

DAY'S FIGHTING FAVORED DIAZ

Mexican Rebel Leader Advanced His Batteries.

SHELLING PALACE

White Cross Fired On by the Combatants.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—General Diaz gained important advantages to-day after another twelve hours of artillery fighting in the heart of a half-ruined city. To-night the rebel commander was advancing his batteries toward the National Palace, which he shelled continuously. The Madero forces have received repulses all along the line of fighting, and may be on the defensive to-morrow.

Hundreds were killed and wounded in today's storm of lead and iron. The fighting was more sanguinary than on Wednesday. General Huerta again dared a frontal attack on the Ciudadela, and was hurled back with heavy losses. Federal infantrymen were destroyed by the amazingly accurate machine gun fire directed by General Mondragon. General Diaz immediately followed up his advantage by planting batteries in practically all of the strategic points that had been occupied for three days by the Maderistas. To-night Diaz's red flag is flying in the Avenida de San Francisco, the principal approach to the National Palace. The rebels are expected to attack the palace to-morrow morning.

The activity of Henry Lane Wilson, the American Ambassador, removed at least 1,000 Americans, including many women and children, from the fighting zone. These are quartered in the American embassy in the Colonia Roma, a mile and a half southeast of Diaz's fortress, or in private houses rented last night and this morning by the Ambassador. Most Americans are, however, without funds on account of the closing of the banks.

MORE AMERICAN VICTIMS.

There was an unverified report to-night that four Americans had been killed by the explosion of a shell in the Methodist church in the south. So far as can be learned, only one American was injured. R. M. Meredith, manager of the National Cash Register Company's agency, was seriously hurt when a shell burst in front of the Hotel Jardin.

The temper of all the foreign residents is at white heat because of the violation of all the rules of civilized warfare of both sides. It is said that the British and German Ministers requested energetically the protests to President Madero against the batteries being posted near their consulates.

Guards around the legations were increased to-night because of the presence within the city of Moreno and his guerrillas. These Zapatistas have been robbing and firing houses to the westward of the Alameda. They are apparently friendly to the Felicistas.

The city is appalled by the imminence of famine and plague. Federals and rebels are seizing food supplies, and it has become almost impossible to buy at any price the necessities of life. Bodies lay in the principal streets where they fell two days ago. Red and White Cross ambulances have been fired upon. There is no possibility of exaggerating the horrors of such warfare.

The centre of the city, where the handsomest streets and most ornamental buildings are located, is becoming a ruin under the never-ending rain of shot and shell. The National Theatre is badly damaged. The Colonia station of the Mexican National Railway in the Paseo de Reforma was struck by shells and set on fire. Shells burst today in the American Club, the Hotel Turbide and Jardin, the German Club, and numerous other large buildings. Several of the principal streets are choked with the debris of war, and the centre of the city is deserted, save for hungry, weary soldiers, who continue automatically to serve the guns.

FORMER PRESIDENT A REFUGEE.

A messenger from Ambassador Wilson arrived under a flag of truce at the cable office this evening with despatches from Washington. He reported that the Americans quartered at the Embassy were unharmed and that no shells had dropped near that building.

Francisco de la Barra, the former provisional President, is said to be a refugee at the British Legation. Senor de la Barra is believed to have incurred the enmity of the President on account of the stand he took on Wednesday night in insisting that a compromise be made with General Diaz. Other prominent statesmen and leaders have fallen under the suspicion of the Government. Madero is said to be distrustful of everybody, and is spreading general even. There is widespread grumbling among the Federal forces. Such a situation as has existed for the past four days cannot persist much longer.

The consuls have been busy for two days removing women and children to the north of the city, renting houses for them, and making arrangements for food and supplies. As many as could be taken care of were quartered in the American Embassy in the Colonia Roma, the residential districts southwest of the Ciudadela, Diaz's stronghold. But even this district, as far removed as it is from the artillerymen, is no longer safe. Yesterday and to-day shells arched over the citadel and burst among the houses in the Colonia Roma.

The other foreign residents took similar precautions as regards the safety of their countrymen, but at the best conditions were miserable. Business men were unable to get cash, the banks having been closed since the outbreak of hostilities. Food is very scarce, and the prices have increased enormously. The Government has

commandeered food supplies wherever obtainable, and what the Government has not taken Diaz has seized. It is now impossible to get fresh vegetables, meat, eggs, and other necessities. Thousands of foreigners are living on canned stuffs. The large hotels and restaurants in the main part of the city have almost suspended business, partly because of the danger to which they are constantly exposed, and partly because of the inability to procure food supplies. The danger of famine is becoming graver hourly. Complaints are now being heard from the Government troops who have been put on half rations and who are worn out from the incessant fighting and patrolling.

