

U. S. AND MEXICANS CLOSE IN ON VILLA AT NAMIQUIPA

FIVE COLUMNS OF CARRANZAS AID AMERICANS

Believed Outlaw Chieftain Cannot Escape From Rapidly-Closing Trap

REPORT OF HERRERA REVOLT IS SHATTERED

Denials Made on All Sides; Additional U. S. Infantry Ordered to Border

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 24.—News from across the border indicates that the primitive expedition pursuing Gen. "Pancho" Villa is so close on his heels and is cooperating so well with the Mexicans that the outlaw chieftain cannot hope to escape.

Five columns of Carranzistas, cooperating with the two main U. S. columns, have closed the roads by which Villa might escape and the trap is rapidly closing together around him and his men in the Namiquipa country.

Despatches from Carranza sources received at El Paso and Fort Bliss lend credit to the report that Villa is located at Elosa, near Namiquipa.

Civil Governor Enriquez of Chihuahua telegraphs the news that Villa cannot escape from the pursuers.

Enriquez also asserts that the reports that Gen. Luis Herrera, the military commander of Chihuahua, was in revolt against President Carranza are false, and were started by radicals in an effort to cause trouble with the United States.

HERRERA STORY DENIED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—U. S. Consul Letcher today telegraphed from Chihuahua that there is no truth in the report of the Herrera revolt. The despatch is regarded as confirmation of the removal of the one most menacing feature in the Mexican expedition.

MORE TROOPS TO BORDER

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24.—Under orders to hurry to the Mexican border, the third battalion of the 21st Infantry, Maj. James T. Dean commanding, left today for El Centro, where it will engage in patrol duty.

SOLDIERS PULL DROWNING BABE OUT OF STREAM

Attracted by the cries for help of a Hawaiian woman whose two-year-old child had fallen from a bridge near the Kaneohe Rice Mill into the stream, Pvt. Ralph A. Mackey and Walter R. Thompson of Company D, 2nd Infantry, yesterday afternoon plunged in and rescued the child from drowning. Besides a bad scare the child was not injured.

The rescue occurred about 3:30 o'clock in the vicinity of the Coral Gardens. Mackey and Thompson had been out for a walk, when they heard the frantic screams of the mother, and without a moment's delay rushed to the bridge from which the child had fallen. The water under the bridge was about 10 feet deep, and only quick action prevented the death of the little wanderer.

Mackey and Thompson are with the 2nd Infantry encampment that has been held for the last week on the windward side of the island.

Fire which broke out about 12:45 o'clock this morning in the L. J. Wong building, Nuuanu and Pauahi streets, gave Chief Charlie Thurston's men a hard fight, and did damage to the extent of nearly \$1000 before it was finally under control.

Mystery surrounds the cause of the conflagration, as the owner of the building has no idea as to how it started. Police Officer Abe Kalana, who witnessed the blaze thinks it may have been started by an incendiary.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	20 1/4	20
American Smelter	101 1/4	100 3/4
American Sugar Ref.	110 1/2	110 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	130 3/4	130 3/4
American Copper	86 1/2	86 1/2
Atchafalaya	103 1/4	103 1/4
Baldwin Loco.	104 1/4	105 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	88 3/4	88 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	49 1/2	49 1/2
Call. Petroleum	22 1/2	23 1/2
Canadian Pacific	168	167 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	95	94 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46	46 1/2
Crucible Steel	88 1/2	89 1/2
Erie Common	37 1/2	37 1/2
General Electric	167 1/2	168
General Motors	122	122
Great Northern Pfd.	110	110 3/4
Inter. Harv., N. J.	56 1/4	56 1/4
Kennecott Copper	78	78 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	108 1/2	105 3/4
New York Central	66 1/2	66 1/2
Pennsylvania	23 1/2	23 1/2
Ray Consol.	98 1/2	98 1/2
Southern Pacific	143 3/4	143 3/4
Studebaker	53	54 1/2
Tennessee Copper	134	133 1/2
U. S. Steel	85	85 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	81 1/2	81 1/2
Western Union	90	90 1/4
Westinghouse	66 1/2	66 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

NEWS FROM WEST CONTRADICTION; TORPEDOES BUSY

More Victims of Submarine Warfare Are Reported to London Today

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] PARIS, France, March 24.—The situation at Verdun is unchanged today. West of the Meuse the line is calm, while on the east there is intermittent bombardment.

