

SALUTE IMPOSSIBLE, MEXICO'S REPLY.

Mexico City, April 19.—The Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, announced tonight that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of that country be unconditionally saluted, because that flag was not insulted, because it was not flying from the launch and because the marines were set free even before an investigation and the officer responsible for the arrests was himself arrested and held for trial.

The Foreign Minister further announced that the Mexican Government would agree that both flags be saluted, the American flag first, and then the Mexican flag, this arrangement to be made by a protocol signed by the American Charge D'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, and the Mexican Foreign Minister.

The United States Government, Senor Portillo declared, had refused permission to Charge O'Shaughnessy to sign such a protocol, and demanded an unconditional salute by Mexico, which Mexico felt was incompatible with her dignity.

In conclusion, the Foreign Minister said: "Mexico has yielded as much as her dignity will permit. Mexico trusts to the fair-mindedness and spirit of justice of the American people."

The foreign residents and Mexicans appeared to pay little attention to the crisis and followed their usual Sunday pursuits.

HUERTA REFUSES TO SALUTE AMERICAN FLAG

The Mexican Dictator Counters With New Conditions Which President Wilson Promptly Rejects.

U. S. WILL NOW RESORT TO FORCE

Blockade and Seizure of Mexican Ports Will Be the First Action.

Washington. — General Victoriana Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused Sunday to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that he salute the American flag, and Congress will be asked by President Wilson Monday for authority to use armed force to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico on April 10 came to a close Sunday at 6 o'clock, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator. The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged Monday. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plan for reprisals.

"It will show Mexico and the world generally that the United States means business," he added, "and will have a good effect upon our foreign relations generally."

VILLA'S VIEW OF IT.

Says Bombardment Of Tampico Would Not Be War.

Torreón, Mexico.—"I do not believe the Tampico incident will result in war between the United States and Mexico," commented General Villa.

"I regard the complication as one existing between President Wilson and President Huerta, and question whether even the bombarding of Tampico would be construed as an act of war against Mexico, since Huerta is the offender and illegally holds that port."

Asked if American non-combatants now resident in Mexico can be protected should war break out, Villa replied:

"It would be a war between two civilized nations, and American non-combatants could rely on the same protection here as could Mexicans in the United States."

"But suppose there was a popular uprising against Americans; could you control it?"

"Well, I have driven 25,000 federals out of rebel territory, and I think I could control the 'proletariat.'"

WERE MARRIED IN FINE STYLE.

Congressman Flood Weds Miss Anna V. Portner.

Washington, D. C.—One of the most brilliant weddings of the week was that which took place, when Representative Henry D. Flood, of Virginia, married Miss Anna Valer Portner. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock at All Souls' Church and was followed by a brilliant reception at the Pan-American Bureau, which was offered by Mr. Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, who was an usher, as a compliment to Mr. Flood, who is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House. Miss Portner was led to the altar by her brother, Mr. Alvin O. Portner, who gave her hand in marriage.

FIRE SWEEPS WARSAW, IND.

Twenty-Three Homes Laid In Ashes. Checked By Dynamite.

Warsaw, Ind.—Fire that started shortly before noon destroyed 23 cottages at Lake Winona, a summer resort near here. Fort Wayne was appealed to for aid and a fire engine and hose wagon were rushed to the scene on a special train. Dynamite was used in an attempt to check the flames, but a high gale blowing off the lake carried the fire across the cleared space. The loss was \$100,000.

Fresh American asparagus has just been received for the first time in the Liverpool market. The native crop is not due for five to six weeks.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Iowa's annual poultry and egg output is valued at \$38,000,000.

London's latest motor car show was the greatest it has ever had.

China yearly sends \$30,000 worth of peanuts to the United States.

Three Chinese provinces have a total of 126,303,013 uncultivated acres.

ASSASSIN'S SHOT MISSES MITCHEL

New York Mayor Escapes. But Counsel Polk is Wounded.

ATTACK NEAR CITY HALL.

Bullet Entering Polk's Jaw Passes So Close To Mayor That His Face Is Scorched—Agallant, Michael Mahoney.

New York.—In attempting to take the life of John Purroy Mitchel, Michael P. Mahoney, an apparently irresponsible elderly man, who later said he was a blacksmith out of work, fired into a group of three men seated in the Mayor's automobile, which stood at the east side of City Hall Park.

The bullet from his revolver entered the jaw of Corporation Counsel Frank L. Polk, who was sitting next to the Mayor in the tonneau of the automobile, and with blood spurting from his mouth Mr. Polk was taken into an ante-chamber in the City Hall and afterward to the New York Hospital, where it was said that the wound would not prove fatal.

