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Items Of Local Interest

Mr. Chester Baile has returned to his home in Medford, after spending the winter in this city.

Mrs. Frank Barnes, of Taylorsville, was a guest of Miss Mary Walsh, of this city, last week.

Mrs. M. A. McGirr, of this city, spent Tuesday of last week with Mr. E. B. Garner's family, at Linwood.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Shellman, have returned to their home near Uniontown, after spending the winter in Union Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bohn, of this city, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert Harman, of New Windsor.

Western Maryland College was badly trounced in a baseball game at Annapolis, by St. John's College, on Saturday last. The score was 12 to 1.

Mrs. E. J. Manahan and Miss Jennie Pole, of this city, spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Manahan's sister, Mrs. Addie Baile Nusbaum, of New Windsor.

Mr. William N. Keefer, with his wife and sons Francis and Charles, motored to Baltimore Sunday, to visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Keefer.

President Wilson sent to the Senate Wednesday the nomination of Wm. D. Lovell to be postmaster at New Windsor. This appointment was made upon the recommendation of Representative Talbott.

Mr. Frank Barnes, of Gamber, has purchased 35 acres of land from Mr. Joseph T. Parrish for the sum of $1200. The land is situated on the McComas Mill road 3/4 of a mile north of Gamber and is known as "The Hawk Track."

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Greenfield left on Tuesday for the doctor's new field of labor as pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Canton, Baltimore. Their many friends here are glad to know they will be pleasantly located and will have an attractive home.

Miss Harlean James, who will give a lecture on Home Gardening Friday evening, April 4, at the Opera House, is secretary of the Baltimore Women's Civic League and is considered one of the most efficient workers in the league. She has many beautiful slides to illustrate her lecture and will show us how to "make the desert blossom like a rose."

We again wish to remind the correspondents of the Sentinel to send their letters in early and if anything of importance occurs later we ask that you send that in also. It is our intention to use each letter the week it is received but owing to the press of work the latter part of the week this is sometimes impossible. We would appreciate it if you could send your letter so we would receive it not later than Wednesday noon.

The public sale of the real and personal property of the late Mrs. Mary Horn, by Francis D. Reese, executor, on Saturday, 18th inst., brought together a large number of people from this county, this city, Baltimore and some from Washington and Hagerstown. Good prices were realized from the sale of the household goods, etc., all of which were in good condition. The four acres of land and house were sold to Mr. J. Hamilton Fritz and wife for $2,200. Charles O. Clemson, Esq., was attorney, and Mr. F. Albert Crawford, auctioneer.

Rev. Smith Hilton Orrick, rector of Ascension Episcopal parish of this city, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. John's parish, Hagerstown, made vacant by the appointment of the Rev. John Poyntz Tyler, as missionary bishop of North Dakota, and will leave here for his new parish, June 1. For five years Mr. Orrick was assistant to the Rev. Dr. Humphries, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Baltimore, and was also assistant to the Rev. Henry Evan Cotton, of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, after the death of the Rev. Dr. Eccleston. He was recently married to Miss Ellen Powell, of Baltimore. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith Orrick, of Glyndon, and is a graduate of Western Maryland College at which his father was a student about 40 years ago.

The funeral of Mrs. Helen Virginia Grimes, wife of Mr. E. O. Grimes, of this city, was held in the Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of citizens, among whom were many of the leading residents of theh place. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. D. L. Greenfield, who spoke with deep feeling of the deceased. Rev. Dr. T. H. Lewis spoke briefly but beautifully in praise of the exalted character of Mrs. Grimes, and Rev. Dr. F. T. Little reviewed the many years of her friendship for him and her invariable kindness. The floral tributes from friends and organizations with which Mrs. Grimes was identified were numerous, appropriate and very beautiful. Interment was in Westminster Cemetery. The pallbearers' names were published last week, but Mr. Jesse C. Sharrer was substituted in place of Mr. N. H. Baile, who was unable to serve.

You can hear the girls coming down town in those new brick and salmon red coats!

Mr. Clinton Smith and family are spending a few days in this city.

Miss Fannie Thompson, of Baltimore, was a guest of Mrs. Alice Baile, of Wakefield, last week.

Miss Helen Seipp, of York, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Millers.

Mrs. Saville Hewitt, of Berrett, was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Mahala Glennan, of Woodbine.

Miss Bessie Hood, of Sweet Air, visited Miss Gertie Hammond, of Woodbine, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Griffee, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with their uncle, Mr. V. B. Griffee, of Gamber.