BERLIN, Germany, March 24.—Further successes were won by the Germans today on the west front. In the vicinity of Haucourt, near Verdun, two additional trenches were occupied.

On the east front vicious attacks were made by the Russians in the northern sector northwest and south of Dvinsk. All assaults were broken by the German fire, the Russians suffering heavy losses.

LONDON, Eng., March 24.—The Danish steamer Christiansund and the Danish bark Claudia have been sunk by submarines in the war-zone. The crews of both are safe. The British steamer Fulmar was sunk by a submarine, 18 of those aboard being rescued. Another victim of the submarine warfare is the Norwegian steamer Kolvig, which was sunk without warning, the crew taking to the boats and being picked up safely.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS REPORT, March 23.—The German success on the west front, near the forest of Avocourt, was completed by occupation of French points D'Appul on the mountain ridge southwest of Haucourt. About 450 prisoners were taken. Otherwise the general situation on the west front is unchanged.

The Russians yesterday showed their main aggressive activity in the evening and night time. They advanced several times. Strong forces against the German positions at the bridge head of Jacobstadt and on both sides of the railway from Mitau to Jacobstadt, and four times against the German lines north of Vidva.

POSTMASTER NAMED TO REPLACE WAIALUA MAN NOW HARBORED IN JAIL

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—William C. Irwin was nominated by the President today for postmaster at Waiialua.

C. S. ALBERT. The Waiialua postmastership is now vacant, the postmaster, H. K. Piemmer, having been sent to jail for embezzlement recently. Irwin's name was not known to Chairman Pacheco of the Democratic national committee, when Pacheco was asked today if the committee had endorsed this appointment. Irwin is a bookkeeper with the Waiialua Agricultural Company.

Tax on Sugar Production Proposed to Raise Revenues

Hotel and Office Building Plan of McCandless Bros.

Architect at Work on Preliminary Plans for Large Structure

Plans for a big hotel and office building to be erected by the McCandless brothers upon their property at Nuuanu and Pauahi streets, have progressed far enough so that the building is now a virtual certainty. James S. McCandless leaves soon on a trip to the coast, but when he returns the proposition will be taken up definitely. Already a Honolulu architect is at work upon preliminary plans. While nothing can be stated with certainty as to the size of the building, it is intimated that it may be of seven or eight stories ultimately.

The McCandless brothers own a large piece of business property on the northeast (mauka) Waikiki corner of Nuuanu and Pauahi streets. It has a frontage of 200 feet on Nuuanu and 160 on Pauahi. It is planned to have the ground floor for business firms and offices and the hotel above. Their confidence in the future of Honolulu and belief in the growth of the city's population and the increase in tourist trade convince the "McCandless boys" that such a project is worth undertaking in the early future.

BUILD DESPITE SUSPENSION OF HILL SAILINGS

Moana Hotel Will Get Additional Wings Though G. N. Stops Until Fall

In spite of the suspension of sailings to Hawaii of the Hill liner Great Northern during the summer, the Territorial Hotel Company will go right ahead with plans announced Tuesday in the Star-Bulletin for building two new wings with 200 rooms with private baths at the Moana Hotel—improvements to cost, exclusive of furnishings, about \$150,000.

Although the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company has decided to take the Great Northern off the Hawaii run after April 4, it proposes to reopen the service in December, continuing until April or longer, says a Federal radiogram received this morning by Fred L. Waldron, Ltd.

