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"Torreon Will Be Mine" Says Villa, The Butcher

Has Marched His Army Thru Many Hardships To A Point Overlooking the City, and "Gluts His Eyes on the Feast of the Carnage-to-Be"

(Special Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Yorme, Durango, Mex., Mar. 20.—General Villa and his army of twelve thousand rebels Friday invested the Federal stronghold of Torreon. They occupied the environs of the city without opposition and the day was spent in wheeling and dragging field pieces into place to shell the Federal trenches, dug at every point where the Federal commander, George Refugio Velasco, expects attack.

Velasco's army is estimated to number 9,000. South and Southwest of the city his position is regarded as impregnable by reason of the mountains through which only three passes run, and these have been rendered almost impassable by fortifications and barbed wire entanglements. In other directions the city is reached by the desert and high hills.

Bridges to be Built
Villa's progress has been slow because it was necessary to prepare the tracks and bridges. Early Friday, however, the road was open from Yorme, where the troops have been mobilizing, to Mapimi and Berenillo, which are only a few miles north of Torreon, and virtually are suburbs of that city.

At these two cities the troops detained and formed in columns. There was little loss of life in plunging into the desert. Great tank wagons laden with the water supply, which has been Villa's greatest problem, rumbled in the trail. The lines of the few foreigners in the army were cracked and swollen from the heat and alkali dust, but the Mexicans, trained to such conditions, fared better. In this way the outskirts of Torreon were reached.

There was no opposition and General Villa declared there had been none since he began to repair the railroad south of Jimenez. The Federals contented themselves with throwing all possible obstructions except bullets in his way. There was an occasional exchange of shots between outposts, but nothing even assumed the dignity of a skirmish.

General Villa was everywhere, for now that the era of battle has passed and he is in a more relaxed mood, snatching at the hands of a subordinate mule, now criticizing the lashings of a pack saddle, or snapping orders at a lesser leader.

Torreon Will Be Mine
"Torreon will be mine in a week," he exclaimed jubilantly. Never has a revolutionary army in Mexico had better men and never have they been so thoroughly equipped. Every preparation has been made and we cannot fail.

It is no figure of speech to say that the light of battle burned in the rebel leaders' eyes. They are extraordinarily wide apart, so that when he looks at a visitor at close range they seem almost to clutch, a glowing glow seem actually to flame in moments of excitement. His subordinates rarely ever argue with him, and in such moments, never. It is a dangerous signal, one which Scotchman Bonton apparently failed to heed.

If Villa is Killed
General Felipe Angeles, chief of the artillery corps, was named second in command to take full charge of the event in case of the death or captivity of Villa.

General August Benevides was placed in the command of the disposition of the troops, although Angeles himself selected the position for his gun.

Virtually all of the rolling stock of the railroad is congested on the line between Chihuahua, Jimenez, Escalon (where there is a water supply) and the front. Villa has food for months, 2,000 rounds of cartridges to the man and his railroad service, unless cut, can maintain the water supply indefinitely.

Federals in a Trap
It is believed here that the Federals are completely cut off from the outside world, even by wire, although the wireless stations may permit them to communicate with the National capital, 700 miles to the South. Villa professes to believe that he will capture the enemy.

Torreon, although founded less than thirty years ago, has a normal population of 25,000. It has great soap, cotton, flour and iron manufactures, and a great smelter receives ore from the mines. Normally, there is a large

Ulster Well Organized Ready For Any Fate

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 20.—In view of the partisan claims regarding the number of men, the organization and equipment of the Ulster volunteers, statements by Col. Duncannon, military respondent for the London Times, and a prominent Ulster writer for the Liberal who has been touring Ulster are important.
Col. Duncannon says the 11,000 men enrolled are in the flower of their

NOT GUNSHY—BUT WISE

Villa's Headquarters, Yermo, Mex., Mar. 20.—George C. Carothers, special representative of the state department, arrived today and throughout the campaign will be the guest of General Villa, whom he has known for many years. Carothers was smiling, but he said he took \$25,000 insurance on his life before leaving El Paso. His particular duty will be safeguarding the rights of foreigners.

foreign colony, but most of these residents have fled, leaving only a few as

General Carranza and Provisional President Huerta sometime ago agreed to the establishment of a neutral zone, where foreigners would be safe from bullets, but foreigners said they would stay in the city to guard as far as possible the interests left in their care.