Rev. and Mrs. John Jenkins, of Easton, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wisner, of Silver Run.

Miss Miriam Sheets, of this city, was a Sunday guest of Miss Rachel Devilbiss, of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. William Arthur, Register of Wills for this county, is in Libertytown, Frederick county, today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, of Gist, spent Sunday with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jabez N. Barnes, near Gamber.

Mr. H. J. Jones, John street, this city, who has been ill of pneumonia for the past six weeks is able to be about again.

There will be preaching Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in Baust's Lutheran Church by Rev. L. B. Hafer, of Taneytown.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hare, of Millers, entertained Miss Bessie Snyder, of Hampstead, several days the past week.

Miss Vertie Hoffacker, of Manchester, was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. John K. Miller, of Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Little, of Pennsylvania avenue, this city, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaner and child, of Harrisburg, Pa., paid a recent visit to Mrs. Shaner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Brown, of Silver Run.

Mrs. Bertie Ebaugh, of Littlestown, Pa., and Mrs. Grace Eppleman, of Atco, New Jersey, are visiting Miss Emma Lippy, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burk and son, of Emory, were Sunday guests o Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bond, of Finksburg.

Mr. Arthur Myers, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers, of Emory.

Mrs. Ernest Lamotte and sons, Wilson and Donald, of Hampstead, were recent guests of Mrs. Lamotte's sister, Mrs. J. Frank Raver, of Emory.

Messrs. Charles Roberts Seabrook and Harry Lewis, of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent from Saturday till Sunday night with the former's parents in this city.

Mr. John Bernstein, of this city, was the recipient of a number of birthday cards on the occasion of his 79th birthday which occurred last Saturday.

Western Maryland College baseball team was defeated Wednesday afternoon at Emmittsburg by Mount St. Mary's baseball team by a score of 13 to 5.

Mrs. W. E. Staub returned to Philadelphia on Wednesday after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Eckenrode, of this city. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Mildred Eckenrode.

The case of the Westminster Metal and Foundry Company, this city, and the Reliable Junk Company, of the Maryland Surety and Trust Company was further argued yesterday in the Court of Appeals by Messrs. F. Neal Parke and Edward O. Weant, of this city.

The flies are here. Some were received by the fly committee last Saturday. Girls and boys bring your flies to the Times lobby on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock and get your nickels and dimes. Remember we pay each child for flies brought. 15c and a picture show ticket for each pint. We have 5 cent and 10 cent measures also.

Rev. E. T. Read and family, arrived in this city on Tuesday and are now domiciled in the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Read's first Sunday services, as pastor of the M. P. Church, will be held on the following Lord's Day. After this week all the regular services of the church will be announced in the Sentinel.

The notice published in the Sentinel by the Mayor and Council of this city, warning owners of dogs that the animals must not be permitted to run at large without being muzzled is well timed. Many dogs were bitten by the supposed rabid animal which ran through the streets of this city Monday night, and a precautionary measure is wise and should be enforced without favor. The police is authorized to kill any dog found on the streets without wearing a muzzle.

A Rabid Dog In Westminster.

Several People Bitten.

On Monday evening about 8 o'clock, a dog supposed to have been suffering with rabies, made its appearance near the Main Court Hotel and started up Main street. On its way it attacked and tore the raincoat of Mr. John J. Reese. At Center street it bit a little colored girl and at the Union National Bank it attacked and bit the little daughter of Mr. H. C. Albaugh, who, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Mollie Albaugh, was walking along the pavement. It was chased by a number of men and boys with various weapons of attack and defense. At the railroad it was shot at by Mr. Harry Thompson, of the Red Front Store, who missed it. When it reached John street it turned and came back to the railroad where it bit Mr. Harry Ditman and was shot at by officer Stem but missed. It turned and continued its way up Main street to Union street and out upon Pennsylvania avenue to Main street and down to the Opera House. Near that point it bit a little son of Mr. Daniel Freeman, who resides on Southwest Church street. The lad was walking with his father when bitten.

Mr. Ditman states that he was bitten in the thumb in a barely healed wound, the dog's teeth making quite a gash well into the bone. Both the little girl and little boy were bitten in the hand, but Mr. Freeman states that in the case of his son the skin was not broken and no blood was drawn. Who the colored child bitten is and the nature of her injury has not been ascertained.

Mr. J. B. McQuay, residing on Webster street, states that his dog was fighting with the strange canine between 3 and 4 o'clock, Monday afternoon. Other dogs, it is said, were bitten on Webster street. Mr. McQuay has killed his dog. It is said, too, that the rabid brute was seen on Charles street, where dogs abound, during Monday afternoon, and the mischief perpetrated is beyond computation.

