical loss to the party meantime will be the withdrawal of Mr. Asquith's voice from the debates.

"Oh, I'll be handy if I'm wanted," Mr. Asquith remarked to Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader, who thought that the home rule bill could not be proceeded with in the absence of the premier.

Mr. Asquith apparently consulted no one except the king before his bold decision. His colleagues in the cabinet seemed to be as surprised as the other members of the house when he revealed his plans. Mr. Asquith is already first lord of the treasury.

The political seers gather that Mr. Asquith is in fighting mood. They have been saying recently that he had shown the effects in his physical appearance of the heavy strain of his long labor in office and would gladly see the government defeated. But it looks at the present moment as though he had taken a new lease of life and proposes to make the reorganization of the army a fighting issue.

"The whole army system may have to be recast," Colonel Seely remarked significantly.

Both houses debated the situation at great length, but the debates simmered down into mere assertions, on the one side, of a plot to seduce the army, and, on the other side, of a plot to crush the Ulster covenanters with denials and counterdenials and heated personalities.

Held on \$20,000 Theft Charge

Harrisburg, Pa., April 2.—Accused of having stolen \$20,000 from the United States mails, William R. Baum, a Harrisburg post office clerk, was arrested here by Deputy United States Marshal James W. Snyder.

Cyclone Destroys Church

Dallas, Tex., April 2.—The First Methodist church and five other buildings in the town of Wilmer, near here, are in ruins as the result of a cyclone which swept that section of the county. One negro was killed.

FLOODS PERIL EAST

LARGE PART OF WESTERN HALF OF NEW YORK IN DANGER.

Rivers in Ohio Rising—Washing Out of Bridges Cuts Off Traffic on Many Interurban Lines.

New York, March 31.—Floods through the valleys of the state were reported on Saturday to have caused much property loss during the last week.

The warm weather of the last few days has melted much of the heavy snow which fell earlier in the month, and this, with a steady fall of rain throughout the night, has swollen all the streams, many of which are out of their banks, flooding the towns.

At Troy the Hudson river has assumed flood proportions, and with the water rising rapidly merchants along the river front are removing goods to safer places.

Amsterdam reported on Saturday that part of the bridge which spans the Mohawk river was carried away.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 31.—Two unidentified men were drowned when Freeman's bridge, over the Mohawk river, two miles west of here, was swept away. The damage done here by the high water thus far amounts to \$200,000.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—The Hudson river is rapidly rising here and dwellers along the river front are moving to places of safety.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 31.—Towns in western New York are threatened with a repetition of the disastrous floods of a year ago.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Tokyo, March 30.—The condition of Dowager Empress Haru Ko was much worse. All hope of her recovery was abandoned.

Madrid, March 30.—It is reported that three pictures of great value by El Greco have been stolen at Toledo.

Paris, March 30.—Aviator Garais ascended 5,200 feet with an aeroplane in which he carried eight passengers. This is a record for a flight with that number of persons.

Boston, March 31.—Six employees of the Massachusetts Chocolate company were badly injured in an explosion.

Columbus, Ind., March 31.—Hugh T. Miller, formerly lieutenant governor of Indiana, announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

200,000 COAL MINERS STRIKE

Great Manufacturing Centers, in England, Threatened With Paralysis by Big Walkout.

London, April 1.—Great manufacturing centers are threatened with paralysis by the strike of coal miners that went into effect here. The miners of Yorkshire struck ahead of the time set and all the men called out quit at once. The strike leaders predicted that more than 100,000 would be out by midnight and that by Friday all mines would be tied up, with more than 200,000 on strike to enforce their demand for a minimum wage. Efforts are being made to prevent a strike on the subway and surface lines here.

Monon Express in Ditch

Bloomington, Ind., April 2.—The Monon's fast Louisville express, which left Chicago late at night, jumped the track six miles south of here. The mail car was partially demolished; no one injured.

Congressman Richardson Is Dead

Atlantic City, N. J., April 2.—Representative William Richardson of Alabama died at Galen hall on Tuesday, after a long illness. He came to this resort some time ago to regain his health.

REPEAL BILL WINS

ADMINISTRATION MEASURE IS PASSED BY HOUSE—VOTE, 247 TO 161.

SPEAKER CLARK HITS ACT

Missourian in Address Defends Economic Policy of Free Transit to American Coastwise Ships and Cites Court Decision as to Its Legality.

Washington, April 2.—The Sims bill, which repeals the Panama canal act that permits American coastwise vessels to pass free through the canal, was passed by the house on Tuesday. The vote was 247 to 161, a majority of 86 votes. The measure now goes to the senate.

