

U. S. AND MEXICAN TROOPS CLASH IN BATTLE AT LAREDO

HUERTAISTAS BURN AMERICAN CONSULATE AFTER SACKING NUEVA LAREDO, THEN TURN HOT FIRE ON TEXANS ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE

SOLDIERS FROM FT. McINTOSH RUSH TO SCENE AND RETURN THE ATTACK

Several Mexicans Are Seen to Fall and Two Are Known to Have Been Killed Outright Who Were Attempting to Blow Up the International Bridge—No Bluecoats Were Killed or Wounded

(By Associated Press.) Laredo, Tex., April 24.—Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican border town opposite here is in ruins tonight, devastated by dynamite and fire set by Mexican federal soldiers, who late today began an orgy of destruction which did not end until they were forced to flee southward before the guns of American soldiers.

Two Mexicans Killed. Two Mexicans are known to have been killed by the United States troops and several were seen to fall when a machine gun platoon from Fort McIntosh got into action. Several brisk skirmishes between the Americans and Mexicans were fought in quick succession as the Mexicans, their troop trains ready to pull out of the burning city, began an indiscriminate fire across the international boundary, but tonight there was no evidence that their shooting was effective.

Property Loss Is Heavy. Property damage in Nuevo Laredo will reach \$500,000 among the buildings destroyed were the United States consulate, municipal buildings, postoffice, theater, the flour mill, one of the largest in this section of the southwest, the railroad shops of the Mexican National Railway and other smaller structures.

At a late hour tonight the fire is still burning with no prospect that it would be controlled until everything inflammable had been destroyed. Kerosene and other combustible liberally used added to the wreckage, which otherwise would not have been great, owing to the adobe construction of most buildings.

International Bridge Saved. There was no property loss in Laredo, Tex. Both international bridges are safe though the efforts to dynamite them resulted in the death of two men engaged in the undertaking. One Mexican was shot by an American sharpshooter from the top of the water tower. The Mexican was trying to reach the end of the international foot and wagon bridge. Another was killed when he tried to blow up the Mexican end of the international railroad bridge. American soldiers are constantly stationed at the American end to prevent such attempts.

When the Mexican soldiers finally departed order was quickly restored in Laredo, but strong guards remain throughout the city. A serious problem was furnished immigration and city authorities by the presence here of hundreds of refugees from the burning city who had to be furnished food and shelter. The Mexican can railroad shops are here.

The federal garrison evacuated Nuevo Laredo yesterday, supposedly going to Safford or Monterey. With their departure the busy little city ordinarily of about 7,000 population was virtually deserted, all the inhabitants rushing panic stricken to the American side for fear of bandit attacks. The federals returned early today and it was announced that they came back for additional engines to pull to their trains. The Mexican can railroad shops are here.

There was little excitement occasioned by the presence of the federals until this afternoon. Smoke was seen issuing from some of the buildings around the plaza, the center of the town. The municipal building and the American consulate on opposite sides of the square broke into flames simultaneously. Next door to the consulate, the postoffice, temporarily closed also. In a few minutes around and around the plaza smoke began to issue from the windows and roofs of other buildings.

A few minutes later a loud explosion wrecked several houses and the fire rapidly spread in all directions. Americans began to gather on the river bank, but hastily retreated when word came that other explosions nearer at hand might occur. Troops at Fort McIntosh were ordered out in double quick order and in a few minutes a rigid guard, amounting almost to martial law, was established in the danger zone.

At the two bridges across the river the guards were reinforced and it was here that the only loss of life occurred. The machine gun platoon from Fort McIntosh took position below the center of the city, where the federals, who now were crowding into their trains, poured a volley of shots across the border.

Miss Sims Is Confident that He Will Be Successful. Greenwood, April 31.—Mr. James L. Sims, United States Marshal of South Carolina, spent Sunday and Monday in Greenwood with his brother-in-law, Messrs. F. M. and H. G. Sheridan. He left Monday morning for Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Sims stated to a Journal reporter that in his opinion Senator D. Smith would defeat Gov. Cole. He said by at least 25,000 votes in the Senate race, provided there is a fair election, and he feels sure that we would not have a repetition of the methods in the last election. Overlooking county, he said, was against Blaine two years ago and it will give a far greater vote against

CONFERENCE IS HELD ABOUT CHAUTAUQUA

MEETING HELD AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GOOD PROSPECTS

Everyone Pleased With Splendid Progress Made Toward the Coming of Attraction

At last it is here. The big Chautauqua tent arrived Friday evening together with the rest of the Chautauqua property and was put up Saturday rapidly under the supervision of "Dad" Hawkins, the Redpath property man in charge here. There is a great deal of bustle and hurry about the Ligon lot on which the tent is being erected.

