

RAID U. S. AGAIN

FORDING RIO GRANDE MEXICAN BANDITS INVADE TEXAS, KILL AND KIDNAP.

THREE PLACES ARE RAVAGED

Three American Soldiers Slain and Two Texans Carried Away in Duplicate of Villa's Attack on Columbus.

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El Paso, Tex.—Three American soldiers and a 10-year-old boy have lost their lives and two American citizens have been kidnaped and carried south of the international boundary to almost certain death in another raid of Mexican bandits that takes rank with Francisco Villa's famous attack on Columbus, N. M.

The bandit foray, carrying them through the tough limits of Brewster county in the Big Bend district of Texas, and taking in three little settlements near the border—Glenn Springs, Boquillas and Beemers—took place on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Major Gen. Frederick Funston ordered that, in all, four troops of cavalry should proceed to the raided section to reinforce small detachments already on the scene from Presidio, Alpine and other points.

Gen. Scott and Funston met Gen. Obregon and Juan Amador, Mexican secretary of foreign affairs, in the immigration station at the American end of the international bridge Sunday morning for what had been expected to be their final conference. It developed later, however, that practically the only matter discussed was the bandit raid at Glenn Springs.

Practically all the details of the raid reaching here Sunday came to Gen. Funston and Maj. O. B. Meyers, of the Fourteenth cavalry, stationed at Marfa. According to Maj. Meyer, the bandits, about seventy-five in number crossed the Rio Grande from the Mexican side late Friday afternoon at a point a few miles south of Terlingua, Tex., where there is a guard of about thirty men.

From there they proceeded eastward through the desolate ranches of the Big Bend country over an old wagon road toward Glenn Springs, a small ranch settlement.

A few miles west of Glenn Springs an American patrol of eight men from troop A of the Fourteenth cavalry, under command of Sergeant Smith, was stationed. The bandits began an attack on the little temporary shack in which the eight troopers were quartered before the signal sentinel could raise an alarm. The time was about 11 o'clock. The attackers rushed madly on the shack shouting "Viva Villa" and "Viva Carranza."

They were met by a sturdy defense from the half asleep Americans, however and failed in their evident attempt to make a quick capture of the patrol guard.

From 11 o'clock that night until after 2 o'clock in the morning Sergeant Smith fought the Mexicans from the shelter of the patrol house. In that time three of his men, Privates Cohen, Cole and Rogers, had been killed and nearly all the eight were wounded.

From the grave manner of American and Mexican officials here it would seem the situation between Mexico and the United States has become considerably clouded by the new developments.

It is known that Gen. Obregon is having increased difficulty in retaining the loyal cooperation of some of his military men in the tentative agreement he has entered into with the American chief of staff.

U. S. TO SEND NEW NOTE?

May Warn Berlin Bad Faith Will Bring Immediate Break.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred Sunday night at the White House on the situation confronting the United States as the result of the latest German note regarding the conduct of submarine warfare.

There were strong intimations in official quarters the first of the week that the administration might send to Germany a brief communication noting the new instructions to submarine commanders quoted in the German note and informing the imperial government that so long as these instructions were effective diplomatic relations between the two nations could continue. Should such a communication be sent, however, it would make very plain that the United States will not permit its relations with Great Britain to enter into the controversy.

It was authoritatively stated that should another ship carrying American citizens be sunk by a German submarine in violation of the principles of international law diplomatic relations would be severed just as soon as the facts were established and without any further exchange of communication.

Protests Seizure of Coast Ship.

Washington, D. C.—Representations have been made to the British government by the state department, protesting against seizure on the west Mexican coast by the British cruiser Rainbow, of the American power schooner Oregon. Whether the principle of "enemy ownership" can be extended to vessels loaned by Germany is a diplomatic question involved, the Oregon having been leased to a German firm at Mazatlan. The vessel was seized in the Gulf of California.

WORLD'S EVENTS

IN SHORT FORM

BEST OF THE NEWS BOILED DOWN TO LIMIT.

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European War News

The Berlin war office announced severe fighting between the Germans and British over a front nearly 20 miles long.

Witnesses who testified at an inquiry held at Stockholm regarding the capture of the Danish schooner Olga by a German trawler, declared that the vessel was seized while in Swedish waters.

Five Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Brindisi, killing four and wounding five patients in a hospital.

Four more leaders of the Irish rebels have been shot at Dublin. They had been found guilty of treason by a general field court-martial. The victims were: Joseph Plunkett, Edmund Daly, Michael O'Hannan and William Pearse.