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JAPANESE AGOG WITH INTEREST IN OZAWA CASE

Among Japanese of Honolulu the topic of discussion that is uppermost today is the promised decision in the Takao Ozawa case, which Judge C. F. Clemons will hand down tomorrow. Japanese are hopeful that the decision will be made in favor of Ozawa, and so it means one of the most important decisions in the history of their race in Hawaii.

A prominent Japanese said this morning that if the decision was favorable that it would be the biggest help in bringing the two races to a better understanding. "It would give the able Japanese in Hawaii who are honest believers in the United States. First, last and for all, an opportunity to further show their interest in things American. It would show America that the Japanese who have come here to live and who expect to die here are to be thorough citizens, willing to do their part to make for a better and greater nation," he concluded.

MORNING ON 'CHANGE

News from Washington about the proposed production tax evidently affected local stocks somewhat, after prices reached the crest of their rise between boards yesterday afternoon, or practically all quotations this morning on the more susceptible shares show declines. Trading has kept up to level, 5431 shares changed hands. Oiaa yesterday climbed slightly to \$18 after the session's close. This morning it sold down to \$17.50, with closing bids at that figure. McBryde, which attained \$14.25 yesterday, closed offered without buyers at \$14 flat this morning. Ewa

Noted Antarctic Explorer Back From Frozen Wastes



[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 24.—Sir Ernest H. Shackleton has returned from his expedition into the south Polar regions. His achievements and discoveries have been withheld temporarily from publication.

This is the second great Antarctic expedition from which Sir Ernest Shackleton has safely returned. He started for the South Pole near the end of October, 1908, and reached a spot—the farthest south until then penetrated—about 112 miles from the Pole.

When in 1910 the Japanese expedition in the auxiliary schooner Kainan Maru, had started it was announced that it was going to make

NO NEWS HERE OF EMBARGO ON CANNED FRUITS

Report That England Has Put Ban on Shipments Doubtful, Says F. W. Macfarlane

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WAILUKU, March 23.—Pineapple planters who have been considering increasing their acreage on account of the heavy falling off in the pack, which was believed to assure better prices, are again in doubt. A report is now current that Great Britain has recently placed an absolute embargo on all kinds of canned fruits, and that this is likely to very markedly affect prices for the coming season.

It is not only that the sales of pineapple in England will be cut off, this report is true, important as these sales have been, but the report has it that the California fruit contracts have been canceled by the embargo, thus throwing a tremendous lot of the product back on the United States for consumption. It is now argued that this will break the prices of all canned fruits.

Commenting today on the foregoing report, F. W. Macfarlane, president and agent of Libby, McNeill and Libby, said:

"I have not been advised definitely that Great Britain has recently placed an absolute embargo on all canned fruit and, as regards the effect in the event that Great Britain did place this embargo on canned fruits, I question very much if this would have any effect on moving our pack, as we have now more orders in hand than we can find shipping accommodation for, and I believe that other pineapple packers here are similarly situated."

Mr. Macfarlane added that he has had no information from San Francisco to the effect that any fruit contracts in California have been canceled by reason of the purported embargo.

Regarding an increase in acreage, he said that the packers here are now inclined to limit their planting areas. Current is being transmitted from Sweden to Denmark through a submarine cable between Helsingborg, Sweden, and Esbjerg, Denmark, a distance of about ten miles. The power comes from water falls in southern Sweden.

SENATE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS PLAN TO RESTORE OLD TARIFF AND LEVY CENT ON PRODUCERS

Hardwick Explains His Substitute Measure --Probability is Kitchin Bill Will Be Reported Without Change

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Serious consideration was given in the senate finance committee today to a proposal not only to repeal the present free-sugar clause of the tariff law but to increase the present tariff by half a cent a pound. Simultaneously it was proposed to levy a production tax of a cent a pound on all sugar produced in the United States to raise emergency revenue.

A production tax on sugar would be a blow to Hawaii's industry. Sugar men hold that such a tax would be added to their present cost of production, cutting profits materially.

The Star-Bulletin's Washington correspondent sent a cablegram previous to the receipt of the Associated Press message, and this cablegram forecast that the senate finance committee would not change the Kitchin bill, which is the measure now under consideration.