Superintendent Dickey arrived last night from Chicago and is on the ground now taking active charge in the final round-up on the ticket selling campaign. With Mr. Dickey is R. B. Alford, known in Redpath circles all over the United States as "Shorty." Shorty's name is quite appropriate and his genial disposition is as unlimited as his disposition. E. B. Persons, who is the Redpath superintendent at Charlotte is also in town and will remain here through Sunday.

A meeting was held yesterday morning at 9:30 in the chamber of commerce rooms of the ticket selling committee of the Civic Association. Reports on tickets were made and plans for the final campaign Monday week formulated. Monday, it will be remembered is the last day in which tickets can be secured for \$2.00 by local people. After the price is \$2.50, the Redpath bureau taking charge of the sale. Superintendent Dickey, Mr. Alford, and Mr. Persons all made short talks, prefaced by a report from Secretary Whaley as to the general condition of the ticket sale. Mr. Dickey states that he is very much pleased with the appearance of the ticket sale and anticipates a great week. He said he believed Anderson was going to be the finest opening town of the circuit.

The crew has arrived and the boys stopped long enough from swizzling sledges on the stakes to say that they thought Anderson was "some town," and they were looking forward to a fine time while here. Hawkins, the property man, is an experienced canvasser, a student from Vincennes University.

Louis Weigie, the cashier, is a student of the University of Indiana. He will have charge of all the tickets sold on the grounds. Mr. Letter, the gate man is from Winona Agricultural College. He, as well as all the boys, have fine college athletic reputations. John Ott, the electrician, is from one of the Illinois state schools. Ott is a practical electrician, and in addition to that has been a cowboy and a sailor. The boys requested that it be known that they are more than anxious to serve the patrons of the Chautauqua in any way possible.

George Simpson, an undertaker of Putnam Valley, N. Y., was levied upon fourteen parrots that belonged to Phillip Metty's second wife to satisfy and undertake bill for the burial of his first wife.

THE PALACE CARS MAY BE DELAYED

Pullman Chair Cars For the Interurban Have Not Yet Been Delivered

(From Sunday's Daily.) Answering an enquiry yesterday as to whether or not the Piedmont & Northern lines would be able to begin operations of palace chair cars on its lines from Anderson to Spartanburg, the officials of the line in Anderson said yesterday that it might not be possible to get these cars in operation by May 1 as had been intended. The cars are being built by the Northern car company and the manufacturers are a little slower about finishing them up than had been anticipated by the officials of the interurban.

However, these cars are certainly to be put into use and they will doubtless prove to be a splendid investment for the electric railway. There is a demand for such service, even on an electric train, and the patronage will be heavy from the first day that they are operated.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

Splendid Field Day Exercises at Three and Twenty Saturday

Supt. J. B. Felton was greatly impressed with the manner in which the tract meet at Three and Twenty School was conducted Saturday. There were four schools participating. This is the first time in the history of the state that such an enterprising, progressive step has been taken by strict rural schools, and Mr. Felton says that the State meet at Columbia was not better in some ways. He is proud of the splendid community spirit shown. The following are the prize winners:

- Fifty yard dash—Van Searcy.
- One hundred yard dash—Richard Watson. He also captured the 140 yard dash, the broad jump and the hurdle, although he had strong competition in some of the events.
- High jump, Harry Tripp.
- Pole vault, Paul Shirley.
- Broad jump for little boys, John Pepper.
- Best hand embroidered work, Miss Beatrice Merritt.
- Best hand made lace, Cady Foster.
- Best button holes, Eunice Duckworth.
- Best maps drawn during year, Martha Watson.
- Best piece of wood work, Fred Pepper.
- Best cup cake, Montez Henderson.
- Best biscuit, Nora Robinson.
- Wade Drake, etc.

One of the greatest farmers in the United States is Wade Drake of this same Anderson county. Furman Smith came in yesterday with a lot of crimson clover and vetch from Mr. Drake's place, and made the statement that while this beautiful forage seemed good enough for people to eat, much head stock, yet Mr. Drake is turning under 40 acres of it. He would of course realize a handsome price on the hay, but he wishes to build up his land, and this costs less than commercial fertilizer.