Two more Zeppelins were destroyed by allied gunfire. One was brought down by one of the British light cruiser squadrons off the Schleswig coast and the other was brought down after a raid on Saloniki, according to a dispatch from London, only one of its crew of 30 escaping.

The French submarine Bernoulli sank an enemy destroyer in the lower Adriatic.

The advance of the French in the district of Dead Man's hill on the Verdun front continues, the war office announced at Paris. The gains made were increased and consolidated.

Three men of the crew of the Zeppelin L-20, wrecked on the Norwegian coast after a raid on Scotland, went to death to prevent Count Zeppelin's secrets from becoming known to foreign governments. Sixteen of the Zeppelin's crew were rescued and interned.

It is officially announced at Athens that the allies have occupied Florina. Florina is a town about 10,000 population, fifteen miles south and a little east of Monastir, and about sixty miles west of Saloniki.

Four heads of the "Republic of Ireland," including "Provisional President" Patrick H. Pearse, were tried by court-martial and executed in London. Their trials were swift and secret. The three others executed were James Connolly, Thomas J. Clark and Thomas McDonagh.

At least 500 rebels were killed and 1,500 wounded in the seven days of fighting in the streets of Dublin, it was estimated by soldiers who completed a canvass of the city.

A strong attack was made by French troops on German positions southeast of Fort Douaumont, on the Verdun front. The French captured a first-line German trench 500 meters (547 yards) long, the war office announced at Paris, and took 100 prisoners.

Two vessels under charter by the American commission for the relief of Belgium, the Swedish steamship Feldland and the British steamer Hendonhall, have been sunk within two days, it was announced at London.

Domestic

Republicans of Michigan in convention at Lansing, Mich., endorsed Justice Charles E. Hughes for president and selected four delegates at large to the national convention. Mayor Oscar B. Marx of Detroit, Albert E. Peterman of Calumet, Benjamin Hanchett of Grand Rapids and George W. Cook of Flint were chosen.

Unless the milk dealers of Chicago grant an increase of \$2 a week and promise to do away with milk solicitors, 2,800 members of the milk-wagon drivers' union will strike.

Eight of the alleged German bomb plotters recently indicted on the charge of conspiring to destroy vessels carrying munitions for the entente allies pleaded not guilty in the federal district court at New York and were placed under heavy bonds.

The joint subcommittee of anthracite miners and operators, which has been attempting to negotiate a new contract for the hard-coal fields, announced at New York that a satisfactory tentative agreement had been reached.

Election of officers ended the three days' meeting here of the National Conservation Congress at Washington. George E. Condra, Nebraska state conservation commissioner, was named president.

Pittsburgh's street car strike is settled. Thirty-two hundred car men voted almost unanimously to accept a compromise agreement. The men returned to work immediately.

Citizen soldiers went in training at the Southern military camp at Fort Oglethorpe, near Chattanooga, Tenn. The attendance for the first period is estimated at between 1,000 and 1,500.

Joseph Van Dyke Waters, a resident of Mattoon, Ill., was found guilty by a jury of the murder of his wife and the punishment placed at life imprisonment.

William Lorimer was acquitted of charges of embezzlement and conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank by a jury at Chicago. The jurors had deliberated six hours. Lorimer promised that he would repay the money lost by depositors.

John Dewey, editor of the Gaelic American, and John T. Ryan, a Buffalo attorney, were mentioned in superseding indictments handed down at New York by the federal grand jury which investigated the alleged German plot to blow up the Welland canal.

Washington

Herbert Putnam, librarian of the congressional library at Washington, dismissed from office Ernest Brunckon, assistant register of the copyright division, for remarks alleged to have been disrespectful to President Wilson's policy.

All immediate danger of a break between the United States and Germany has disappeared as a result of the latter's compliance with President Wilson's demand in connection with submarine operations. The German government has immediately declared and effected an abandonment of the methods denounced by the president in his semiannual message of April 18.

It was announced at Washington the first session of the Sixty-fourth congress will appropriate for the next fiscal year \$1,250,000,000—a record.

Republican members of the house committee on naval affairs at Washington considered data from the general board of the navy showing that it will require expenditures of nearly \$800,000,000 to put the navy of the United States back into second place.

The senate commerce committee at Washington authorized Senator Clarke, chairman, to report favorably the rivers and harbors bill carrying approximately \$43,000,000, an increase of about \$3,000,000 over the house bill.

Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Italy, who saw President Wilson at Washington, said he saw no immediate prospect for peace in Europe, but believed that when peace came it would be suddenly.

Mexican Revolt

Forty currency speculators in Mexico City have been arrested and will be given terms in the penitentiary, according to a message received at Galveston, Tex.

At General Funston's temporary headquarters at El Paso, Tex., it was said a message had been received from General Pershing, in which he stated he thought he had located Villa.

American mining men arriving at El Paso, Tex., declared that five Americans were murdered by Mexican bandits while working their mining claims between Rosahio and Mazatlan, Sinaloa. One of the slain men was named Voix, the Americans reported. The names of the other four were not known.

Notification that the plan of co-operative action in the Mexican border region mapped out at the El Paso conference is acceptable to the Washington government was forwarded to General Scott by Secretary Baker.

Mexican military men believe withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico will take place in about two months. It was learned at El Paso, Tex. The Mexicans say that in view of the dispositions to be made by General Obregon under the tentative agreement with Gen. Hugh L. Scott the hunting down of the bandit groups in Chihuahua and Durango can scarcely take more than that period of time.

Foreign

The British government gave orders for the release of 38 men taken from the American steamship China by a British cruiser while en route from Shanghai to San Francisco.

Hostilities have commenced at Santo Domingo. Several persons were killed or wounded. A Dominican gunboat bombarded the fort. The situation is critical. Marines were landed from the American converted cruiser Prairie for protection of the American legation.

James M. Sullivan, former United States minister to Santo Domingo, has been arrested in Dublin in connection with the Sinn Fein uprising. It was announced at the United States embassy at London.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

TWO STUDENTS OF STATE COLLEGE RECOMMENDED FOR ARMY COMMISSIONS.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

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Pierre.—The annual inspection of South Dakota State college military department at Brookings by the United States war department was made by Major Munroe McFarland, general staff. The general appearance of corps, the military band, as well as the sturdy appearance of the individual cadets were commended by the inspector. Lieutenant R. C. Ditto, United States army, is commandant of the cadet corps and is largely responsible for the splendid showing of the student army men. The student officers are: Cadet major, Clarence Evers, Big Stone; cadet first lieutenants, Ray Cunningham, Conde; Jens Riis, Denmark, and G. H. Karistad, Dempster; cadet second lieutenants, Edward Anderson, Watertown; William Emerson, Castlewood, and Victor Woodruff, Miller. Professor Carl Christensen is director of the college Fourth regiment band. Cadet Major Clarence Evers of Big Stone and Cadet Alfred Rishol of White have been recommended for commissions in the regular United States army, as a result of special aptitude shown in college work. Cadet Lieutenants C. H. Karistad of Dempster and Ray Cunningham of Conde received special mention. Good progress was made by all cadets this year in spite of bad drilling weather.

New Declaration of War.

War has been declared upon the farmers' worst enemy by the agronomists of the South Dakota experiment station at Brookings, and all patriotic farmers are urged to enlist for six months' service beginning now. "This worst enemy," says Associate Agronomist J. G. Hutton, "is Lieutenant General Weeds with legions of veterans, who are now marching upon the fields of South Dakota. It will not be necessary for farmers to leave their homes and families unprotected in the coming war because they may render the necessary service without leaving their farms. All that is necessary is not to wait but to get out harrows or drags and hitch on your war horses and meet Weeds' army in the field and drag them early so that the Weeds do not get a start. After the corn is planted harrow the fields often enough to keep them clean until the corn is up and ready to cultivate. Now is the time to go into the battle, for if you delay, the invaders will rob the crops of their food and water and a heavy indemnity will be laid upon the tillers of the soil. Should General Weeds' cohorts get once assembled and organized, they will be absolutely irresistible. The only hope for the farmer this year is to disperse the army before it is in full possession of the field. Not all people are agreed as to what our policy of preparedness against invaders should be, but there is absolutely no question or difference of opinion as to being prepared for an invasion by the Weeds."

Addition to Federal Building.

Representative Royal C. Johnson has introduced a bill in the lower house of congress providing for a \$100,000 addition to the federal building in Aberdeen. When the present structure was first erected it housed the federal land office as well as the internal revenue collectors office, the federal court and the postoffice. Since then the land office was transferred to Timber Lake and the entire lower floor was devoted to the postoffice, but the business of the latter institution has increased so the mail clerks and entire postal force are cramped for room. A government inspector who looked over the situation locally some time ago recommended remodeling the interior, but the internal revenue officials are also cramped, and an effort is being made to secure an appropriation for an addition which will provide for contingencies for a number of years to come, even when the surrounding territory is taken into consideration.

