

VILLA IN DURANGO ENLISTING NEW BAND

Brigand Chief Recovers Wound—Is Active Again.

Rubio Ranch Bandits Rear Guard of Seventy.

CAVALRYMEN IN NEW CHASE

Bridges and Towns Are Now Amply Protected.

Safeguard Southern Pacific for Strategic Value.

BANDIT BANDS SCATTERED

Largest of Them Routed and Driven South.

Oregon Enforcing Campaign on Gentlemen's Agreement.

Field Headquarters in Mexico, May 15.—Via wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 16.—Francisco Villa has recovered from his wounds entirely and has been busy for some weeks attempting to raise a new army in the state of Durango, according to a story told here today by a Mexican who was captured in the engagement at Ojos Azules, late in April.

Cavalrymen are riding hard on the trail of small bands of Mexicans in the vicinity of Rubio ranch, 20 miles from here where three Villa followers were slain by an American force detachment yesterday. It was reported there were about 70 in the band, Julio Cardenas, one of those slain had clothing indicating that he possibly participated in the raid on Columbus, N. M. Pursue Band of 70.

Columbus, N. M., May 15.—Flying cavalry detachment today raced through the foothills west of Rubio ranch in pursuit of seventy Villistas, whose scouts were killed in an attack on Lieutenant Patton's small command at the ranch on Sunday. When the fight was over, with the Mexican trio dead in the corral, friendly natives informed the Americans that a strong band was proceeding westward. The three slain Villistas, they said, were stationed at the rear of the column to act as scouts. American detachments were sent out immediately to pursue and break up the band. Today they were reported close on the heels of the Villistas in the pursuit through the hills.

The Villistas were clad in odds and ends of uniforms, the natives said. Some wore parts of American cavalrymen's clothing. Withdrawal Revives Villa's Hope. The withdrawal from the advance base at San Antonio was the signal for renewed Villista activities among the natives, according to advices here. Recruiting officers visited the native settlements to stir up anti-American sentiment.

TO BACK UP WILSON

Resolution Before Congress to Support Him in Maintaining Neutrality.

Washington, May 16.—A concurrent resolution to pledge congress and the people of the United States to support all efforts of the president to maintain "even-handed and un-discriminating" neutrality and facilitate the establishment of a permanent peace, has been introduced by Senator Gore and at his request was laid over without discussion.

A GOOD THING.

The State Journal reminds the people of this city that there is a fine opportunity awaiting them for a good investment during the next six weeks, if any one have a little surplus cash saved up. The city of Topeka will issue paving bonds to the amount of \$200,000 or thereabouts, between now and July 1. These bonds have been drawn for four and one-half per cent usually; interest payable semi-annually. The bonds are non-taxable. Commissioner Wasson is planning to issue them in denominations as low as \$100; some will be for \$500; some for \$1,000.

They are all edged securities and are transferable as easily as a one hundred dollar bill. It may be that these bonds can be placed for less than four and one-half per cent in as much as the bankers tell us there is so much cheap money. Perhaps it would be a good thing for the city to dispose of these bonds to the highest bidder. Any reader of the State Journal having \$100 or more which he desires to invest is advised to write to Commissioner Wasson and file his application for some of these bonds.

"UNEASY SLUMBERS"



GETS SCOTT O. K.

General Believes Oregon Is Acting in Good Faith.

Border Situation Less Critical Than at Any Time.

10,000 MEX TO GREAT BEND

De Facto Heavily Policed the Parral District.

Funston Proposes Motorcycle Patrol of Border.

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Predict New Demand.

Mexico City, May 16.—It is expected here that promptly after the arrival of General Obregon the Mexican government will frame new demands upon the United States asking for the immediate recall of American troops.

Municipal elections will be called for June 1 throughout the republic. These are the first elections to be held since Huerta's time.

Oregon to Police Parral. To carry out his share of the plans General Obregon has agreed to occupy and police the Parral district, securing the mountainous regions to the west of that town in search of the remnants of Villa's followers. He also agreed to establish a strong patrol line along the Mexican side of the Big Bend country to prevent incursions such as that at Glenn Springs and, Bozeman, said to be the most efficient field commander in the Carranza army. Advice to the war and state departments indicate the movements are being carried out promptly.

Another important element, and one which American army officers regarded as most vital to General Obregon, said to be the most efficient field commander in the Carranza army, was cleared up by General Obregon's agreement not to bring the large force of Carranza troops in Senora's Parral Pass into General Pershing's rear.