The nodules on the vetch were several inches below the surface, furnishing a large supply of nitrogen to the soil, and storing it for a drought. Mr. Drake is turning under a 40 acre field, using his big tractor with about 12 gang plows. He will plant cotton and expects to get about a bale and a half to the acre, which is about five times as much as the field yielded when he began to cultivate it.

UPSHAW FOR THE SENATE

Lecturer and Temperance Worker Has Been Suggested as a Candidate. Atlanta, April 25.—Leading citizens of Blackshear, Ga., have sent a formal petition to Hon. W. D. Uphaw of Atlanta, vice president of the national Anti Saloon League and editor of the Golden Age, urging him to announce for the United States senate, to succeed the late Senator A. O. Bacon.

"As the bill for constitutional prohibition is now pending in both branches of congress," says the petition in part, "Georgia ought to be represented only by a rock-ribbed prohibition democrat. We beg you to consent to enter the race for the national legislature and there use your sacred eloquence and consecrated powers in fighting the battles of the common people who stand for 'piety in the home, purity in the life and purity in the State and nation.'" In a letter sent in response to the above, Mr. Uphaw is quoted as saying, "If the sentiment expressed in your petition is reflective of the sentiment of the average town of Georgia, or this great question, I would feel it my duty to call in pending lectures dates made wider over America and make this race. I thank you for the high honor and promise to weigh this matter with a sacred sense of my duty to mankind and to God."

QUIETLY WEDDED IN NASHVILLE

Miss Adeline Wooten of Nashville and Benjamin Brown of Anderson Married

The announcement of the marriage of Miss Adeline Wooten, of Nashville, Tenn., and Benjamin Brown of Anderson will come as a complete surprise to the friends of the groom in this city. But few knew that Mr. Brown and Miss Wooten were engaged to be married. The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Rev. Allen Fort, pastor of the church officiating on April 23. The bride and groom have reached Anderson and are receiving the congratulations of a number of friends. Mr. Brown has been making his home at Starr for some time but has moved to Anderson and is now engaged in business here.

FERTILIZER FACTS No. 14

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SOCIETY

MRS. MONTGOMERY

Mrs. Walter Montgomery of Spartanburg, who is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Valentine in North Anderson was the honoree Monday afternoon at one of the most delightful parties of the season Mrs. Valentine's new home was made more attractive on this occasion with the quantities of yellow tulips. After a number of rubbers of auction, Mrs. B. B. Gossett, who held the highest score was presented with a ring necklace and Mrs. Montgomery was given a souvenir of the afternoon.

A delicious salad course was served the following guests: Mrs. Carrie Patrick, Mrs. P. K. McCully, Mrs. Albert Sidney Farmer, Miss Gary Boyd, Mrs. Bond Anderson, Mrs. Rhett Parker, Mrs. B. B. Gossett, Mrs. T. E. Howard, Mrs. Clyde Ross, Mrs. Jack Sadler, Mrs. Mashane, Mrs. Ernest Cochran, Mrs. Alice Sykes, Miss Margaret Evans, Mrs. David Taylor and the guest of honor.

AUCTION PARTY

Another pretty compliment to Mrs. Walter Montgomery, the guest of Mrs. W. B. Valentine, who is being so cordially welcomed in Anderson was an auction party given Wednesday morning by Mrs. Ernest Cochran.

Pink tulips were the favored flowers of the morning, numerous vases and jardiniere were filled with them. At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. John Sadler, who held top score, was presented with a set of hat pins. Mrs. Christie DeCamp with the consolation, an exquisite bouquet of fresh tulips, and Mrs. Montgomery with the guest of honor souvenir. Mrs. Cochran served her guests a three course luncheon and on each plate was a white rose bud tied with pink ribbon. The guests were Mrs. J. E. Mashane, Mrs. Rhett Parker, Mrs. T. E. Howard, Mrs. Walter Montgomery, Mrs. J. D. Hammett, Mrs. Christie DeCamp, Mrs. Sam Orr, Mrs. Harry Orr, Mrs. Raymon Beatty, Mrs. Swain Gilmer, Mrs. Alice Sykes, Mrs. Ralph Ramer, Miss Lydia Orr, Mrs. Albert Farmer, Mrs. Clyde Ross, Mrs. Harrington Godfrey, Mrs. W. B. Valentine, Mrs. B. B. Gossett, Mrs. J. L. Sherrard and Mrs. Frank Watkins.

Mrs. H. A. Orr, Mrs. DeCamp, Mrs. Louis Horton, Mrs. B. B. Gossett, Mrs. Carrie Patrick, Misses Margaret Evans, Martha Bonham and Lydia Orr.