Mahoney shot the Mayor, he declared in the course of a disjointed statement extracted from him, because he felt aggrieved at the city executive's "extravagant expenditures" and because he was incensed at being turned back from the door of the Mayor's room in the City Hall on two occasions when he came to apply for a municipal job.

Mahoney fired only one shot at the Mayor and his party. Before he could fire a second he was overcome by Detective George Neun, who, in the capacity of chauffeur, was adjusting robes about the men in the automobile, and the revolver was wrenched out of Mahoney's hand.

The Mayor sat in the middle of the back seat, with Mr. Polk on his right and George V. Mullian, the Mayor's former law partner, on his left. The bullet passed so close to Mayor Mitchel that the left side of his face was scorched.

WILSON WEDDING MAY 7.

Official White House Statement Gives This Date.

Washington, D. C.—Confirmation of previous reports that Miss Eleanor Wilson would be quietly married to Secretary McAdoo on May 7 was given in an official statement issued at the White House. It was as follows:

"The President and Mrs. Wilson announce today that the wedding of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson and Mr. William Gibbs McAdoo will take place on Thursday, May 7. In accordance with the wishes of Miss Wilson and Mr. McAdoo, the wedding will be very small, only the Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, the Cabinet and the immediate members of the two families are to be present."

HORSES ON GUARD OVER BODY.

One Keeps Foot Up Many Hours So As Not To Tread On Owner.

Oswego, N. Y.—An instance of the intelligence and fidelity of a horse came to light when the body of Frank Hannon was found face downward in a brook near here. A blanket was so wrapped about him that he had been unable to save himself after falling. Over Hannon stood his team, one of his animals having remained for many hours without being able to place one of his feet to the ground, as Hannon's body was under the hoof and the horses were unable to move freely in the tangled harness.

BANKER SAID HE WAS INSANE.

Autopsy On His Brain Shows He Was Right.

Chicago.—A tumor at the base of the brain of Dr. William T. Kirby, former private banker, who died here, was found by physicians conducting an autopsy. Kirby had requested that his brain be examined to prove his contention that he was insane. Physicians who conducted the autopsy said the late physician-banker was right when he declared he was insane during the period that closed his career as a banker.

2,000 CHINESE BANDITS FALL.

"White Wolf" and Band Badly Beaten By Troops.

Peking.—"White Wolf," the notorious brigand, lost 2,000 of his followers in killed and wounded in a battle at Li Chuan-Hsien, according to the official report. The crushing defeat of the brigands occurred after they had captured and looted the town of San Yuan-Hsien.

HARRY K. THAW GETS WRIT.

But Judge Aldrich Refuses Bail Pending Appeal To Supreme Court.

Concord, N. H.—Harry Kendall Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich, of the United States District Court. The Court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States Supreme Court on appeal.

TORREON STREWN WITH THE DEAD

Further Details of Worst Revolutionary Battle.

BLOODIEST FIGHT OF ALL

Only the Failure To Arrive Of the Rebel Column Assigned To Attack From the North Saved Huerta's Force From Annihilation.

San Pedro, de las Colonias, Coahuila, Mexico.—A survey of the battlefield of the last week shows that the battle for possession of this city, which engaged practically the full forces of rebels and federals, was the bloodiest of the revolution.

The battle was at its climax Saturday, Sunday and Monday and on the last day the rebels' loss in wounded alone was 650 men. In all, 1,200 rebels were wounded so seriously as to require hospital treatment during the engagement. The rebel dead may never be known, owing to the wide area covered by the battle.

The federal loss was at least 3,500 in killed, wounded, prisoners and dispersed. By dispersed is meant those federals who were separated from their commands and fled individually or in small detachments to the hills or into the desert, probably to perish there for lack of food and water. Twelve hundred regulars were captured by the constitutionalists. The men were mustered into the rebel ranks, while their officers will be held as prisoners. A number of so-called volunteers or red flaggers were captured and executed. These men were former followers of Madero, who are alleged to have joined the Orozco rebellion, which overthrew him.

All the prisoners, including one major, three captains and ten lieutenants are being sent to Torreón.

The last day's fighting was begun with the Herrera and Benavides brigades, attacking from the south, while General Villa, with two brigades and General Contreras charged from the west. General Ortega and Hernandez attacked from the east. Failure of the rebel column assigned to attack from the north to arrive on time probably saved the federals from annihilation.

The assault was met by a withering artillery fire. The federals were all but surrounded and fought desperately, their fire tearing great gaps through the rebel ranks. They fought from the cover of irrigation ditches and abode houses over a line 20 miles in length, but gradually they were forced toward the center of the city. Left open by the non-arrival of the troops assigned to that position. The fugitives, once clear, turned east in the general direction of Monterey.

This was at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, after ten hours of terrific fighting. The retreat was almost a rout, while in the streets 500 federal dead were found. Three thousand men were sent in pursuit of the fugitives.