NEW DISORDERS ARE REPORTED ALONG BORDER

Austin, Texas, March 20.—Reports of new disorders along the Mexican border, including the attempted kidnapping of an American citizen by five Mexicans, today caused Governor O. B. Colquitt to order the ranger force to be recruited with "men who can shoot."

Two telegrams today formed the basis of the governor's action in ordering the ranger force increased. The first reported the kidnapping of an American, Charles Ballard, by five

second with the petition from Cameron county citizens. Ballard was shot by the Mexicans and hustled to the border, according to the report made to the governor, but while the party was crossing the Rio Grande, he cut the rope which held him and escaped by diving. Ballard's captors shot at him several times without effect and then he escaped.

Sheriff Gardner, of Dismitt county, went in pursuit with a posse and the rangers and United States army border patrol also began a search for the man but they were thought to have escaped into Mexico.

The Cameron county petition declared "murder and robbery are being committed freely," and appealed for ranger protection. The killing of two wealthy men, both Mexicans, was cited.

Two troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry were dispatched from Fort Clarke which is located at Eagle Pass, Tex., today with orders to clear this section of the border of stragglers, and capture, if possible, the Mexicans who are charged with the kidnapping of Charles Ballard, an American, from Carrizo Springs.

Mexican Federal officers at Piedras Negras today refused to comment on the report that Federal soldiers took part in the kidnapping of Ballard.

Bank Robber Dead; Two of Posse Shot

(By Associated Press.)
Shawnee, Okla., March 20.—In a battle with a sheriff's posse near here early Friday night, Joseph Patterson, who is charged with robbing the State Bank of Nowata, Okla., late today of \$1,200, was shot and killed and Charles Hawk, chief of police of Shawnee, and Frank Simmons, a deputy sheriff, were wounded.

A Good Cow

Union, March 20.—Mrs. R. C. Hill, who lives at Monarch, has a cow from which she sold \$32.85 worth of milk and butter during a period of seven months. During that time the entire family of seven people used butter and milk from the same cow.

D. A. Hendrix, traffic manager for Anderson, wrote here yesterday to the effect that he had held a conference with Pallas Harrison, president of the Southern railway, while that gentleman was in Greenville and that Mr. Harrison had promised him he would use his efforts as president of the Southern railway to see to it that the South Carolina Inter-State freight rates be put on parity with those now enjoyed by certain western and northwestern North Carolina cities. This promise means a great deal and if the president of the Southern will exert his efforts and lend Anderson and other Piedmont cities a hand in a sincere conviction that a better time will be secured for points in this territory.

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NEW YORKER NOMINATED FOR COUNSELLOR OF STATE DEPT.

SOLICITOR NAMED

Cone Johnson, Brilliant Texas Lawyer Will Succeed Jos. W. Folk

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 20.—The president today announced the nomination of Robert Lansing of New York, for counselor of the State Department, to succeed John Bassett Moore, and Cone Johnson of Texas, solicitor of the department to succeed Joseph Folk.

Mr. Lansing is an associate editor of the American Journal of International law and the author of several works on international subjects. He is fifty years old, was associate counsel for the United States States in the Bering Sea arbitration 1892-1893; counsel for the United States in the Bering Sea claims commission of 1896-97 solicitor for the United States on the Alaskan boundary tribunal 1903; counsel in the arbitration at The Hague in 1909 of the North Atlantic coast fisheries case. His home is in Watertown, N. Y.

Mr. Johnson, who will succeed Joseph W. Folk, an solicitor, is about 49 years old, and according to the statement issued from the White House today is one of the most brilliant lawyers in Texas. He was a candidate for the United States senate once, but retired from the contest because of ill health.

The White House described him as one of the leading factors in progressive democracy.

Secretary Bryan said that he knew both men personally and he considered them eminently fitted for their positions. Both are democrats. Mr. Secretary John W. Foster of the state department, a warm personal friend of Johnson has not been active in politics. He is a son-in-law of former Secretary of State John Hay.