Annexation Complications.

There appear to be complications in the effort of Jackson county to annex Washabaugh county with its boundaries. The residents of Bennett county think they would like the same territory themselves, and the indications are that at the next legislative session both counties will be asking to have this unorganized territory attached.

Wants More Information.

At a hearing Gov. Byrne temporarily denied the application of Montana authorities for the custody of Felix Orsolano, who is in lead under bond for the Montana authorities. Orsolano was charged with grand larceny, but alleged that the real intent of attempting to get him back to Montana was to collect a debt, and his showing was such that Gov. Byrne wants more information before granting the papers asked for.

Fire Marshal's Bulletin.

The last fire marshal bulletin contains an article on the rights of companies in regard to automobile insurance, one of the principal features being the statement that no insurance company may write automobile insurance in South Dakota unless the charter of the company authorizes the writing of such insurance. Other features are: A stock or mutual fire insurance company can insure an automobile only against loss by fire, lightning, or tornado, and cannot insure against theft or casualty. A stock insurance company with a capital of \$100,000 or more, and carrying the proper deposit in the state where it is organized, may insure against loss from fire, tornado, property damage or collision, but not personal casualty or liability; a stock company which has made a deposit of securities of \$50,000 with the treasurer of this state, may insure automobiles against loss by fire, tornado, theft, liability, personal and property casualty.

An Old Typewriter.

The department of history has secured the verified record in regard to the old typewriter in its collection of curios. The machine was the first to be brought into Dakota, and is No. 15 of the first lot of Sholes & Glidden typewriters, manufactured in 1875 by E. Remington & Sons. It was purchased by Rand & McNally in Chicago, who made little use of it and sent it out to the Black Hills to Judge Horatio McGuire, who had been employed by them to make a chart of that section for the company. His copy was so illegible that they sent him the machine and asked him to use it. McGuire sold the machine to Joseph Gossage, of Rapid City, the next year, and he donated it to the department of history.

Pardon is Recommended.

The state pardons board at a recent meeting considered several applications for clemency and recommended a pardon for J. R. Maxwell, sent from Fall River county on a charge of murder. The board deferred action for one year on the application of Alva Brandenburg, sent from Hutchinson county on a charge of statutory rape.

Ruling by Attorney General.

The attorney general holds that failure of any individual to file a petition for a county office to be filled by nomination at the primary creates a "vacancy" under the law, which gives the county central committee of the party power to fill out the ticket to include all places which the people will vote for at the November election.

Dakota Bank Deposits.

The report of the national banks for March shows deposits of \$44,232,000. The report of the state banks shows \$68,775,000, bringing the total deposits in South Dakota banks to over \$113,000,000.

Post Card from Siberia.

Aberdeen.—An Aberdeen business man has received a post card from a prison camp in Siberia which brings out in a touching way the desire of "prisoners de guerre" to communicate with relatives and also the restrictions that are placed on them by the censors. The card comes from the great prison camp in Nikolsk, Ussurisky, Siberia, and the sender is a German professor who is a prisoner of war. The professor is a nephew of the Aberdeen man and takes a clever way of communicating with him without violating the rules that prohibit letter writing. Knowing that the Aberdeen man visited the old home in Tullin, Bavaria a few years ago, the captured teacher has drawn a picture of the home in far away Bavaria. It is reproduced from memory only but the Aberdonian states that it is complete to a detail as he remembers it. Days of effort have been spent upon the card. The address is lettered with the care and skill of an American show-card writer. The drawing of the home, being the style with a court in the middle and in four sections, was difficult work but so ably done it resembles an architect's blue print. Every tree, lightning rod, bee house and walk is reproduced, even hours have evidently been put on the tracing of clouds to give the picture proper depth. Besides the address the sole words on the card are those of the address and "Best Regards."

Inventor Former Dakota Editor.

Pierre.—Charles Y. Knight, inventor of the Knight automobile engines from which he has amassed a vast fortune, was a South Dakota printer. In 1884 at 17 years of age, he was the publisher of the Dakota City Advance, now the Parkston Advocate, which for many years was published by John E. Hipple. Afterwards he was in the employ of the Rapid City Republican, and later in Chicago, won notoriety as the leader of the fight against the use of oleomargarine. American manufacturers saw no good in his sleeve valve engine, and he took it to England first, and afterwards to France, and sold it advantageously, augmenting his fortune. He now resides in Pasadena, but keeps in touch with his South Dakota friends.