WHITE CROSS FIRED ON.

Where Diaz and his 3,000 men in the Ciudadela obtain their food is a mystery. Madero's troops command the approaches to the city and the streets leading to the arsenal. It is surmised that on Sunday Diaz took advantage of the situation to store his fortress with provisions for at least a week. There is a story to-day that his men have been killing and eating their horses. When the Felicistas seized the arsenal they had at least 300 horses. To the peril of famine is added the graver menace of plague. For two days now bodies of soldiers and citizens have lain in the streets. The Red and White Cross doctors and nurses have labored night and day, but their hands have been too much occupied with the wounded to give them time for the removal of the dead. All vestige of ordinary government had disappeared and there is no agency to look after the bodies.

The fighting has been so barbarous that shots have been fired at the Red and White Cross Samaritans, and there is a report that an officer of the Red Cross Service was killed by a shell. The sanitary arrangements have been neglected utterly. Filth and garbage is piled in the principal streets along with the litter of destroyed buildings. Some streets are almost impassable.

MAXSE GOES FREE

British Commons Was Lenient With Editor.

London, Feb. 17.—The House of Commons to-day did not send L. J. Maxse, editor of the National Review, to the Clock Tower for his refusal to tell the committee investigating the Government wireless agreement the names of the persons who had given him the reports on which he had based allegations of improper conduct against some of the Cabinet Ministers. The House evaded giving a definite decision on the issue raised by agreeing to "do nothing at present."

Premier Asquith pleaded as an excuse the lateness of the session, but it is said in some quarters that the ridicule threatening to overwhelm the House of Commons in the event of its attempting coercive action was probably the deciding factor.

WESTERN MURDER

Norwegian Kills Neighbor's Wife and Escapes.

Unity, Sask., dispatch: Mrs. Anton Christianson, wife of a Norwegian farmer living 12 miles southwest of Unity was yesterday shot and fatally wounded, and her daughter, Annie, brutally beaten with a flat iron by Lars Peterson, a young Scandinavian, who resides on the next quarter section. Jealousy was the cause. Two bullets took effect in the head of the older woman, and her life is only a question of a few hours. The girl, though terribly injured, will, it is thought, recover.

Peterson is still at large, but the mounted police are hard on his trail and his capture is expected shortly, especially as he is without money and the entire district is alarmed and on the lookout for him.

ROMAN GRAFT SCANDAL.

Rome, Feb. 17.—The Parliamentary commission which has been investigating suspected cases of graft in connection with the new Palace of Justice, which has cost \$12,000,000 instead of the original estimate of \$1,500,000, has ordered the arrest of two prominent contractors, Ricciardi and Borelli, and has issued a warrant for the arrest of crown lawyer Silvestre, who has disappeared. Charges are also made against other prominent persons.

WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR DEAD.

Indianapolis dispatch: Charles Major, the well-known Indiana author, died at his residence in Shelbyville to-day after a lingering illness of cancer of the liver. He had been sick for more than a year. He leaves a widow. Mr. Major was born in Indianapolis July 25, 1856. His first novel, and one that caused his immediate recognition as a man of talent, was "When Knighthood was in Flower," published in 1908.

"Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," "A Forest Hearth" and other books followed in quick succession, and all added to the fame of the writer.

SILENT ON FUEL SUPPLY.

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 17.—Commander Evans, of the Terra Nova, in reply to questions again to-day as to the shortage of the fuel supply referred to by Captain Scott in his message to the public, said he had now nothing to say concerning the expedition, and he hoped that the people would not insist on being further informed on the subject. The publication of harrowing details, he said, would do no good. He desired to alleviate as far as he could the distress of those who were closely related to the gallant men who had perished.

A man should do all in his power to make his wife happy. If necessary he should even quarrel with her.

SOLEMN SERVICE IN MEMORY OF HEROES

St. Paul's Cathedral Packed at Memorial for Lost Explorers.

More News of Expedition—Details of Awful Troubles of Return Trip.

A London cable: The British nation to-day paid its last sad respects to the memory of Captain Robert F. Scott and his heroic companions, who died in the wilds of the Antarctic, after reaching the South Pole. A great memorial service was held in the Cathedral of St. Paul's, in the centre of the metropolis, and this was attended by people of every walk in life, from King George, in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet, down to the common laborer, who was proud to feel that the men who had met such a noble death were his countrymen.