PREST. WILSON TALKS FREELY

Unbosomed Himself to The Newspaper Men at the White House

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 20.—Woodrow Wilson unbosomed himself to members of the National Press Club today, telling them in a frank, conversational way how he felt as President of the United States; how difficult it was for him to imagine himself as the chief executive with the formal amenities of the position and how he had struggled to be as free as the ordinary individual, without the restraints of his office. It was an intimate picture of Woodrow Wilson, the man, drawn by himself, on the occasion of the "house warming" at the press club's new quarters. The president did not intend to have his remarks reported, but later at the request of the club, the annual speech was made public.

The president talked entirely formally. He wore a sack suit and stood with his hands in his pockets as he spoke. He was in a happy mood and his remarks were constantly punctuated with laughter and applause. Mr. Wilson is a member of the press club, having been elected as an author long before he became president. Members of the cabinet, Speaker Clark and many officials were also guests of the newspaper men.

WHAT HARRISON SAYS OF RATES

President of Southern Railway Promises Aid to Anderson in Her Fight

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CAPT. GONZALES NARROW ESCAPE

Automobile Run Into Post to Avoid Collision With Moving Train—Guard Careless

Greenville, March 20.—Under a Havana date, of March 16th the New York Times carried the following story:

William E. Gonzales, United States minister, narrowly escaped serious accident this afternoon, owing to the carelessness of a Cuban railroad guard. The minister was speeding at twenty miles an hour toward the Palace this afternoon for an appointment with President Menocal. The railroad track barrier was up, showing the coast to be clear, but as the auto neared the track a train came along and a collision appeared to be unavoidable. The chauffeur put on the emergency brake, but the auto kept sliding toward the train, whereupon the chauffeur headed the car directly into an iron post, smashing the ears bumper feet from the moving train.

The minister escaped without injury but the chauffeur was cut by flying glass. The railroad guard was found inside his house conversing with a number of friends. He did not come out until the affair was over.

Although the car was smashed, Mr. Gonzales was able to continue to the Palace, arriving fifteen minutes late.

Three years ago, Capt. Gonzales had a serious accident at Fountain Inn when a wire across the road caused his machine to spin wildly. He was badly injured, but calmly watched the surgeon cut pieces of the spoke of a wheel out of his leg, and he never took any anesthetics. He was operated on at a farm house and when removed expressed no concern about his condition but regretted the trouble to which he had put the farmer and his wife.

GOLDSMITH FIRED BY SHERIFF RECTOR

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision in Case of Deputy at Piedmont Mills

The Columbia correspondent of the Intelligencer wired last night that the supreme court had decided that W. Goldsmith from the position of special peace officer at Piedmont mills last September.

It will be recalled that Goldsmith was the special officer designated by the mill authorities and he had been deputized by the sheriff's office, but Sheriff Rector discharged him on the ground of certain charges, and the matter was taken to the supreme court. The mill company paid the salary of the special officer, but he had to be deputized in order to get proper authority.

Reports of Lobbying Found to be False

Washington, March 20.—"There is no evidence here of a \$50,000 fund," said Senator Overman, chairman of the senate lobby committee today, at the conclusion of the committee's investigation of reports that such a sum of representatives of prison labor contractors to defeat the pending Hughes bill to restrict marketing of convict-made goods.

Troops Moving

Dublin, March 20.—Two special trains left Dublin late Friday carrying troops to the north and several other trains are preparing to depart. The army service corps tonight was loading forty tons of provisions here for the northern garrisons.

The naval training ships Royal Arthur and Gibraltar and the torpedo boat destroyers Pathfinder and Attentive steamed into Kingstown harbor, 7 miles southwest of Dublin tonight. Five officers and 150 men of the Yorkshire regiment went aboard the destroyers as it was expected that other troops would embark during the night. Their destination was unknown to the public.

Armagh, Ireland, March 20.—A battalion of the Bedfordshire regiment arrived here tonight by special train from Mullingar. Pickets are patrolling all roads and only persons with passes are allowed inside the camp. (Armagh is a town of 7,500 in the county of Armagh, province of Ulster.)

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MANOEUVERS ARE ARRANGED

REGULARS AND GUARDSMEN WILL PARTICIPATE IN SHAM BATTLE

PRACTICE WARFARE

Extensive Encampments for Southern and Eastern Companies National Guard

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 20.—Plans for joint manoeuvres by the United States regular army and the national guard, to include attacks upon Washington and San Francisco by invading armies together with the establishment of numerous training camps throughout the country, is announced by the war department. Although the department has not determined upon a definite date for the measure, it was tentatively decided to begin them in the latter part of July.