Bright with the many beautiful wild flowers that are so abundant just now, the home of Mr and Mrs. W. B. Valentine, in North Anderson was a most attractive spot to many of Anderson's social set on Monday. During the evening many friends called and several hours were delightfully spent. In the parlor where the receiving line stood, long graceful vines of yellow jessamine lent an additional charm of the beauty of the room. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Valentine were their guest of honor, Mrs. Walter Montgomery, and Mrs. Alice Sykes and Mrs. Albert Farmer.

Mrs. B. B. Gossett met the guests at the door, while Mrs. R. E. Ligon, Mrs. F. Doss, Mrs. Frank Johnston and Mrs. Bond Anderson looked after them in the dining room where an elegant salad course was served. Here dogwood and wild honeysuckles were used in profusion. About ten o'clock the guests all went over to the club where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

The Guild of Grace Episcopal Church gave a most delightful musical tea at the home of Mrs. W. B. Steele on Manning street. The following program was enjoyed: Trio—Webb von Hassel, Herr Grabl, and Mrs. W. B. Steele. Vocal Solo—Mrs. John Frank. Instrumental solo—Mrs. O. L. Martin. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Walter Nardin. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Chas. Green. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Leroy Egan. Trio Messrs von Hassel, Grabl and Mrs. Steele. Delightful refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ross entertained the club members at a dancing-dinner on Friday evening at the Ross Hill club. An invitation from Dr. and Mrs. Ross always insures a delightful occasion and the club members look forward to their entertainments with a great deal of pleasure.

One of the most delightful events of an unusually pleasant week was the luncheon Thursday morning given by Mrs. Rhett Parker in honor of Mrs. Walter Montgomery of Spartanburg and Mrs. Walter of Virginia. Her beautiful home is most attractive for entertaining and the event of Thursday was charming in every detail. Mrs. Parker's guests were Mrs. Walter Weldon, Miss Susan Arnold of Greenwood, Mrs. Ernest Cochran, Mrs. C. F. Doss, Mrs. J. H. Godfrey, Mrs. A. B. Bannister, Mrs. J. B. Bannister, Mrs. J. J. Gilmer, Miss Margaret Tenand, Mrs. W. B. Valentine.

Mrs. A. S. Farmer was the charming hostess for a few friends on Wednesday afternoon at her new home on West Whittier street. The affair of auction was a most interesting one. After the game a delightful course menu was served.

Mrs. Montgomery was the guest of honor for Mrs. Gary Boyd on Thursday afternoon, when she entertained her friends at a delightful card party at the home of Mrs. Carrie McGuffey. A beautiful course of luncheon was served by Mrs. Carrie McGuffey as a prize for the highest score during the afternoon. A delicious salad course was served for the guests and indeed a very pleasant occasion it was.

Quitting the Chautauqua being here next week, all the civic meetings were held this week. Mrs. W. B. Steele, Mrs. E. F. Wilson and Mrs. J. D. Phillips were the sponsors for the Robert H. Lee Chapter, the meeting being held at the home of the latter on North Main Street. Besides a large attendance of members a good

many visitors were present and the meeting was an unusually pleasant one. The principal business was the arrangements for Memorial Day. Hon. Richard J. Manning has been selected for the speaker for the occasion and the services will be held on the afternoon of May 10th at 3:30. The election of officers for the coming year was also held and resulted in the following elections: President, Mrs. Carson; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. S. Sullivan; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ola Cooley; Sec. Secy., Mrs. T. A. Radcliffe; Cor Sec., Mrs. J. O. Sanders, Registrar, Mrs. George Eroyles; Historian, Mrs. H. C. Webb; Cleaner, Mrs. S. Beckley. On the program for the afternoon was a sweet solo by Mrs. John Frank. A splendid paper on "The Women of the South," written by Mrs. J. D. Vandiver and read by Mrs. D. S. Vandiver. An instrumental solo by Mrs. W. B. Steele, in her own excellent rendition the program after which a delightful sweet course was served.

Mrs. J. W. Quattlebaum's home just west of the city was the meeting place on Friday afternoon for the Bible Chapter, Mrs. J. E. Barton was unanimously elected Secretary, Mrs. Rufus Fant serving for the meeting on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Theo. Roper was unanimously elected a member of the Chapter. On the program for the afternoon were two splendid papers, one, "Elementary schools before the War," by Mrs. W. W. Russell, and "College before the War," by Miss Mary Steele. Mrs. A. M. Sharp played a pretty instrumental selection after which the attractive hostess served delightful refreshments.