The King, surrounded by a brilliantly uniformed staff, occupied a seat beneath the great dome, while the other parts of the cathedral were filled by the general public to the fullest extent of the accommodation.

Only a few seats had been reserved for the royal party, which comprised representatives of Queen-Mother Alexandra and of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, Premier Asquith, with the whole of the Cabinet Ministers, was present, with many members of the foreign diplomatic corps and their attaches.

Hours before noon the time set for the singing of the first hymn, "Rock of Ages," the police had regrettably to turn away many thousands, who could not even get within view of the doors of the Cathedral. The service was a simple but solemn one. It included the playing of the "Dead March in Saul," in which the great cathedral organ was accompanied by a military band. The service concluded with the hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." In the closing collects the names of the five dead explorers were included.

The whole service was most impressive. Vast crowds remained throughout outside the cathedral, and a great number of British blue-jackets were present, both inside and outside.

SIMILAR MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Similar memorial services were held at Portsmouth, Devonport, Chatham and other naval centres, and in many churches throughout the kingdom. The Union Jack flew at half-mast everywhere to-day.

London cable: Commander E. R. G. Evans sends further particulars in a despatch from Christchurch, N.Z., of the ill-fated British Antarctic expedition. The party, under Captain Scott, after leaving Commander Evans on Jan. 4, 1912, marched an average of 12 miles daily, and reached the pole on Jan. 17. Captain Scott's observations by the theodolite on Jan. 18 fixed the pole within half a mile of Amundsen's observations.

The Scott party had followed Amundsen's track, and found his camp within three miles of the pole. Several photographs of Scott and his comrades at the pole were obtained.

NO SIGN OF SCURVY

Scott's Party Died of Starvation Alone.

Expedition Next Summer to Recover Bodies.

London, Feb. 17.—A despatch from Christchurch to the Daily Mail gives further details of the death of Scott and the other members of his party. The correspondent says that every ounce of food had been used long before death came to Scott, Wilson and Bowers and only a small quantity of tea was found in the tent. The doctor found no evidence that scurvy had attacked any of the party. The relieving force found the bodies in three positions: Captain Scott was in a sitting posture with his back to the tent pole. Between his head and the pole he had placed his diary, with the apparent intention of using easier support than the pole itself. Wilson and Bowers were lying in their sleeping bags.

If possible an expedition will go to the Antarctic next summer to recover the bodies. The members of the expedition in interviews here indicate that there is a possibility that disappointment over the fact that Capt. Amundsen had reached the Pole ahead of them had taken the backbone out of Captain Scott's party on the return journey.

HEROIC ACT KILLED HIM.

Kingston despatch: Edward M. son of Edward Hays, of Deseronto, died at the General Hospital here to-day. At his home town, late last fall, his brother fell into the river. He could not swim and would have been drowned but for the heroism of Edward.

The latter could swim and succeeded in getting his brother out, but the cold dip led to his fatal illness. He had been troubled with rheumatism, and this aggravated it, and he suffered a great deal until the time of his death.

HOG CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

Amherstburg despatch: The first hog cholera outbreak in this section in the past three weeks occurred yesterday, when officials of the health of animals branch of the Department of Agriculture found it necessary to kill 20 hogs on the farm of Wiley Granger, who lives on the second concession of Colchester South, near Harrow.

From the time of reaching the Pole Petty Officer Evans' condition gave anxiety, but good progress was made on the return journey over the great plateau in the Beardmore glacier. Before descending the Beardmore glacier, Dr. Wilson and Lieut. Bowers collected a number of fossils on Buckley island.

The descent of Beardmore glacier was accomplished in thick weather, and deep snow greatly delayed the march. Petty Officer Evans fell on the rough ice and sustained concussion of the brain. His condition caused further delay, and the surplus food was consumed. On Feb. 17 Evans collapsed and was placed on a sledge. He died a few hours afterwards.

The bad ice surface and the illness of Captain Oates still further hampered the progress and weakened the energies of the party. Sometimes they marched only three miles in a day. Then came blizzards and head winds, which complicated the disaster.

The searching party, under Dr. Atkinson, found their tent on Nov. 10, half covered with snow. The bodies were identified. A tent was placed over them and a large cairn of snow erected. A cross, with a brief record, was placed on the top of this, signed by all the members of the searching party.

Dr. Atkinson is authority for saying that none of the symptoms of scurvy were present on the bodies.