Instructions went forth from the department to various adjutant generals of the state militia to begin preparation for the event.

The attack upon Washington will be participated in by troops of the 7th and 8th divisions of the Eastern department, which will concentrate at Baltimore. The attacking forces will be known as the Red Division, a similar number of troops to be designated as the Blue Division will be concentrated at the national capital as the defenders of the capital.

British Ministers Discuss Situation

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 20.—Four cabinet ministers spoke of the Ulster situation at different meetings on Friday. John Burns, president of the local government board, in an address said: "Home rule is a question mainly for Ireland itself. Three-fourths of the people there have demanded it for years, and we have no right to listen to the demand for more concessions or yield to clamor."

We have no more desire to yield to the lawless lawyers than to lawless laborers," Thomas McKinnon Wood, secretary of state of Scotland said: "We will carry home rule by agreement if we possibly can. But without it if we must."

Auzustine Birrell, chief secretary of Ireland, declared the government's proposal to give Ulster freedom from coercion for six years and that the scheme of Andrew Bonar Law meant immediate coercion if a referendum against Ulster.

Sir John Allsbrook Simon, attorney general, said the government proposed to go steadily on, adding: "Whatever happens, we will see that law and order and unflinchingly observed in Ulster."

SHERIFF HAS LANDED MAN

Telegram Received Here Says That He Has Captured Negro Murderer

A telegram was received yesterday from Sheriff Joe M. H. Ashley saying that the sheriff had captured Frank Williams, a negro wanted in this county on a charge of murder. The Anderson sheriff received word that the negro he wanted was at Atmore, Ala., and left Wednesday afternoon for that point. He easily located the negro and made the arrest and in his telegram yesterday he said that he would reach Anderson with the prisoner some time today.

Williams is accused of having murdered Oscar Porter, also a negro, at Sandy Springs last Thanksgiving day. The killing took place late in the afternoon and was said to be over a game of cards.

Woman's Independence Day

New York, March 20.—The National Woman Suffrage Association appealed to President Wilson today to establish the first Sunday of each year as "Woman's Independence Day" on behalf of the executive board of the nation. President Dr. Anna Shaw has addressed to President Wilson a letter in which she recounts the association's appeal.

Unknown Schooner Sunk

Coleau, Belgium, March 20.—A three-masted schooner was rammed and sunk by the Hamburg-American liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse today and all on board were lost.

In reporting the accident by wireless, the commander of the liner said that the boats had been put off from his ship and a three hours search made, but no survivors could be found. The accident was caused by a fog, and the liner was unable to learn the name of the vessel it had sunk.

A Day Of Excitement Among The Orangemen

BELFAST, protestant metropolis of Ireland, population in 1910 was 386,576. Situated in the north of Ireland in county Antrim whence came many settlers of Anderson county.

ABOUT ULSTER
DUBLIN, the metropolis of Ireland, population 396,356, largely Catholic BATTLE OF BOYNE, fought July 12, 1690, between adherents of James II and William III. The latter, the Orangemen or protestants, were victorious. The bitterness has never died out.

Long Life is Ended.

Pensacola, Fla. March 20.—Isaac Coley, 111 years old, the oldest man in Escambia county, Florida, died on Wednesday. He was born in South Carolina in 1800 and is survived by over 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He attributed his old age to regular habits and up to a few days of his death he continued to arise at the break of day. His wife, who died one year ago, was two years his senior.

J. HAMPTON BASS DIED LAST NIGHT

Was Walking Home on West Whittier When He Fell and Expired

The city of Anderson was greatly shocked last night to hear of the death of J. Hampton Bass which occurred on West Whittier street as Mr. Bass was on his way home. He fell in front of White's marble yard, within a block of the public square, about 8:10 and was dead before any help could be given him.

Mr. Bass was only 43 years old, and would not have been taken for a man in ill health. He suffered a great deal from indigestion last year and that caused his return to Anderson to engage in business, but for the last few months he seemed to be in very good health. He is survived by a wife, who was Miss Carrie Houston of Charlotte. His only other living relative is a nephew, Mr. Jas. Garlington of Waco, Texas.

Mr. Bass was a member of the firm of R. W. Tribble & Co., and was a man who attended strictly to his own affairs. He was pleasant and agreeable, always, but a man of very retiring manner. He was a Mason and a member of the Woodmen of the World. His remains will be taken to Charlotte this afternoon at 2:15. Mr. Ben Houston of Charlotte, brother of Mrs. Bass, and Miss Grace Houston are expected here today.