Miss Annie Cooley has been spending several days in Greenville with friends.

Miss Oleanor McGregor has returned to her home in Spartanburg after a visit to Mrs. Ola Cooley.

Miss Mary Dickson went to Atlanta Saturday for a short visit.

Mrs. Eugene Bates and Mrs. Jesse Smith of Greenville, were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Watkins for Friday.

Casualties in Mexico to Date: 17 Americans Killed; 25 Wounded; 120 Mexicans Killed; 125 Wounded.

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 24.—The navy department again was the center of interest, dispatches from the fleet being looked for throughout the day. The occupation of Vera Cruz by the navy forces was reported complete. The total American killed thus far is 17, and 25 wounded. 120 Mexicans killed and 125 wounded.

Secretary Daniels gave most of his time to arranging the departure of American soldiers to Mexico, are aboard a transport there, while the other soldiers are ready to take on more. The gunboat Nashville has gone to relieve the congestion there. No news of an official character of the interception of the Tampico Railroad had been received, but American warships are at Salina Cruz, one of its terminals, ready to take on refugees. Preparations for sending the army and navy supplies, with food and provisions were advanced by the secretary of the navy. Mr. Daniels said some 20,000 soldiers were on the march. The Spanish army was liberally with the Vera Cruz will stop at Tampico for a moment and then proceed to Salina Cruz with passengers.

Chicago children celebrated Arbor day today by planting \$4,450 worth of small trees and shrubs.

PERSONALS

(From Sunday's Daily.)

J. B. Watson, of Anderson, route 2, spent part of yesterday in the city on business.

S. E. Girard of Anderson route 4, was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

Magistrate R. S. Fant of Townville was in Anderson yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhody and children and Miss Annie Lewis of the Hammond section were shopping in the city yesterday.

Claude Sorrell, Harry McGill and Dr. James Jenkins of Hartwell, Ga., composed a motoring party to the city yesterday.

Sheriff Joe M. H. Ashley has returned from Spartanburg where he has been spending several days.

E. M. Brown and W. E. Giles of Townville spent a few hours in the city yesterday.

Julian Hawkins of the Bethany section was in Anderson yesterday.

Miss Reba Caldwell of Triango was shopping in the city yesterday.

Miss Med Major of the Ebenezer section is spending the week-end in the city with Mrs. Adie Jones.

J. R. Fant of Townville was among the visitors to spend yesterday in the city.

J. F. Powers of Charleston was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Chiquota hotel.

C. L. Dunn of Anderson, route 3, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

L. C. Hall of the Centerville section was in the city yesterday on business.

D. J. Tucker, a well known W. J. Hamilton citizen, spent yesterday in the city.

Paul Thompson of the High Shoals section was in the city yesterday.

J. S. Clark of Caravell was in the city yesterday for a few hours.

J. T. Howard of the Flat Rock section spent yesterday in the city on business.

H. H. Price of Townville spent a few hours in the city yesterday.

Mourou Bannister of Bethany was in the city yesterday on business.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Mann of Neal's Creek were shopping in the city yesterday.

Clint Watkins of the Welcome section spent yesterday in Anderson on business.

Miss Ruby Manning of McLees was in the city yesterday for a few hours.

Will Kay of Townville was in the city yesterday for a few hours.

J. B. Tucker of Hopewell was among the visitors to spend yesterday in the city.

E. C. Asbell of Townville was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Grace Phillips of Hartwell, Ga., was shopping in the city yesterday.

S. M. Smith of the Lebanon section spent a few hours in Anderson yesterday.

J. W. Tucker of Calhoun Falls was in the city yesterday.

J. D. Babb and Guy Hellar of Townville were in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Ella Floyd of Lowndesville was shopping in the city yesterday.

John Finley of Mountain Creek was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

H. M. Duckworth of Lebanon was in the city yesterday on business.

Frank Kenab, an automobile man from Greenville, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill of Starr were shopping in the city yesterday.

J. B. Gassaway of Pendleton spent yesterday in the city on business.

Master Harris of Fair Play was in the city yesterday on business.

John Swanson, formerly of Anderson but now making his home at Whitmire, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

John Smith of Donalds spent a few hours in the city yesterday.

Henry Elrod of the Sandy Springs section was in Anderson yesterday.

J. O. Hall of Denver was among the visitors to spend yesterday in the city.