Former Postmaster Found.

Sioux Falls.—When arraigned before Judge Elliott of the federal court, Ingham House, formerly postmaster at Rosens, near Sioux Falls, entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with the misappropriation of funds of his office. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. The money of the postoffice was returned as soon as the shortage was discovered, but postoffice inspectors insisted on the case against him being prosecuted.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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Harrold is in line for the national game with a good baseball nine.

William Morgan of Madison celebrated his 90th birthday Friday of last week.

Members of the Geddes Grand Army post have secured Fred R. Smith of Platte to make the Decoration day address there.

Gov. Byrne has granted a requisition upon the governor of Nebraska for J. A. Shane, who is wanted in Fall River county on a charge of embezzlement.

The winter wheat outlook around Witten is fine, there being a very large acreage. For the past two years it has been the most profitable crop raised in that section.

The 1917 "Jack Rabbit" student annual of the junior class at State college at Brookings, was distributed last week. The book contains 320 pages in review of college life of the past year.

Farmers in the Pierre section report seeding of small grain in that section of the state practically finished, with plowing for corn planting under way, but the planting will not be rushed.

Herman Peterson of St. Paul, master painter on the new high school building at Yankton, fell from the third floor, where he was painting windows, to the ground, and sustained two broken wrists.

The attorney for H. O. Webb of Do-land, who has been cited to answer to a disbarment complaint, has asked for a continuance of two weeks on the hearing, and the date was advanced to the 17th of this month.

The summer resort season is about to open in South Dakota. H. E. Moore of Spirit Lake, Ia., has taken over the Antlers hotel at Hartford Beach, and will completely rearrange the building and enlarge its capacity.

Crop conditions throughout South Dakota are of the most encouraging character. Spring rains have visited every part of the state, and while they delayed the completion of small grain seeding, they have soaked the ground until it is in as fine condition as it is possible to be.

Twenty-five Watertown boys interested in wireless telegraphy have organized the Watertown Wireless association for the purpose of intercommunication and conducting experiments along this line. A number of them have self-made plants in operation at this time.

Sioux Falls has met the teams by which it will secure an endowment of \$250,000 for Sioux Falls college, the committee which has been at work for several weeks having announced that \$50,000 had been subscribed locally to go with the \$200,000 assured by the Northern Baptist conference.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ford of Fairfax have just come into possession of a Lincoln relic. It is in the form of a small piece of linen sheet which was used on the bed on which Abraham Lincoln died. The relative of Mr. and Mrs. Ford who sent them the relic is a member of the Lincoln research society.

Although W. W. Spain of Sioux Falls, federal investigator, can find no wing sprouts on his back, even on most diligent search, still he is somewhat of a "high flyer." He is the man appointed by Gen. Morris to take the aviation course at Newport News and will soon be high enough to find out for himself whether the earth is flat or round.

To choke a young woman is worth a fine of \$25 and costs, according to a Canova justice. Frank Lyon, a young man employed on a farm near the town, became crazy drunk, and while in this condition choked the hired girl on the farm where he was employed. He was arrested and when brought to town was assessed the amount stated.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for a registered shooting tournament, to be held June 9 on the Madison grounds under the auspices of the Hudson Gun club. It is expected all the gun clubs of southeastern South Dakota and adjoining territory in Iowa will have representatives present to compete for the liberal prizes which will be offered.

The first fatality from lightning in South Dakota this season happened on a farm near Hoven, when Herman Ahlers, a well known farmer, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Mr. Ahlers was in the field with his 12-year-old son when the bolt fell. The boy was knocked to the ground and partially stunned, but recovered quickly and ran to the house and spread the alarm.

The civil service commission announces that on May 26 an examination will be held at Aberdeen, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Bath and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at the Bath office was \$401 for the last fiscal year.

In a spirited debate on the literacy test, the Yankton high school negative team scored a unanimous decision over the Clark high team. The teams had met to settle the championship of the eastern part of South Dakota, each having won the title of four districts.

Arrangements already are made for the Decoration day exercises which are to be held in Bradley. One of the features will be a parade of school children, accompanied by members of various fraternal organizations and citizens in general, and headed by members of the Grand Army.