Either before or after disappearing from Main street, the dangerous animal which, about that time, escaped into the darkness, was seen in the grounds of Dr. Charles Billingslea. How many dogs it encountered and bit during its erratic run to and fro on Main street, through Union street and down Pennsylvania avenue cannot, of course, be ascertained.

The above storyiwas picked up from various sources and is doubtless inaccurate in some particulars, especially in relation to the localities in which certain persons were attacked by the dog. For instance, Mr. Harry Ditman met the dog in front of the store of the Misses Fringer, on East Main street, and when bitten, not on his thumb, but in one of his fingers, kicked the brute over. The dog was then going east on Main street, and had first attacked a colored girl named Powell near the Main Court Inn and sunk its teeth in her rain coat, but did not bite her. Mr. John J. Reese was attacked, as stated, but it was about the same time and in front of Mr. John T. Zahn's store. Soon afterward the dog returned on East Main street and attacked several dogs in the neighborhood of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank and a few minutes later encountered Mr. Ditman and young James Smith at Center street. They were on the lookout for him and as one stood on each side of the pavement the animal attempted to attack Mr. Smith, but was kicked over, jumped up and trotted down Center street. About three-quarters of an hour later Mr. Ditman saw the dog running towards the railroad along West Main street and fully recognized it as the one that had bitten him in front of the Misses Fringer's place. It was then that Bailiff Stem shot at but missed the dangerous animal, which went down railroad avenue, probably turned into an alley, came back to Main street and finally disappeared in the neighborhood of the Opera House. Mr. Ditman is able to give a perfect description of the dog, which he says was a lop-eared hound, with a black back and the skin hanging loose under its throat, where was a small white spot. It did not run, at any time, but when bowled over with kicks, jumped up and trotted away, always at the same gait. Saliva was dropping from its mouth.

Mr. Harry Albaugh took his little daughter to the Pasteur Institute in Baltimore, where she received the first treatment on Wednesday and, it is said, bore it well. Mr. Ditman has decided not to take it. He had the wound in his finger promptly cauterized, is in robust health and believes he is in no danger of incurring the malady.

Dr. S. Luther Bare heard the dog howl on the street opposite his residence and it yelped when struck with a stick by Mr. Joseph W. Smith, sounds never made by a rabid dog. It is said the dog came into Westminster in the afternoon with a tin can tied to its tail, a condition that would strengthen the probability of its freedom from rabies.

A CARD OF THANKS

Mr. John Trite wishes to thank his many friends and neighbors for the kindness shown him during the recent accident that befell him.

Their kind acts thoroughly demonstrated that they are not unmindful of others that suffer.

Again thanking all that contributed through their kindness,

I am very respectfully,

JOHN TRITE.

Deaths

SAMUEL BAUM

Mr. Samuel Baum, a contractor and builder, formerly of Myers district, but now of Baltimore, died Sunday afternoon, 19th inst., at 3.30 o'clock at his residence on East 21st street, Baltimore, aged 60 years.

Mr. Baum went to Baltimore about fifteen years ago. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Verly Brown, of Sells Station, Adams county, Pa.; Misses Annie and Gertrude Baum and Mr. Milton Baum, of Baltimore.

He is also survived by several sisters and brothers. The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Newcomer, formerly of Silver Run, but now of Baltimore, was held Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, Silver Run, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Edward Groft, of Union Mills, was the funeral director.

HARRISON DEARDORFF

Mr. Harrison Deardorff died Saturday afternoon, 18th inst., at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Henry Koontz, of Warfieldsburg, aged 25 years, 3 months and 6 days.

His widow survives him. The funeral service, conducted by Rev. John H. Gonso, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hill, was held Wednesday at twelve o'clock at the Church of God, Warfieldsburg, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Paul Robertson, Sterling Baile, Clarence Glover, William Dickensheets, William Breitweiser and Mahlon Lambert.

MRS. ANN EDWARDS

Mrs. Ann Edwards, widow of the late Rev. John Edwards, who was well known in this city about thirty years ago, when her husband was pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, died at the home of her son, Prof. P. H. Edwards, 4304 Main avenue, Forest Park, Baltimore, on Monday afternoon, at the age of about 70 years. She had been ill for more than a year, and death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Edwards was born in England, and came to this country with her husband in 1865. They settled in Pennsylvania and later came to Maryland. Rev. Mr. Edwards was a prominent Methodist minister and served some of the most important charges in the state including that of Centenary Church. Mrs. Edwards was the aunt of Rev. John R. and Rev. R. N. Edwards. She is survived by three children, (William R. Edwards, Miss Bessie Edwards and Prof. P. H. Edwards, professor of Latin in the Baltimore City College.) She is also survived by a brother and sister, who live in England, and six grandchildren.

