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REBELS MAKE FURTHER GAINS

ARMY ONLY A FEW MILES FROM THE CITY OF TORREON

THE TURNING POINT

The Ensuing Battle Will Make or Mar the Fortunes of the Constitutionalists

Constitutional Hospital Base, Bermejillo, Durango, Mexico, March 21.—The rebel net about Torreon virtually was drawn closer today and General Herrera fought the most important battle of the week at Santa Clara, 22 miles north of Torreon. In the engagement 100 Federalists were killed, according to reports. The rebel loss is reported as slight, three killed and seven wounded.

The fight took place over possession of a spot on the banks of the Big Tlahualilo irrigation ditch where Herrera wishes to throw a bridge and the construction of which he began immediately on retirement of the enemy, whose numbers he estimated at 400.

At other points the Federal advance guards retreated perceptibly, burning and wrecking as they went. At Noe the small railroad shops were burned.

VILLA ELATED

General Villa was elated beyond measure, and when he took possession of a telephone wire which worked into the city of Torreon, he lost no time in calling up the office of the Federal commander, General Refugio Velasco. An officer of the latter's staff answered the call.

"I am coming to have supper with you," General Villa began.

"Who are you?" inquired the Federal officer politely.

"I am an hombre, called Francisco Villa," replied the chief.

"Well, come whenever you are ready," came the answer.

Villa talked from this city while he took possession of the telephone wire.

THE TURNING POINT OF WAR

Washington, March 21.—The battle of Torreon will be the turning point in the Mexican revolution, in the opinion of high administration officials. Little official information today as to the preliminary skirmishes was at hand, but it is believed that within a few days a battle will have been fought which will indicate clearly the relative strength of the constitutionalist cause.

The presence at Vera Cruz at this time of Charge O'Shaughnessy and of Charge Hohler, of the United States embassy and British legation, respectively, in official circles here is taken to mean that the British government is cooperating with the United States in efforts to find a peaceful settlement.

DISCUSSIONS AMONG CONSTITUTIONALISTS

Discussions among constitutionalists here of the possibility that General Huerta would retire in favor of General Portillo developed probability that he would be acceptable to the constitutionalists because of his affiliation with the clerical party.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy expects to return to Mexico City in a few days, according to his dispatches to the state department. His telegrams make mention of his ill health, but there is no suggestion, according to Mr. Bryan of any contemplated resignation. Retirement of Mr. O'Shaughnessy at this time would be diplomatically embarrassing, because to send another charge d'affaires to Mexico in his place might involve a recognition of the Huerta government.

THE TRIP OF REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER

The trip of Rear Admiral Fletcher to Mexico City was explained by the officials here but generally it is supposed that he went to look after the recent shipment of arms for the protection of American residents.

BENTON SHOT BY VILLA AND STABBED BY FIERRO

Washington, March 21.—William S. Benton, the British subject, was shot by General Villa, but was stabbed to death in Villa's office at Juarez by Major Eladio Fierro, according to persons believed to be conversant with the finding that far of the special Mexican commission appointed by General Carranza to investigate Benton's death.

District Counsel Perceval, who has left El Paso for his post at Galveston, has forwarded a report to the British embassy here, which it is understood

BENTON STABBED BUT DOES NOT VERY CLEARLY ESTABLISH IT IS BELIEVED, WHO ACTUALLY KILLED BENTON.

That Major Fierro will be charged with the crime and punished is the expectation of many Mexicans here. They explain General Villa's story of a courtmartial as an effort to shield Fierro who is said to be his distant relative. The Carranza commission however, is reported to have declared its purpose of punishing Fierro despite Villa's effort to protect him. The arrest of Fierro was reported from Chihuahua but confirmation is now lacking.

SECRETARY BRYAN TODAY SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD HEARD MANY REPORTS OF THE BENTON KILLING, COMMENT WOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE CARRANZA COMMISSION HAD FINISHED ITS WORK.