Correspondent Albert cabled as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The senate finance committee today heard Senator Hardwick of Georgia explain his substitute for the free-sugar repeal bill, the substitute being to make an excise tax on sugar, payable by the refiners, instead of retaining the customs duties.

"Action was deferred until tomorrow, giving opportunity for others to appear if they desire a hearing."

"Report of the bill without change is certain."

It is possible that the proposal of the production tax arose after this cablegram was sent.

The committee met yesterday and today to discuss the Kitchin bill and various plans in connection with it for securing much-needed national revenue from the sugar industry. The Hardwick excise tax plan and the consumption tax plan were under consideration yesterday briefly.

Production Tax Would Hurt Hawaii Industry, Consumption Tax Wouldn't

"What is a consumption tax?" "How will it affect Hawaii's sugar industry?" The Star-Bulletin has been asked this by numerous Honoluluans since the publication yesterday of a Washington despatch that some senators

favor placing a consumption tax of a half cent a pound on refined sugar. The consumption tax, as the name implies, is a tax payable or supposedly payable directly by the "ultimate consumer." It is not a tax against an industry but against the consumers of the industry's product.

In the case of the proposed sugar tax several ways might be devised of collecting this tax, but the despatch yesterday indicated that, if imposed, the tax will probably be taken at the refineries. This is in line with the government's plan of "collecting as near the source as possible," a plan followed in the collection of the federal income tax from employers on the basis of the pay-rolls showing the income of employes.

The consumption tax, if imposed, would probably be collected by the United States Internal Revenue Department. Collector Haley of the Hawaii district, in response to a query this morning, said that in all probability the internal revenue offices of the country would be given the duty of securing the revenues.

"The consumption tax is figured to reach the consumer—the man who buys sugar for his own use," said Collector Haley. "It would, however, be exceedingly difficult to collect the tax through the retailer who sells to the consumer, because of the countless number of stores, large and small, which would handle sugar."

"While we know nothing officially of this proposed tax it would seem that the tax would be collected at the refineries or through the wholesalers. Very likely internal revenue stamps would be issued, as is the case for the present internal revenue-taxed commodities."

Wine Tax Cited As Example. The present emergency war tax on wine is virtually a consumption tax. Originally it was proposed in Congress to collect this tax from the manufacturer. While the proposal was being debated the manufacturers were sending out huge orders to their customers, so that Congress foresaw its inability to realize much revenue from imposing the tax on the manufacturer. Hence the bill was changed and the tax imposed on the seller. In Hawaii the internal revenue office deals with the retailers and must check up on the books of all saloons and other licensees.

Just how the consumption tax on sugar would be imposed is not predicted by the internal revenue officials. They say that Congress will decide upon one of two or three possible ways. Other Proposals. The two other new taxes proposed in Washington in connection with the sugar industry are the producers' tax

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WILSON SENDS HIS THANKS TO EL GLOBO CLUB

At the time of the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Galt the El Globo Club of the intermediate department of the Y. M. C. A., presented a gift of a Hawaiian surf rider statuette to Mrs. Wilson. This morning the president of the club received the following appreciation from the White House:

"The President and Mrs. Wilson greatly appreciate the good will which prompted the sending of the statuette of the Hawaiian surf rider, which they received, and they have asked me to convey to everyone concerned in expression of their warmest thanks for the courtesy."

JOSEPH TUMULTY, Secretary to the President.

SUNDAY MOVIES QUESTION IS UP ON MAUI AGAIN

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WAILUKU, March 22.—On account of the absence of Supervisor Drummond, action on the reconsideration of the Sunday moving picture proposition was deferred by the Board of Supervisors at a recent meeting until the April meeting. It is believed that the plan may carry at that time, some of the supervisors having indicated that they are willing to change their vote if convinced that the people really want the Sunday shows. A petition of about 40 citizens of the Lahaina district against the proposition was received by the board. This is to offset the one signed by several hundred names received some time ago from the same district.

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