While her residence in this city was confined to [illegible] years when Mr. Edwards was pastor here, she made many friends and was highly esteemed by all who came to know her character. It may not be improper to reproduce, in connection with her death, a sketch of her revered husband, written by the editor of the Sentinel and published a couple of months ago. It will be found following this account of her departure. Her funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the home of her son, Prof. Edwards, Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of St. Marks M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. W. A. Koontz, conducting the services, and her remains were interred in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

REV. JOHN EDWARDS

was a native of England and in earlier life a coal miner in that country. Out of the grime and toil of that occupation Mr. Edwards fitted himself to become an approved, able and devoted minister of the Gospel. It is difficult for the writer to realize that thirty years have elapsed since John Edwards ministered in spiritual things to the members of Centenary Church. Perhaps something of the strenuous and humble life of his early years clung to him and became manifest in his work as a christian minister, but the writer recalls one of his sermons that would have done no discredit to a much more distinguished divine. It was a thanksgiving sermon and was delivered in St. Paul's Reformed Church, this city, on the occasion of a union thanksgiving service. It was a masterly discourse and went to the very heart of things. In erudition it exhibited a remarkable range of knowledge upon the subject discussed. Mr. Edwards, though a native of England, became a most enthusiastic American. He once told the writer that upon a visit he had paid to his fatherland he was descanting upon the greatness, the freedom, the prosperity and the general advantages of America and American life, when his aged father reproved him and said he should not contrast the two countries to the disadvantage of his native land. His brother joined the father in the reproof, but came back with John to America, and after a little experience here said: "John, why didn't you tell me what a grand country this is?" His reply was: "I tried to, but you would not permit it." While Mr. Edwards was pastor of Centenary Church the writer was once called upon by a member of a committee of a Baltimore Church, who wished to know whether I thought he would be a satisfactory pastor of that church. "By all means, get him if you can," was the advice given. He was asked for, but the Bishop had another place in view for him, and the application failed. This is a rather long story, but Rev. John Edwards deserved all that is here said of him and more. How few of those who were his parishioners in Centenary Church remember him.

New York city seems to have got back to 16th century conditions, where any man who tried to rule a city needed to wear a mail shirt.

Jurors For May Term

Chief Judge Wm. H. Thomas drew the jurors for the May term of the Circuit Court for this county, on Monday, and the list, by districts, is as follows:

Taneytown.—James E. King, Claudius H. Long, Jacob D. Null, Benjamin F. Bowers.

Uniontown.—John W. Stone, Jas. Roy Myers, Charles Edgar Myers, Michael B. Myerly.

Myers.—John T. Starner, Charles W. Koontz, Claudius Lawyer.

Woolery's.—William F. Frick, Jabez G. Shreeve, James M. Klohr, William O. Lockard.

Freedom.—Walter L. Hawkins, William R. Shipley, William J. Hush.

Manchester.—Henry Sholl, Willis F. Tracey, Curry F. Ament, John T. Brown, Conrad T. Hersh.

Westminster.—James W. Beachan, Joel I. Roop, Amos S. Houser, A. Reese Bixler, David C. Ramoull, John E. Nelson, Jacob H. Handley, William T. Lucabaugh, Jacob H. Stephan.

Hampstead.—Charles W. Ruby, Melchoir Algire, Elva O. Davidson.

Franklin.—Chas. Wesley Barnes, Charles S. Pickett.

Middleburg.—Peter D. Koons, Abram A. Lambert.

New Windsor.—Arthur G. Albert, William Hesson, George P. B. Englar.

Union Bridge.—John H. Repp, Henry R. Fuss.

Mt. Airy.—Walter L. Nikirk, Arthur Hardy.

Berrett.—George A. Brown, Herbert F. Leatherwood.

The term will begin Monday, May 11.

THIRTY FIRST COMMENCEMENT, WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Following is the program of the thirty-first commencement of Westminster Theological Seminary, which will be held Sunday to Tuesday, May 3-5:

SUNDAY, MAY 3.

