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Naco, Ariz., March 15.—Instead of waiting to be attacked by nearly 1,000 insurgent state troops, General Ojeda, with less than 500 federal soldiers, went out from Naco today and defeated the enemy. In three hours of aggressive fighting, peppering the enemy's line with rifle and machine gun bullets and spraying lead from shrapnel shells over hills adapted as fortifications, the Huerta federals drove the state forces five miles to the southeast. Late today the government forces returned victorious to the Mexican border town opposite this point.

Even the victors did not believe the fighting ended, however, nor that Naco is secure from assault. The state forces are assembling tonight in still greater numbers to wrest the only remaining port on the Sonora border from the hands of the Huerta national government.

AGAINST BIG ODDS.

With the advantage of unexpected aggression and possessing five artillery pieces, the little brown, barefooted soldiers defending the military honor of the new Huerta regime fought as wild men against seemingly overwhelming odds. Protected by the artillery fire, the federals scrambled over the hillocks and fearlessly began firing their rifles at the enemy appearing in the distance.

It was the group under Elias Calles which first received the assault. Expecting to attack rather than be attacked, the state troops soon fell back. The other half of the constitutional forces under Prefecto Bracamonte rushed to the rescue from the east, and with a roar of artillery and the continued rattle of mausers the battle was on. For an hour desperate fighting continued.

Little by little the state troops fell back from the biting fire of the aggressors. For a full mile the Huerta soldiers pursued closely the retreating enemy, advancing the artillery from the rear of the skirmish lines. Bodies of killed and wounded state troops lie tonight deserted on the field.

U. S. DEPUTY WOUNDED.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, Sheriff H. C. Wheeler, of Tombstone, early in the day insisted there should be no repetition of the shooting across the border, as at the Nogales battle. This moved the federal commander to abandon his fortifications and set out after the enemy. Five troops of the Fifth and Ninth United States Cavalry were on duty along the border, keeping back noncombatants. The only person wounded during the fight on the American side was A. A. Hopkins, a deputy United States marshal. He was injured in the knee while doing neutrality duty on the line.

As at Nogales, American volunteers in automobiles dared the fire to rescue the wounded under the protection of the Red Cross flag. One American physician is missing.

NEUTRALITY ENFORCED

Mexican Soldiers Must Not Step Upon American Soil.

El Paso, Tex., March 15.—The strictest enforcement of neutrality is in effect today. All Mexican soldiers, federal or insurgent, armed or unarmed, in uniform or civilian dress, may be arrested if they step on United States soil. Orders to this effect were received today by commanders of United States troops along the Mexican frontier, from Gen. T. H. Bliss, commanding the Southern Department.

To avoid friction the order was communicated today to Col. Juan N. Vasquez, commanding the federal garrison at Juarez. Rebels and federals alike have been sharing liberty in the American border towns where they made their purchases unrestrained, unless armed.

GERMAN AGENT IN PRISON

Incurred the Displeasure of State Authorities of Sonora.

Tucson, Ariz., March 15.—Max Muller, German consular agent at Hermosillo, Sonora, and manager of the Banco de Sonora, has been imprisoned by the authorities of the insurgent Mexican state and the bank seized, says reliable reports reaching here today.

Muller is said to have aroused the displeasure of the state authorities by refusing to negotiate a loan. The bank was raided, but only 2,400 pesos found, Muller having made some other provision for the safety of the funds.

The German consul is cut off from direct communication with his ambassador at Mexico City. He has sent out an indirect appeal to the German ambassador at Washington.

Washington, March 15.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, communicated the facts relating to the imprisonment of the German consular agent at Hermosillo to the German minister at Mexico City. He also asked for official advices regarding Muller's plight as soon as possible in order to determine what further action might be taken.

TO SUPPRESS CARRANZA

Plans for Combined Military Operations of Government.

Monterey, Mexico, March 15.—The combined military operations of the government troops now concentrating in the State of Coahuila to suppress the Carranza rebellion are not expected to begin for some days.

The federal troops now occupy Torreon, Saltillo, Parras de La Fuente and San Pedro de Las Colonias, the most important towns in the State of Coahuila. Carranza's adherents are in control of Monclova, Muzquiz and Porfirio Diaz City (also known as Piedras Negras).

The total of the federal troops in the field is not known, but it reaches several thousand. Two thousand more men, commanded by Gen. Trucy Aubert, left here today for Monclova, from which they intend to drive the rebels.