CARRANZA REFUSES TO APPOINT PROPERTY

Douglas, Arizona, March 21.—General Carranza caused considerable dissatisfaction among Mexican residents of Colonia Morelos, Sonora, last week, through his refusal to appoint the farms, houses, and other property of American Mormons among them, according to the report brought to the border today. The Mexicans already have possession of most of the property as a result of flight of the Mormons last year during the various raids, but they wanted a complete title from the government.

LIND AND ROJAS MEET OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE

Mexico City, March 21.—John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, may make a trip of observation over the portion of Mexico controlled by the Federalists as a result of his conference at Vera Cruz with the Mexican foreign minister, Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas. The recommendation was made by the minister, who said that Mr. Lind appeared favorably impressed.

Those having personal knowledge of the Vera Cruz conference appear highly optimistic in the belief that it is the first step towards an agreement satisfactory to the Huerta government.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE WITH MR. LIND WILL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF BRINGING ABOUT THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT HUERTA, THE POSSIBILITY OF WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. THE SUBJECT WAS NOT CONSIDERED ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER TONIGHT.

COLOMBIA'S REVEREND

Colombia, March 21.—General Roberto Guajardo, commander of the Mexican Federal troops at Piedras Negras, today refused a demand made by Governor Colquhoun of Texas for the surrender of four other Mexican Federal soldiers, accused by the Texas officials of being implicated in the killing of Clemente Vergara, an American ranchman.

PRINGLE T. YOUNG KILLED BY AN AUTO

Son of Late Leroy Youmans and Classmate of Woodrow Wilson

Columbia, March 21.—Pringle T. Youmans, one of the most popular attorneys in Columbia, was struck by an automobile driven by Harry L. Davis, Saturday night and was almost instantly killed. He was a member of the general assembly. Three weeks ago he married Miss Mary B. Bronson of Columbia. Davis was formerly the chauffeur who drove the city's automobile police patrol. Mr. Youmans was the oldest son of the late Leroy F. Youmans.

Mr. Youmans was a son of the late Leroy F. Youmans, who was attorney general of the state in the cabinet of Governor Wade Hampton and also was attorney general under Gov. D. C. Heyward. Leroy Youmans was regarded as one of the most eloquent men the state has ever produced, among other great cases having been his defense of four Anderson county men persecuted in carpet bag days, and prosecuted by such brilliant men as Samuel Nelson and Emory Speer White men in South Carolina turned traitors to their race in those days and bore false witness against their neighbors.

Pringle T. Youmans was himself a man of intellect and of ability as a speaker. He was announced as a candidate for the state senate, having served four years in the house of representatives. He was a school-mate at Mr. Barnwell's academy in Columbia with "Tommy" Wilson, now the president of the United States. Later they were at the University of Virginia together, along with B. L. Abney of Columbia, United States Senator Leroy Percy of Mississippi and other men of distinction. Mr. Youmans was regarded as among the brightest of them all, but he had failed to get a good start in life until within the last few years and his career had just become promising.

AMERICAN WIN OVER FRENCHMAN

Paris, March 21.—Joe Jeannette, the American heavy-weight pugilist, won the decision over Georges Carpentier, the French champion, on points in a fifteen round bout here tonight.

UNIVERSITY S. C. LOST IN DEBATE WITH TRINITY

Unanimously Decided In Favor of The Upper Carolina College

Raleigh, N. C., March 21.—By a unanimous decision the debate at Durham was won by representatives of Trinity College over those of the University of South Carolina. Trinity had the affirmative of the question: "Resolved that the United States should maintain a position as one of the three leading naval powers of the world."

Trinity was represented by G. S. Sexton, Jr., H. E. Myers and B. W. Bernard; South Carolina by J. A. Tolbert, J. S. Dudley and M. A. Wright.