Won't Embarrass Each Other. General Obregon and General Scott and General Funston assured General Obregon that precautions would be taken by American commanders not to dispose their forces so to embarrass the operation of the Mexican troops and also that the border patrol on the American side would be strictly defensive.

As to Villa himself neither American or Mexican officials seem to have any knowledge of his present whereabouts or anything positive to show he is still alive. General Obregon believes him dead.

The first step encountered by the American conferees at El Paso was the necessity of convincing General Obregon that the expedition after Villa was not an intervention step. The size and composition of the force aroused alarm among Mexican officials and it was pointed out to Scott that it was not customary for forces in pursuit of one man to go with field guns and mountain artillery.

ITALIANS OPEN DRIVE, AUSTROS DESERT POSITION

Abandon Advance Trenches as Heavy Offensive Starts.

Civilian Population Removed From Adige Villages.

ATTACK 300,000 AUSTRIANS

Move Is to Prevent Austrians Going to Verdun.

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No Change at Verdun Front During Night of Battle.

Rome May 16.—Austrian troops have abandoned their advance position before Rovereto in expectation of a heavy Italian offensive in the direction of Trent.

All villages in the Adige river valley up which the Italians might be expected to move have been cleared of non-combatants. The Austrian authorities put the order of evacuation into effect Sunday, according to several Italian civilians of Trentino village who slipped by the Austrian line.

Three hundred thousand Austrian troops are now concentrated on the Trentino-Tyrol front. The Austrians are now dragging guns up the paths and making every preparation to meet the expected attack.

Italian Artillery Busy. Italian troops meanwhile continue to improve their position all along the Rovereto while artillery systematically wrecks Austrian defenses as rapidly as they are constructed.

The war office has issued a detailed statement of the Italian operations for the last two months, including a report on the recent Italian offensive. It was stated that the Italians attacked both in this zone and in the Trentino to prevent Austrian troops from being sent into action with the Germans at Verdun. In the two months period, the Italians have captured 2,100 prisoners, 2 field guns and 17 machine guns and have destroyed 13 enemy aeroplanes and 5 hydroplanes.

Still Pound Hill 304.

Paris, May 16.—The bombardment of the French position in the Avocourt Wood and about Hill 304 still continues, according to the French official report issued today. A weak German attack with grenades north-west of Thiaumont farm was repulsed. In the Woivre shelling is passing along the sectors at Eix and Meulainville. On the rest of the front there is quiet.

The statement follows: "In the Woivre there was artillery fighting in the sectors of Eix and Meulainville. The night on the rest of the front was relatively calm."

Students in "Camp Woodrow"

Culver, Ind., May 15.—"Camp Woodrow" came into existence today when more than 500 high school students arrived at the Culver Military academy and began two weeks of military training. Culver cadets are assisting the officers of the academy in instructing the recruits.

CONFER ON BILL

Both Houses to Get Together on Rural Credits.

House Bill Is More Liberal to Borrowers.

FARM LOANS AT 6 PER CENT

Shipping Bill Will Come to Vote Next Friday.

Democrat Leaders Believe It Will Be Passed Quickly.

Washington, May 16.—Rural credits legislation was nearer enactment today because of passage of the house late yesterday of the Glass bill by a vote of 235 to 10. Differences between this measure and the bill already passed by the senate probably will be ironed out soon in conference.

The house bill contains provisions more liberal for borrowers than the senate measure. Both measures would provide for a federal farm loan board and 12 land banks which would loan money to farmers at a six per cent maximum rate through local land associations on mortgages running from five to 26 years. The banks would make these mortgages a basis for issuance of farm loan bonds.

Vote on Shipping Bill Friday.

Under a rule limiting general debate to five hours and providing for a final vote Friday night the house today began consideration of the administration shipping bill. The way had been cleared for work on the bill by the house when it finally disposed of yesterday of the rural credits measure.

House Democratic leaders apparently are of confidence of its passage. In addition to the united support of their own party for the measure they are understood to count upon the votes of several Republicans. Incorporation of a provision setting a time limit on government operations of vessels is believed to have won many over to the bill.

Assails Republicans' Tactics. Chairman Alexander of the marine committee opened the speaking for the bill. Democratic Leader Kitchin urged the house to pass the rule for its consideration. Mr. Kitchin assailed the Republicans for filibustering and said: "We will pass this bill, appropriation bills, and other important measures and be ready to adjourn by July 20, if you Democrats will do your duty."

Senator Jones, Republican of Washington, assailed the senate today in favor of a policy of discriminating duties and tonnage.

Livestock Men Meet June 6.