Caranza is said to have 2,300 well-armed followers, with plentiful supplies of ammunition. He is endeavoring to induce the miners of Las Esperanzas to join him. Most of the railroads in Coahuila are at a standstill. In the State of Nuevo Leon rebels from Coahuila have invaded the towns of Lampazos, Bustamante and Villaldama.

THE MADEROS TO CONFER

How They May Re-establish Their Shattered Fortunes.

New York, March 15.—Ten of the Madero family, all relatives of the slain president of Mexico, arrived here today to join others of the family already in the United States, and to consider where and how the Maderos may re-establish their fortunes.

The party included Mrs. Sarah P. Madero, widow of President Francisco I. Madero, and her daughters, Angele and Mercedes; Mrs. Francisco Madero, the late president's mother; Mrs. Zirion, his sister, and Mrs. Zirion's four children and one of the president's nephews. They came from Havana, which was their first place of refuge after the death of President Madero.

Many other Mexican refugees were on the same steamer, among them Jose Q. Reyes, a son of Gen. Bernardo Reyes, who was killed during the recent uprising.

URGES RECOGNITION

Retired Army Officer Who Is Interested in Mining.

Washington, March 15.—Immediate recognition of the Huerta government in Mexico was urged upon Secretary Bryan today by Major Cassius E. Gillette, U. S. A., retired, interested in mining properties in the State of Mexico.

"The sooner it is recognized by the United States the more quickly will the government be able to get money and suppress the little revolution in the outlying states," said he.

Major Gillette called at the White House, but did not see President Wilson. He would not discuss Mr. Bryan's view of recognition.

RIGID ANTIGAMBLING LAWS

New Mexico Legislature Also Passes White Slave Act.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 15.—Two laws enacted in the final hours of the legislature, which adjourned yesterday, included an anti-white slave act almost identical with the Mann act, which is expected to put an end to the traffic within the state, and an antigambling law replacing an antigambling law passed in 1907, when New Mexico was a territory.

The new law is so drawn as to make gambling of all kinds a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both. It prohibits private games of bridge in homes where prizes are given, puts the ban on shaking dice for drinks, slot machines, betting on ball games, horse races or prize fights; forbids raffles and the like at church fairs or lodge socials.

Gen. Diaz's Hopes for Mexico.

Naples, March 15.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, the ex-president of Mexico, has received many messages with full details of the situation in the Mexican republic. General Diaz said today that he hoped complete order would soon be restored in his country, as young and vital energies were working together to this end. General Diaz today called on the King of Sweden, who has just arrived here.

WANTS TO BE DIVORCED

Duke of Westminster Seeks Separation From Duchess.

Special Cablegram to The American.

London, March 15.—The Duke and Duchess of Westminster, who have long been going their own ways, have now come into open conflict, and following a violent quarrel between them the Duchess is barred from her husband's house and is staying with the Countess Beauchamp, the Duke's sister. The cause of the quarrel is traced to the Buckingham Palace ball, to which the Duchess was invited, but the Duke was not. He forbade her to go, but she defied him and used the Westminsters' state carriage.

On her return to Grosvenor House the Duchess found the gates locked and she was refused admission. She passed the night with Lady Beauchamp, and the next day went to Eaton Hall, Cheshire, where she found the Duke had also given orders that she was not to be admitted. She then returned to town and has since been staying with Lady Beauchamp.

The Duke is doing his best to get the Duchess to divorce him, but she has so far declined. He has offered her £60,000 a year if she will agree to divorce him, with the alternative of £15,000 if she refuses.

20,000 Rebels Swear Loyalty.

Washington, March 15.—From Mexico City come reports that 20,000 rebels in all have sworn allegiance to the Huerta government. The government at Mexico City appears to be confident of putting an end to revolutionary disturbances in Coahuila and Sonora, as they expect soon to have enough troops in those regions adequately to cope with the disturbances.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.
Washington, March 15.

Forecast for Sunday and Monday: For Maryland, Southern New England, Eastern New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware and District of Columbia, fair Sunday and Monday, decidedly colder; brisk northwest winds.

For Northern New England, generally fair Sunday and Monday, decidedly colder; brisk northwest winds.

For Virginia, fair Sunday and Monday, decidedly colder, with a cold wave extreme west portion; brisk northwest winds.

For North Carolina, fair and decidedly colder Sunday and Monday; moderate to brisk northwest winds.

For South Carolina, fair Sunday and Monday, much colder Sunday; moderate northwest winds.

For West Virginia, generally fair Sunday and Monday, except snow in Mountain Region Sunday; much colder Sunday.