Defending the economic policy of free tolls and citing court decisions of its legality, Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, challenged the policy of President Wilson in advocating the repeal of the Panama canal act which permits American coastwise vessels to pass free through the canal.

The speaker declared that this policy was a repudiation of solemn platform obligations and demanded that the Democrats hold true to the faith proclaimed by their national convention.

He declared that he is not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1916, for if President Wilson's administration amounts to a failure, "the nomination will not be worth having," and he denied that he has ever entertained the slightest ill-will toward the president because of his own failure to secure the nomination at the Baltimore convention. Speaker Clark was particularly emphatic in his declaration that neither he nor the president desired a breach in the Democratic party, and in his criticism of the "jackal" press, some of which represent that we are seeking to disrupt the Democratic party.

"The Panama tolls repeal means the practical abandonment of the Monroe doctrine," he said, "which we forced into the international code and which the American people will maintain at all hazards. That is the only proposition the American people ever agreed upon, and the reason they agreed upon that was because it was a genuine American pronouncement. It was the doctrine of self-defense.

"There is no personal issue between the president of the United States and myself. There has not been at any time. I trust there will never be. I have at no time uttered a word of criticism of the president.

"I have never for one moment entertained the opinion that President Wilson is actuated by other than the highest patriotic motives. I do not believe that President Wilson has ever entertained any other opinion as to the conduct of those of us who find it necessary to differ with him on this measure."

Vote on the Measure.

On the final vote 52 Democrats voted for free tolls. They were:

- Speaker Clark (N. C.), Brookston (Del.), Broussard (La.), Brown (W. Va.), Brucker (N. Y.), Carey (N. Y.), Conroy (N. Y.), Dale (N. Y.), Dietrich (Mass.), Duffendorfer (Pa.), Donohue (Pa.), Dooling (N. Y.), Doremus (Mich.), Driscoll (N. Y.), Dupree (La.), Estopinal (La.), Finley (S. C.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.), Gorman (N. Y.), Goulden (N. Y.), Goldfogle (N. Y.), Graham (Ill.), Griffin (N. Y.), Harrison (Miss.), Hayden (Ariz.), Helm (Ky.), Igoe (Mo.), Jones (Va.), Kettner (Cal.), Kitchin (N. C.), Lee (Pa.), Longman (Conn.), McAndrews (Ill.), McDermott (Ill.), Mahan (Conn.), Maher (N. Y.), Metz (N. Y.), Mitchell (Mass.), Morgan (Okla.), Murray (Mass.), Murray (Okla.), O'Leary (N. Y.), O'Shaughnessy (I. I.), Patton (N. Y.), Phelan, Ragsdale (S. C.), Raker (Cal.), Taggart (Neb.), Taylor (Colo.), Underwood (Ala.).

The 27 Republicans voting against free tolls were:

- Anderson (Minn.), Bartholdt (Mo.), Browne (Wis.), Danforth (N. Y.), Davis (Minn.), Esch (Wis.), Good (Ia.), Gardner (Mass.), Gillett (Mass.), Green (Ia.), Hamilton (Mich.), Haugen (Ia.), Helgeson (N. D.), McKenzie (Ill.), Lenroot (Wis.), Madden (Ill.), Steenerson (Minn.), Stevens (Minn.), Volstead (Minn.), Lindbergh (Minn.), Miller (Minn.), Proouty (Ia.), Thomson (Ill.), Kent (Cal.), Britten (Ill.), Copley (Ill.), Stafford (Wis.).

With the exception of the Democratic members named above all other Democratic members present voted for the president's bill to repeal free tolls.

All the Republicans, with the exception of those named, voted in favor of free tolls on American ships. On the final vote there were 410 members present, and seven pairs. These pairs were for and against free tolls—Reilly (Conn.) with Goodwin (N. C.), Merritt (N. Y.) with Crisp (Ga.), Clark (Fla.) with Moon (Tenn.), Turner (Ia.) with Gray (Ind.), Fordney (Mich.) with Korbly (Ind.), McLaughlin (Mich.) with Borland (Mo.).

ROOSEVELT IN GREAT DANGER

Cable From Buenos Ayres States Alarming News Regarding Expedition Has Been Received.

New York, April 2.—A cablegram received here on Tuesday from Buenos Ayres stated that alarming reports regarding the expedition of Col. Theodore Roosevelt had been received at Iquitos, Peru. The message gave no details. Iquitos is a town on the upper Amazon, west of a district in which the Roosevelt expedition was recently reported.

Convict Saved From Hanging

Jefferson City, Mo., April 1.—Governor Major refused to pardon James Schrum, now serving a 99-year prison term for the murder of Mont Hall and thus made it impossible for the sheriff to hang Schrum for another murder.