The searching party employed seven mules, which hauled heavier weights and proved generally more efficient than ponies.

ALEXANDRA'S SYMPATHY. Queen Alexandra has addressed the following letter to Lord Curzon of Kedleston, President of the Royal Geographical Society:

"Dear Lord Curzon: Queen Alexandra desires me to tell you how deeply grieved she is to hear this terrible news of the death of Capt. Scott and his party in the Antarctic. Her Majesty feels that the death of these brave explorers and their intrepid leader is an incalculable loss, not only to the nation, but to the great society of which you are president.

"It may be some slight consolation to know that their purpose has been achieved, and Her Majesty is certain that their splendid, successful undertaking in the cause of science and discovery will be forever gratefully remembered by the people of this country.

"Her Majesty has read the pathetic, touching message which Captain Scott left behind, and is confident that it will not pass unheeded.

"I am to assure you of Queen Alexandra's intense feeling of sorrow at this disaster, and to say how full her heart is of sympathy for Mrs. Scott and the relatives of those who perished in the performance of their duties.

"Believe me, yours sincerely, "Henry Streetfield," "Marshall."

FOUND FORTUNE IN JEWELS.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Under a guard at police headquarters to-day is a small, flat, tan-colored leather satchel, containing a fortune in pearl jewelry, and detectives are seeking its owner. It was picked up yesterday in the middle of a street in the fashionable section of the capital by W. B. Dixon, driver of a delivery truck. Dixon promptly turned the jewels over to the police. The collection includes two bracelets, several rings and a pearl chain. More than 100 pearls form the settings. In addition to the pearl jewelry one of the bracelets is set with turquoises. There is nothing about either the jewelry or the satchel itself which gives any clue to the owner.

\$50,000 MONTREAL BLAZE.

A Montreal despatch: Spreading with great rapidity through the factory of the Canadian Rubber Company to-day a fire did damage to the extent of \$50,000, and endangered the lives of two employees. One man, James Saunders, was burned about the legs and arms, while R. Kennedy was scalded in the elevator, which stuck between two floors and was rescued by several companions who went back for him with a ladder. An auto fire truck collided with a street car on the way to the blaze, and a fight threatened to break out between the firemen and the car's crew, until the former decided that after they had put out the fire was the time to quarrel.

WILL HONOR BRYCE.

New York, Feb. 17.—Corymbon representing 20 denominations will hold a special service to-day to honor James Bryce, the retiring British Ambassador, at a clerical dinner in his honor by the clerical conference of the New York Federation of Churches here next Monday. According to announcement, Roman, Russian and Greek Catholic Churches and the Jewish faith will be represented, together with the Protestants. Joseph H. Choate, former Ambassador to Great Britain, will be a special guest of honor with Mr. Bryce.

FATAL OTTAWA FIRE.

An Ottawa despatch: Fire which broke out in the annex to the scholastic of the Oblate Fathers, Ottawa East, early this morning, totally destroyed the building, Sister St. Simone, a nun was burned to death, while twelve others had narrow escapes, being carried down the fire-escapes by the firemen. Sister St. Simone was seen coming toward a fire-escape by the other sisters, but she is supposed to have fainted and been unable to reach the window. The origin of the fire is unknown, and at this hour (1:30 a.m.) is burning furiously.

MILITIA ORDERS

Regulations Create Reserve of Active Force.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Two important announcements appear in militia general orders. The first provides officially for the reserve formation of the active militia. This is to be divided into two categories. One is to be the reserve of officers borne on the general list, as at present. In addition there are to be corps reserves, which are to consist of: "1. Qualified officers, not above the rank of major, who are permitted to withdraw from the training establishment and be carried on the reserve list of their unit. Such officers are not to exceed in number those authorized for the training establishment.

"2. Warranted officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the active militia who have completed not less than three annual trainings and who desire to transfer to enlist or re-engage in a reserve unit."

The second commencement creates the appointment of an officer to be known as "commanding divisional artillery." The appointment shall be tenable for a period of four years, and may carry with it promotion, by selection, to the rank of colonel. It is limited to divisions in which there are not less than three organized field artillery batteries, which train and practice annually, and is confined to officers who have commanded a brigade of field or of heavy artillery. The officer commanding divisional artillery is under the divisional commander, responsible for the command and training of other artillery units of the field army stationed within the divisional area.

An officer to be graded as a brigade major will be appointed to the staff of the divisional artillery commander.

H. R. H. AT KINGSTON

Duke Gets Honorary Degree at Queen's.

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