Weather Conditions and General Forecast: The storm has continued its movements eastward, but while the center has reached the St. Lawrence Valley, a trough of low barometer still covers all districts east of the Mississippi and the precipitation has, moreover, been general within that area, the weather, however, now clearing beyond the Mississippi.

The force of the gales in the interior have diminished decidedly, but strong winds still prevail at many points.

The cold wave now covers the Central States and reaches southward over the Mississippi, almost to the Gulf of Mexico.

The storm will pass into the Atlantic by Sunday morning and a prolonged period of fair weather will then follow over the greater portion of the country with comparative cold; there will, in fact, be a decided fall in temperature Sunday along the Atlantic Seaboard.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic Coast will be brisk northwest; along the South Atlantic and East Gulf Coast, moderate to brisk northwest; along the West Gulf Coast, moderate north; on Lake Michigan, moderate to brisk northwest, with generally fair weather.

Daily Report.
Custom-house, Baltimore, March 15.

Time.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Precipitation.	State of Weather.
8 A. M.	61	85	SW.	8	.06	Raining
8 P. M.	63	78	S.	6	.28	Cloudy

Normal temperature 41 | Highest temperature 68
Mean temperature 62 | Lowest temperature 56

Maximum velocity of the wind, 12 miles an hour, from the south.

Record of Temperature.

The following table gives the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock tonight for the past 24 hours at the following named stations:

Atlantic City, rain	46	Montgomery, cloudy	58
Bismarck, clear	*2	Nantucket, pt. cloudy	36
Boston, rain	56	Nantucket, foggy	36
Buffalo, cloudy	42	New Orleans, cloudy	62
Charleston, rain	64	New York, cloudy	52
Chicago, snow	34	Oklahoma, pt. cloudy	46
Cleveland, cloudy	42	Pittsburgh, clear	54
Corpus Christi, clear	48	Philadelphia, cloudy	53
Denver, clear	14	Portland, Me., foggy	40
Detroit, snow	36	Portland, Ore., cloudy	34
Duluth, pt. cloudy	4	Providence, rain	50
Eastport, rain	38	Quebec, rain	30
Galveston, clear	48	Salt Lake City, p. cl'y	18
Green Bay, cloudy	14	Raleigh, rain	62
Hatteras, cloudy	62	San Francisco, clear	44
Havre, cloudy	6	St. Louis, cloudy	48
Helena, cloudy	20	St. Paul, clear	12
Jacksonville, cloudy	70	Scranton, pt. cloudy	62
Kansas City, clear	20	Shreveport, cloudy	32
Knoxville, pt. cloudy	58	Spokane, cloudy	30
Louisville, cloudy	46	Tampa, pt. cloudy	72
Marquette, snow	10	Washington, cloudy	55
Memphis, cloudy	36	Winnipeg, cloudy	*12

*Below zero.

Almanac for Today.

Sun Rises.....6:19 A. M. | Sun Sets.....6:14 P. M.
Moon Sets.....3:30 A. M. Monday.

HIGH WATER.

12:31 A. M.....0.7 Foot | 1:23 P. M.....1.2 Feet

[Calculations expressed in Eastern Standard Time.]

OLNEY DECLINES DIPLOMATIC POST

Family Reasons Given as Excuse for Not Accepting.

WILSON EXTREMELY SORRY

OTHERS MENTIONED TO TAKE THE PLACE.

It Is Thought the President Will Select a Man Suggested for Some Other European Post—Will Fill This Office Before Taking Up the Others—A Conference With McCombs Anent Appointments—Important Announcement to Be Made This Week.

Washington, March 15.—President Wilson received with regret today a letter from Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, former secretary of States under President Cleveland, declining for "family reasons," the offer of the post of United States ambassador to Great Britain. Anxious to fill that post as quickly as possible, the President probably will make an appointment within a few days, but it was said he had not definitely decided upon any individual. He wishes, however, to fill this important post before he setles any other diplomatic mission and is said to favor a man of literary as well as diplomatic reputation.

Mr. Olney's letter was said to be of a confidential nature, and therefore, was not made public. Secretary Tumulty, however, announced that Mr. Olney had declined "for family reasons." It is understood that Mrs. Olney has been in poor health and that Mr. Olney was loath to change his residence at his advanced age. His many business connections through his law practice also are said to have influenced him to remain in this country.

Though no names came forward conspicuously today, it was thought the President might choose a man hitherto mentioned for other European posts. These include David R. Francis of Missouri; Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia; Augustus Thomas, of