The presence of General Velasco, who evacuated Torreón April 2, at San Pedro, was a surprise to General Villa. He learned from the prisoners that when the federal generals, de Moure and Maas, were driven from the town last week they sent word to General Velasco, then at Parras, sixty miles south, that they were in danger of being surrounded.

Velasco, by forced marches, succeeded in joining them on the tenth at Benavides Junction, only a few miles from here. Later the troops of General Argumedo and Campe came up and the rebel garrison, then here, was driven out on the eleventh.

That night Villa, with 5,000 reinforcements and twenty field pieces, arrived and began an immediate attack, which culminated Monday in the flight of the federals.

DIES FROM LION'S BITE.

Dr. Kirby Wounded While Posing For Moving Picture.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Bitten by a lion several days ago in posing for a moving picture, Dr. William Warner Kirby, a member of Paul Rainey's expedition to Africa and well known throughout the circus world, died here. His wounds were thought to be trifling at first, but septic infection set in.

\$27,000 TO CONFIDENCE MAN.

New York Farmer Easy Victim Of Swindler.

Buffalo, N. Y.—George Crestesinger, the Williamsburg farmer who reported to the police that he had been swindled out of \$12,000, admitted that in all the swindler relieved him of \$27,000. The swindler made two trips to Buffalo, securing \$15,000 on the first trip.

"DYNAMITE" O'BRIEN ILL.

Gained Fame As Blockade Runner In Cuban Revolution.

Newark, N. J.—"Dynamite Johnny" O'Brien, who gained fame as a filibuster and blockade runner in Cuba's revolutions, is seriously ill at his home here. O'Brien is 67 years old. For the last 13 years he has served as chief government pilot of the Cuban Republic, a position given him for his services to the Cuban people.

PALMER PETITION SIGNED BY 4000

For United States Senator at First Senatorial Primary.

MANY HOUSE PETITIONS

Other Candidates For State-wide Nominations Enter Their Papers At Harrisburg—Pick Regiments For Joint Army Maneuvers.

(Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, of Stroudsburg, candidate for Democratic nomination for United States Senator at the first Senatorial primary to be held in Pennsylvania, filed his petitions at the Capitol. Papers from twenty-five counties, containing almost 4,000 names, were put on record.

Seven other candidates for State-wide nominations entered their papers as follows:

Supreme Court Justice—Judge Emory A. Walling, of the Erie county bench; papers from Erie, Venango, Lawrence, Potter, Mercer, Blair, McKean, Clinton, Butler and Crawford, each containing more than one hundred names, being entered.

Governor—Joseph B. Allen, Bryn Mawr, Socialist, 657 signers.

Lieutenant Governor—William T. Cressy, Catawissa, Democrat, 1,400 signers, and E. D. Powell, West Middlesex, Republican, 600 signers.

Congress-at-Large—Robert S. Bright, Philadelphia, Democrat; W. S. G. King, Linesville, and Dennis O'Brien Coughlin, Wilkes-Barre, Socialists.

Congress—George D. Sutton, Quakertown, Republican, Eighth District; John H. Rothermel, present member, Reading, Democrat, Thirteenth District; Dana R. Stephens, Athens, Washington, Fourteenth.

Senate—J. W. Endsley, present member, Somerset, Republican, Thirty-sixth; A. A. Dale, Bellefonte, Republican, Thirty-fourth; J. W. Stewart, Jefferson, Democrat, Forty-sixth.

Asa K. Dewitt, present Senator, Plymouth, Democratic, Republican and Washington papers filed, Twentieth.

Republican House Petitions.

Alexander Morrow, present member, Catauqua, Second Lehigh; John S. Eby, Newport, Perry; J. B. Weaver, Latrobe and J. B. Goldsmith, Mt. Pleasant, First Westmoreland; Thomas P. Wallace, Pittsburgh, Sixth Allegheny (also Washington party); George A. Price, Reading, First Berks; C. J. Goodnooh, Emporium, Cameron; W. H. Seward, Conneautville, Crawford; Joseph P. McKee, Pittsburgh, Fourth Allegheny; H. M. Showalter, Lewisburg, Union; William Neville, Conshohocken, Second Montgomery; B. F. Brungard, Monessen, Second Westmoreland; Murray Edlis, Pittsburgh, First Allegheny; C. G. Corbin, Granville, Mifflin county; H. A. Cassedy, Wilkes-Barre, seventh Luzerne; Robt. S. Spangler, present member, York, First York; C. E. Wood, Sixteenth Philadelphia; Frank H. Marvin, Mansfield, Tioga.

Democrat House Petitions.