F. C. T. REORGANIZED

Foster Tribble Was Elected Secretary Last Night

The members of the local council of the United Commercial Travelers held their annual meeting last night and elected J. B. Shanklin, senior counselor; F. V. Tribble, secretary; L. R. Ledbetter, conductor; C. R. Ligon, page; R. S. Bailey, sentinel; R. Beaty and J. M. Giles, executive committee.

P. D. Skelton was elected past counselor and delegate to the grand lodge of the Carolinas which meets at Greenville. The U. C. T. is made up of none but bona fide traveling salesmen, but some of the traveling salesmen feel that with Foster Tribble as secretary this will be a live year. Mr. Shanklin, the new senior counselor, has been kept very busy in his new field of work with the Tate Hardware Company, which has had a very fine year.

TAKES STEP AGAINST DUELLING IN ARMY

General Deals First Severe Blow To the Long Established Practice

(By Associated Press)
Metz, Germany, March 21.—Lieutenant Von La Valette Saint George, of the 988 German Infantry regiment, today was sentenced to thirty months imprisonment in a fortress for killing Lieut. Haaga in a duel February 26. He was also dismissed from the army.

The court found that the prisoner, by his conduct had provoked the duel and had gravely wronged the honor of Lieutenant Haaga.

The severe sentence imposed on Lieutenant Von La Valette Saint George is the first really severe blow delivered against duelling among army officers. The court, by its judgment, has virtually given notice that officers who wrong the family honor of fellow officers are not to be treated as gentlemen, and the fact that they vanquish their opponents will not rehabilitate their honor.

CLEMSON GETS BIG GYNASIUM

That is the Report That Reached This City Last Night

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The Intelligencer learned from an unauthoritative source last night the President Riggs of Clemson College had secured a gift of \$50,000 for a gymnasium at Clemson college. Dr. Riggs has been working on this matter for some months and has recently been in the north. The news that he has succeeded in getting the money with which to put up a splendid gymnasium for the cadets is very gratifying.

Dr. Riggs has always taken a great deal of interest in athletics, and in an effort to keep athletics from being commercialized in the colleges, and he is the president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Gravest Issue In Ireland's History

"Liberalism will not flinch one inch before the arrogant and insolent plague of Toryism," was the message conveyed today by Chancellor Lloyd-George to a meeting of Liberals at Huddersfield.

"The country is confronted with the gravest issue in the history of the democratic government since the days of the Stuarts," he said. "Representative government in this land is at stake. I am here on behalf of the government to say we mean to confront the defiance of popular liberties with resolute and unwavering determination, whatever the hazard may be. We are not fighting about Ulster, or about home rule. We are fighting for all that is essential to the civil liberty of the land."

SPRING USPERED IN BY SNOW AND SLEET

Heavy Fall of "Beautiful White" Over Almost Entire Southland

Atlanta, Ga., March 21.—A wave of intense cold, accompanied by sleet and snow storms, was sweeping over the South Atlantic States tonight. Unusually low temperatures for the season were reported through the entire South. Heavy falls of snow occurred in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and the Carolinas. Continued cold accompanied by rain or snows generally were predicted for tomorrow and Monday.

Confederate Monument Unveiling Postponed

Washington, March 21.—Failure of the contractor the base of the Confederate monument under erection in Arlington National cemetery on time, caused an announcement today by President Herbert of the Confederate monument association of the postponement of the unveiling ceremonies until June 4. The monument was to have been dedicated April 27. The granite for the base from a Texas firm failed to arrive, and a contract for Maryland granite had been substituted.

The memorial fund was raised by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

W. H. Hand Has Retired From Anderson College

The following statement was given out by the chairman of the board, Mr. H. H. Watkins:

"At a special meeting of the local members of the executive committee of Anderson college this afternoon, the petition of Prof. W. H. Hand to be released from his contract as senior president of Anderson college was unanimously granted. While only the local members of the executive committee were present, the members of practically all of the other members of the Board were in hand and recorded as favoring the release.