Dies Playing Suicide

Kansas City, Mo., April 1.—Playing suicide with an old revolver he believed not loaded, Virgil Wyatt, six-year-old son of Mrs. Lucinda Wyatt, shot and killed himself while his two younger brothers looked on.

News Nuggets From Illinois

Jacksonville.—Illinois college defeated Monmouth here in the triangular debate by a two-to-one decision.

Mount Vernon.—Work was again resumed on the building of Mount Vernon's first street car line after a six weeks' delay.

Danville.—Chief of Police Walker notified his patrolmen to arrest all women who appeared on Danville's streets wearing short skirts.

Bloomington.—Fire at Fisher destroyed the Smith opera house and a number of adjacent structures. Loss \$15,000. Hard work by citizens prevented greater loss.

Decatur.—Mrs. Lola Rickard of the Rosie Croix chapter, O. E. S., Chicago, was appointed superintendent of the Eastern Illinois Star and Masonic home at Macon.

Sterling.—Frank R. ("Doc") Harrington, who had been a mail clerk on the Burlington railway between Sterling and Rock Island for more than forty years, is dead.

Rock Island.—The possibility of deep waterways formed the principal topic at the monthly meeting of the Tri-City Press club at the Manufacturers' hotel in Moline.

Sycamore.—Workmen engaged in tearing off the roof of the Lewis Lloyd homestead discovered more than 200 pounds of honey stored in the attic by bees.

Mount Carroll.—W. R. Watson, former city treasurer, who was indicted for embezzlement of its funds, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the penitentiary.

Danville.—Shannon Jamison, colored, charged with stealing a crate of interstate melons from a car at Brookfield, was found not guilty and was discharged from custody.

Champaign.—The council of administration of the University of Illinois acted unfavorably on the petition of the boys to present a musical in which boys were to take the part of chorus girls.

Macomb.—John Jones, a well known farmer, residing about three and one-half miles west of Tennessee, was found dead at his home with a bullet hole through his brain. The supposition is that he committed suicide.

Freeport.—Charles E. Sanford, a locomotive fireman, dropped his pocket-book, containing \$118, on to the floor of the cab of his engine. His engineer, seeing the battered purse, thought it of no value, and, without examining it, threw it into the firebox of the locomotive.

Geneva.—Because Bessie Sullivan was too short and fat to climb into a box car the train pulled away without her, while two of her chums, who ran away with her from the training school in this city, made good their "get-away." The pair were taken from the box car at Fulton and, with Bessie, were sent to the institution here.

Streator.—At the annual meeting of the Eastern Illinois Grand Kankakee circuit, Leonard Small of Kankakee was chosen president and J. B. Quirk of Urbana secretary. The dates assigned were as follows: Charleston, August 18-22; Urbana, August 24-27; Kankakee, August 31-September 3; Streator, September 7-10.

Warsaw.—Carl Sharp, aged three years, climbed on the rear step of a Pennsylvania engine and the engineer started the train without noticing the child. He hung on for two hours and then fell off between the rails, the train cutting off three of his fingers. The child walked a mile before he was found.

Peoria.—H. Laubach of St. Louis won the highest honors in the first tournament of the Middle West Skat league which closed. The winner had a net score of 23 games, winning 1 and losing one. The organization was made permanent with the election of the following officers: President, J. M. Gross; secretary, James T. Gallagher; treasurer, F. J. Leuthner, all of Peoria. Davenport, Ia., was awarded the next tournament to be held in September.

Springfield.—The annual encampment of the Illinois National Guard will be held at Camp Lincoln, in this city, during July and August. Plans for the encampment were announced by Adjutant General Dickson on his return from Chicago, where he conferred with army officers. The First cavalry, the signal corps and Company A, United States signal corps from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will leave Chicago July 3 for a practise march along the Des Plaines river, returning July 12. The First infantry will open the encampment, coming here July 5 and remaining until July 12. A company of the Twenty-ninth infantry of the regular army will be at Camp Lincoln during the entire encampment to give instructions to the men. Negotiations are being made for the encampment of the state military command at Fort Riley, Kan., but details have not been completed.

Galesburg.—Earl Leroy Wilson, seventeen years old, was electrocuted by a live wire when 5,400 volts from the city street light service passed through his body, killing him instantly.

Jacksonville.—The Passavant hospital in this city announced the opening of a campaign to raise \$125,000 to be used in making repairs to the building and other improvements.

Bloomington.—Dr. James B. Brown, a prominent member of the State Dental association, and also a leader in the Prohibition party of central Illinois, died here from cancer, aged fifty-seven.