10.30 A. M., Baccalaureate sermon, by the President, Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D. D.

7.30 P. M., Alumni sermon, by Rev. Arminius Gray Dixon, A. B., B. D., class of 1901.

MONDAY, MAY 4.

7.30 P. M., Thirty-first anniversary of the Stockton Literary Society.

TUESDAY, MAY 5.

10.00 A. M., annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

7.30 P. M., Commencement exercises; singing, by the congregation; prayer, by Rev. J. S. Bowers, of Baltimore; class oration, by George Hyson Enfield, of Woodbine, Pa., The Preacher as a Statesman; address to the graduating class, by Rev. C. M. Lippincott, A. B., B. D., of Beaver Fall, Pa.; conferring of diplomas and degrees; doxology; benediction, by Rev. C. D. Sinkison, of Atlantic City.

All the exercises except the meeting of the Board of Governors and the anniversary of the Stockton Literary Society, which will be held in the Seminary Chapel, will take place in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Following is a list of the graduates and their theses, the last four of whom will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity:

Allan Haldeman, of Philadelphia, Dwight L. Moody: Master Evangelist.

Aurice Parsells, of Atlantic City, N. J., The Rural Community.

George Hyson Enfield, Woodbine, Pa., The Community Life of the Minister.

George Clifford Foltz, Jeneva, Ohio, The Kingdom and the Church.

Harry Moore Peterson, New Cumberland, W. Va., The Atonement in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Robert Alexander Swaringen, Hickory, N. C., The World's Preparation for Christ.

For the Sentinel.

A SUFFRAGE DEMONSTRATION

The nation wide suffrage demonstration which will be held in every city and town of any size in the United States on Saturday, May 2, will be observed by the Just Government League of Carroll county.

The league met at the residence of Mrs. D. L. Farrar on Tuesday evening, with a good attendance of members. Communications from National headquarters were read and discussed and it was decided to join in the observance of the day, by holding a meeting in the Opera House at half past two o'clock, Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, to which everyone will be welcome. There will be no charge of admission. Everything free, and a good program is promised.

There will be music, moving pictures and an address by Mrs. Wm. Claggett, of Washington, D. C., a member of the Congressional National Union and a most persuasive speaker and charming woman.

Even if we differ from the speaker, we can enjoy the program and it is hoped that not only every member of the league will be present to meet and greet Mrs. Claggett, but that a large audience will be there, including as many of the gentlemen of this town as can conveniently attend. Come and hear our reasons for asking for the franchise.

The following ladies were appointed to arrange for the rally, and any information can be obtained from them in regard to it:

Mrs. S. K. Herr, Mrs. D. L. Farrar, Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, Mrs. D. F. Shipley, Mrs. F. M. Shaw, Mrs. S. Luther Bare, Mrs. O. D. Gilbert, Misses M. B. Shellman, A. Whitmore, Maude Manahan, Lillian Erb and May Farrar.

This is a period when a great many garages are built, but relatively few barns and workshops.

Probable War With Mexico.

Vera Cruz Attacked and Captured.

CAUSE OF THIS PROMPT ACTION.

Four Americans Killed and Twenty Wounded.

Two Hundred Mexicans Reported Killed.

All the Americans, Killed or Wounded, Were From the Battleships Utah and Florida, and the Transport Prairie.

The Fight Occurred on Tuesday, as Reported in Bulletins Published on Wednesday.

ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND MILITARY SUPPLIES TO BE KEPT FROM HUERTA.

Other Ports May Be Seized and Huerta's Forces Be Hemmed In.

Vera Cruz, April 21.—Vera Cruz tonight is in the hands of forces from the United States warships, but the occupation of the port was not accomplished without loss of American lives.

Four Americans, bluejackets and marines, were killed by the fire of the Mexican soldiers, and twenty fell wounded.

The Mexican loss is estimated at more than 200 killed and many wounded.

The waterfront, the customs house and all important piers, including those under the terminal works from which extend the railroads to the capital, have been occupied and are now under the American flag.

All the territory around the American consulate is strongly patrolled, and detachments hold other sections of the city.

The Mexican commander, Gen. Gustavo Maas, offered a stubborn resistance to the American advance, and for many hours there was fighting in the streets.

Toward nightfall it was reported that the main body of the federal garrison was in retreat to the westward.

ADMIRAL FLETCHER'S DEMAND

Rear Admiral Fletcher, in command of the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by a demand, through the American Consul, W. W. Canada, for its surrender. General Maas promptly declined to accede to this demand, and shortly afterwards ten whaleboats were sent off from the side of the transport Prairie loaded with marines.