Mr. Bass was a native of Union county, North Carolina. He came here from Salisbury about 15 years ago, and remained here in business for 12 years or longer. He returned to Charlotte and was in business there a short while, but came back to Anderson last September. The news of his death caused much sadness in his night among those who heard of it, and will come as a shock this morning to those who had not.

Protracted Meeting is Begun

Beginning with next Monday night a series of sermons will be preached in the Christian church by Charles C. Ware, of Greenwood. Mr. Ware is thoroughly prepared to deliver able and interesting sermons. The song service begins promptly at 8 o'clock every night. Mrs. Ware will assist in personal work and special solos. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

First Shot Of Litigation 1914 Baseball War Fired

(By Associated Press.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 20.—The first shot of the litigation in the baseball war of 1914 was fired here today, when the Federal league filed a petition with the Federal court asking for an injunction to restrain William J. Killifer, Jr., formerly catcher of the Philadelphia Nationals from playing baseball with any other team than the Chicago Federals.

Killifer signed a three-year contract with the Chicago Federals, but afterward was persuaded that the reserve clause in his old contract with the Philadelphia club held him legally to Philadelphia and he joined his former team. The suit involves the legality of the reserve clause long regarded as one of the bulwarks of organized baseball.

The complaint told of the signing of the contract by Killifer, who agreed to play for three years for the Chicago Federals for a total of \$17,500, or \$5,833.33 a year. The contract expressly stipulated, the court was informed, that Killifer agreed to devote his entire time and attention to the service of the Chicago Federals.

The court was informed that \$500 was advanced to Killifer and was accepted by him and is still retained. The bill asserts the Chicago Federals would suffer irreparable loss unless a restraining order be granted, enjoining Killifer from playing with

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS TOWARD BELFAST DURING THE DAY

"WAR IN ULSTER" PAPERS DECLARE

"Home Rule" For Ireland Stirrs Protestants to the Point Of War

(By Associated Press.)
Belfast, March 20.—The whole of Friday was crowded with surprises and suppressed excitement for the people of Belfast.

The dramatic entry into Belfast of Sir Edward Carson, the Unionist leader in Ulster, fresh from his denunciation of the government in the House of Commons, his reception by General Sir George Richardson, lieutenant general retired, commander of the Ulster volunteers, and a picked body guard, and a conference which followed with the Ulster leaders, furnished the excitement.

The complete shifting of the troops which was in progress through Ulster and the arrival of reinforcements from the south, furnished the surprise.

The Dorsetshire regiment, stationed in Belfast the past four years, was transferred to the Holywood Barracks which is four miles distant. The men took with them 12 carts loaded with rifle ammunition and also machine guns. It was expected that the Bedfordshire regiment from Mullingar, Westmeath, would take the place of the Dorsets in the Victoria Barracks during the night.

Troops were moving all along the Ulster border from various regiments from Dublin, Carrage and Mullingar were drafted in. The expected arrival was made the occasion for enthusiasm, and Loyalist demonstrations.

Motor cars with dispatch riders, sent from Belfast Thursday to volunteer headquarters in all parts of Ulster returned Friday. It is believed they carried orders arranging for a quick mobilization of the Orange forces, if this should become necessary. Craigavon, where Sir Edward Carson is staying, is guarded by volunteers, each man armed with a rifle and a bayonet and carrying ball cartridges and the residences of other Orange leaders have similar guards about them.

The Marquis of Londonderry arrived from London late last night and participated in the conference with the Ulster leaders. The conference resulted in a proclamation urging Orangemen to continue their attitude of calm waiting.

During Thursday night automobiles had been kept busy moving stores and documents from the Unionist headquarters, apparently fearing a raid by the police, who have been keeping a close watch on the Unionists. Precautions of a rigorous character have been taken at the Victoria Military barracks here. Extra guards are on duty day and night. Urgent instructions have been sent to the military authorities in the south of Ireland to dispatch reinforcements immediately to the garrison stations in Ulster.

Startling Headlines

London, March 20.—"War in Ulster" is the startling headlines in the London newspapers in the blackest type. The government Friday began to dispose of its regular troops in Ireland.

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