A. Frank Krause, Milton, Northumberland; W. H. Grabe, present member, Butler; L. L. Bane, Coal Center, Washington; Jacob A. Leshner, Reading, First Berks; E. R. Brennan, Shamokin, Northumberland; P. A. Herman, Selinsgrove, Snyder; B. M. Hees, Grapian, Clearfield; R. H. Trach, present member, Easton, Northampton; Thomas Brown, Knox, Clarion; John Glenn Brown, Evans City, Butler; Milton R. Peters, Boiling Springs, Cumberland; M. M. McLaughlin, Lewis town, Mifflin; Nicola Gigliotti, Erie, First Erie; Thomas F. Gallagher, Lost Creek, First Schuylkill; Orrin C. Lester, Beaver Falls, and Edward J. Schieller, Freedom, Beaver; W. G. Stary, Temple, Second Berks; Charles O'Donnell, Tamaqua, Third Schuylkill; Eugene Kinney, East Stroudsburg, Monroe; G. H. Seamon, Honesdale, Wayne; W. P. O'Connor, Shamokin, Northumberland; E. J. Peters, Bushkill, Pike; A. L. Mulhern, Seventeenth Philadelphia; S. Gray Bigham, Gettysburg, Adams.

Socialist—Marks Vanbuskirk, Bethlehem; William Liddle, Easton, Northampton; John E. Smith, Dunbar, and L. S. Mellinger; Dawson, Second Fayette; John Toner, Laurel, Third York.

State Committee Petitions.

Democratic—B. F. Davis, Lancaster; W. D. Zerby, Center; J. M. Dickson, Washington; Adam P. Lowry, Indiana; Arthur McKean, Beaver; E. Milton Guss, Juniata; D. J. Driscoll, St. Mary's, Elk; H. B. Sherwood, Mepponen, Wyoming; J. C. Amig, Lewis town, Mifflin.

Republican—H. G. Seip, Easton, Northampton; H. H. Swaney, Beaver Falls, Beaver; John A. Welt, Allentown, Mifflin.

Mrs. Emma Eckert, widow of Chas. Eckert, and mother of John W. Eckert, former president of the Allentown Fair, died at her country estate at Eckert, Lehigh county.

Peter J. Kirk, sixty-five years old, fireman at the Thomas colliery, Shenandoah, was found dead of heart disease there.

Burglars cut a plate glass window in the jewelry store of I. Dropkin, at Shenandoah, and escaped with \$700 worth of jewelry.

A. MITCHELL PALMER



Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Stroudsburg, introduced in the House of Representatives a joint resolution to amend the constitution to provide for woman suffrage.

THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bethlehem To Erect Steel Tank To Hold a Million and a Half Gallons Of Water—Allentown Band Wins First Prize.

The tax rate in Bethlehem this year will be nine mills.

The number of Chester public school pupils is 5,444.

James McCulley, Valley Township, was held up and robbed while on his way home from Catesville.

A comedy, "Engaged," was presented at West Chester by the Cap and Bells Club, of Haverford College.

Marshalltown Council, Daughters of Liberty, celebrated its first anniversary.

The Century Band, of Allentown, led by Joseph Smith, won first prize in the parade at South Bethlehem in honor of Count Karolyi.

Stepping aside to avoid being trampled by a team of mules, John Kerestes was killed by a train of mine cars at North Mahanoy Colliery.

Bethlehem Town Council has awarded the contract for the erection of a steel tank to hold a million and a half gallons of water.

John B. Solt, while out shooting along Jordan Creek, killed an eagle which measured five feet, three inches from tip to tip of its wings.

Committees were appointed by the Council of the Lutheran Church, at Manheim, to plan for the annual Feast of Roses, which will be held June 14.

Thomas Weiss, fifty-five years old, was found dead in a shanty on a farm near Slatington. Death was due to dropsy.

A Lincoln Watt has been appointed as health officer, of Bristol, and Dr. Howard Pursell as secretary, of the Board of Health.

The congregation of Bethany Reformed Church at Bethlehem has raised in the last week \$1,350 to pay on the church indebtedness.

The members of the Merchants' Association of Bethlehem have decided to close their stores during the summer one-half day each week.

David Smoyer, of Lower Sancon, was struck by a train on the Reading Railway in South Bethlehem, and his left leg was cut off.

Delegations from three lodges of the Shepherds of Bethlehem, of Wilmington, Del., were entertained at the headquarters of Morning Star Lodge, at Chester.

The Presbytery of Chester has declared that the pastoral relation between the Second Presbyterian Church of West Chester and its pastor, Rev. D. J. Augustus Cox, shall be dissolved June 14.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school, at West Lampeter was delivered in the Reformed Church, by Rev. H. S. Shelley.

Home cooking and home dressmaking were discussed by the Current Events Class of the New Century Club at West Chester.

Lehighton.—An application has been made to the Carbon County Court for the incorporation of the Lehighton Boys' Band.