These boats affected a landing in the neighborhood of the customs house before noon, and a few minutes later Capt. William R. Rush, of the battleship Florida, who was in command of the operations ashore, brought his flag in.

Captain Rush's men had already taken up their positions. They numbered 150 bluejackets from the Florida, 390 marines from the Prairie and 65 marines from the Florida. Later these were augmented by a detachment from the Utah.

The coming of the American forces was not heralded by any great excitement, but small crowds gathered to watch the landing. Soon the bluejackets and marines marched through the streets leading from the waterfront and along the railroad yards. Others proceeded to the American consulate, while still others were deployed along the approaches to Central Plaza, in which General Maas had concentrated his men.

A SUDDEN ATTACK

These maneuvers were effected without exposition, but suddenly General Maas challenged the advance with the first shots—a volley fired from a point three blocks from the marines and two blocks south of the main plaza. The marines replied immediately, but the action ceased in a moment.

There was a lull for 10 minutes and then another brief exchange from the west end of Montesinos street, where a federal outpost was stationed.

At 12.30 the rifling became general, and at 1 o'clock the guns of the transport Prairie went into action.

Prior to this a detachment of bluejackets from the Utah, holding the ground between the consulate and the waterfront, opened with two of their three-inch guns.

The first shots from these piers were directed against an ancient tower which once served as a lighthouse.

This was occupied by Mexican sharpshooters. Lieutenant Commander Buchanan, of the Florida, ordered that it be destroyed.

OLD TOWER SHOT DOWN

Five shots brought the old Benito Juarex tower down. The women of the American colony in Vera Cruz had already been placed aboard the chartered steamers, Esperanza and Mexico, but the foreign colony, especially the American section, was greatly augmented this morning, when three trainloads arrived from the capital. Some of these remained ashore, but many were taken aboard the steamers.

So far as can be learned none of the refugees was injured.

The postoffice, government telegraph office and the cable office were the first buildings occupied after the custom-house. A squad of marines was placed in charge of the cable office. The telegraph wires were found intact and enough Mexican operators were retained to man the lines to Mexico City.

FIRING FROM HOUSETOPS

After General Maas had been driven from his position in Central Plaza, the Americans found themselves the object of fusillades from the tops of houses, where small groups of soldiers and citizens had taken up positions. It was learned only tonight that the greater part of those engaged in this resistance were civilians who refused to accept the American occupation passively. They obtained guns and stationed themselves at points of vantage and did much to prolong the action.

Lieutenant Colonel Wendell C. Neville commanded the marines from the Prairie and Majors Reid and Berkeley and Captains Hughes, Hill and Dyer, along the line. Every precaution is being taken to prevent a Mexican attack, and the lines have been reinforced by a detachment which was originally in position beyond the terminal works.

Toward the middle of the afternoon a large body of Mexicans evacuated their position and are now somewhere in the sand hills back in the interior, where, it is reported from Mexican sources, they are expecting to be joined by reinforcements sent down from the capital.

This withdrawal, however, was not entirely premeditated. Those watching on the ships observed through their glasses a large force of Mexicans moving over the hills in the western outskirts of the city, apparently with the intention of flanking a battalion of marines in the railway yards and along Montesinos street, which runs east and west not far from the American consulate.

Instantly the five-inch guns of the Prairie let go, breaking the Mexican formation and causing a hasty retreat. This ended the flanking movement.

Only a few minutes before the three-inch guns of the Prairie were used effectively near shore. A small detachment of Mexicans had gained positions near the custom house and their concealed marksmen were causing some trouble. A few shots from the Prairie's guns served to silence that position. From time to time the same guns played their shells along the line of the shore, keeping that territory comparatively free of sharpshooters.

In the action about the custom house, two of the bluejackets in a launch which carried a rapid-firer were wounded.

HUERTA'S SUPPLIES CUT OFF

Information that President Huerta was counting on receiving from the steamer Ypiranga, of the Hamburg-American Line, which was due to arrive today, a big consignment of ammunition, rifles and machine guns, was responsible for the occupation of the customs house somewhat earlier than might otherwise have been the case.

The Ypiranga is still outside the harbor. She has on board, among other supplies, 10,000 rifles and 15,000,000 cartridges.

President Huerta has been making every effort to safeguard this consignment and had given orders that it be unloaded immediately, placed on a special train drawn by two locomotives and rushed to the capital.

Admiral Fletcher warned General Maas that the big guns of the American fleet would be used unless he stopped his men from firing.

(Later War News on Inside Page.)

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