It will be recalled that some days ago a committee of educators came to Anderson to request the release, stating at the time that they were acting entirely on their own initiative and not as a suggestion to Prof. Hand. After a discussion with the committee the local representatives of the Anderson Board felt that they had convinced their visitors that their request ought to be granted, both because of the superior claims of Anderson college and because of the importance of the work.

"Later on, Prof. Hand himself, asked for an interview with the local members of the executive committee, and at this interview, on Thursday night of last week, he stated that he had decided to ask for the release, and stated fully his reasons for so doing. However, after going over the matter with the committee, he decided to withhold his application, for further consideration, but on last Monday morning the chairman of the board received the formal written request for a release.

"A letter was prepared and sent to the out-of-town members of the board which fully explained the situation, and they were asked to record their votes by telegram. The replies were presented to the meeting this afternoon, with the result stated above."

Made Splendid Appeal For Woman Suffrage

(By Special Correspondence.)
Columbia, March 21.—Despite the fact that the bill giving women the right to vote was laughed to death when it was introduced in the house of representatives this year, South Carolina suffragists, not "suffragettes" if you please, have not lost heart. In Columbia a league has been formed for the study of the question of giving women the ballot and several meetings have been held.

The suffrage gathering has been attended by old women and young women. They have been more or less pink tea affairs to date, but those who got to them are expected to spread the propaganda.

At one of the suffrage meetings, an ardent suffragette, a maiden lady, asked the married woman on her right whether or not she favored votes for women and was going to join the league.

"I don't know," said the married woman. "I'll have to go home and pray for it."

"Thank goodness" laughed the maiden lady. "I haven't got a husband to ask if I can join."

The first meeting in South Carolina in recent years in the interest of woman suffrage was held last week in the ball room of a local hotel when

COTTON FOR ARMOR PLATE OF WAR VESSELS

North Carolinian Sets Forth New Use for South's Staple In Letter to Daniels

Washington, March 21.—A North Carolinian has written a suggestion to Secretary Daniels as a possible solution for the problem of reducing the cost of armor plate for the big ships of the navy.

Colonel Marcellus E. Thornton of Hickory, N. C., asserts that armor plate can be made from cotton which "would be superior in efficiency to any metal armor plates that can be devised by any process."

Colonel Thornton did not outline any details of his plan in the letter to the secretary.

Most Extraordinary Labor Demonstration

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 21.—Under a silken banner, bearing in hooded red letters the inscription "Demolitione," one thousand men and women—anarchists, the unemployed and members of the Industrial Workers of the World—marched up Fifth Avenue for miles today without the usual permit from the city authorities as required by ordinance.

This demonstration regarded as one of the most extraordinary in the city's

Among the reasons assigned by Prof. Hand for desiring his release were the following:

At the time of his acceptance of his election to the presidency of the college, it had been announced that the funds for continuing the present work would be withdrawn at the end of the present session. Since then he has been assured that those funds will be available not only for another year, but for several years to come. He had received letters from numerous educators with in and without the state, arguing that it would be very detrimental to the progress of constructive work in which he had been engaged for him to lay down at that time. The writers of these letters were of the opinion that his present work was the most important for education that is now being done in the state.

"The pressure was so great that Prof. Hand became convinced that he ought to ask for his release in order to further conduct the work. He stated to the board that he felt that the work he is now engaged in was so important to all the colleges of the state, as well as high schools, that Anderson college would greatly suffer along with other colleges if he should abandon his present work.

In addition to this Prof. Hand urged that the lack of experience in college work made him fearful of undertaking the duties of organizing and conducting the work along the ideals of a standard college of the high grade of Anderson college. In preferring his request, Prof. Hand stated his desire to be of continued permanent service to Anderson college, and of his ability to aid us to the extent of the request, and with the reasons assigned, the board felt that it could not do otherwise than grant the petition."

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