Denver, May 16.—A call for a meeting of livestock interests in Chicago June 6, to consider recommendation made to the Interstate Commerce Commission for betterment of shipping conditions issued by the uniform livestock committee was received here today. The committee is composed of livestock shippers throughout the country. The call is signed by S. H. Cowan, chairman, Fort Worth, Texas.

WILD AND WOOLY DAKOTA SENDS TO MEX. FOR STEER

Dickinson, N. D., May 16.—Because there are no more wild steers in the wild and woolly west, the R. P. O. E. state convention, meeting here today, had to send all the way to "wild and woolly Mexico to get some to be used in a pageant tomorrow.

K. & L. OF S. FIGHT IS TAKEN TO THE SUPREME COURT

W. B. Kirkpatrick Seeks a Writ of Mandamus Today.

Compel "Insurgents" to Accept Committee Names.

SAYS THEY ARE AFTER "JOBS"

President Also Alleges Their Refusal to Obey Him.

Sensational Charge of Misappropriation of Funds.

Troubles of the national order of the Knights and Ladies of Security found their way to the courts today when W. B. Kirkpatrick, president of the big Topeka fraternal order sought a writ of mandamus against the "insurgent" faction. The writ was sought to compel John W. Abrahams, A. W. Fulton, Frank Bonebrake and R. D. McClintan, members of the executive committee, to accept names of committees for the national council, certified by Kirkpatrick.

Sensational charges of misappropriation of funds by officers and employees of the society are contained in the petition. Kirkpatrick charges that large sums of money were paid to persons illegally kept on the pay rolls and who were not devoting their time to the good of the order. The president of the society also alleges that the funds and offices of the society have been used in an effort to accomplish his defeat for re-election.

Through E. D. McKeever, his attorney Kirkpatrick today went before the supreme court with his application for a writ of mandamus. It was the first open move in the fight which has for six months disturbed the internal organization of the order. A temporary writ granted by the court was made returnable Monday, May 22.

Of the four defendants in the suit, Abrahams and Bonebrake live in Topeka. Abrahams is secretary of the national order, while Bonebrake is a widely known Topeka banker. Fulton lives in Chicago, while McClintan is a resident of Benewa, Nemaha county, Kansas. The men constitute the executive committee of the big beneficiary society. When Kirkpatrick certified to these men names of members of committees which he desired appointed to work under the order, the national council in Toledo June 13, the men deferred action until June 6.

Win Over Jobs, He Says.

In his petition, Kirkpatrick alleges that an effort is being made by members of the committee to win over the big jobs of the society and that an effort will also be made to defeat the order.

Assess Stockholders

Rock Island to Raise 25 Million by New Reorganization Scheme.

Chicago, May 16.—Completion of the joint reorganization plan for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company, providing for the raising of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 new capital, was announced today.

According to the announcement the plan has been underwritten by Speyer and company and Hayden Stone and company, who guarantee to supply any part of the funds that may be lacking through failure of stockholders to pay their assessments, which will amount to either \$33 or \$40 a share, depending on whether it is decided to raise \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 cash.

On the new organization committee named to carry out the plan are G. L. Stone, of Hayden, Stone & Co.; Nathan L. Amster, Charles G. Dawes, and members of the Rock Island debenture protective committee. Return for assessments protected the stockholders, under the new plan, 28 injured, two probably fatally.

SHOOT UP OLD TOWN

Two Killed and Doctor Wounded at Shooting Bee in Oklahoma Village.

Tulsa, Okla., May 15.—"Red" McClellan and Dee Masco were killed and Dr. C. Abbott was injured, it was believed fatally, last night in a shooting at the village of Old Town, in the Cushing oil field. The shooting occurred, it was said, in a store where three men with Bob Corbin, who is being sought in connection with the case by posse, had congregated.

BASEBALL TODAY

American League. St. Louis at Philadelphia, game postponed; rain.

Cleveland at New York, game postponed; rain.

Chicago at Boston, game postponed.

National League. New York at Chicago—Game postponed; cold.

Pittsburg-Boston game postponed; rain.

American Association. Toledo at St. Paul—Game postponed; cold.

With His Six-Shooter In Hand Cowboy Lover Demands Topeka Maid

L. F. Fountain of Pratt, 6-Foot-Four, Here to Claim His Vision of Prairies, His Face of the Purple Sunrise.

But She Didn't Care—Even as You and I—and He Carried His Artillery to Her Very Door on West Seventh.

High-heeled boots, a broad-brimmed Stetson, corduroy trousers, a flannel shirt, a blue handkerchief for a collar and a six foot four man inside of them, are all right in their proper setting. Associated with a lariat, a cow-pony and prairies that fade away into distance they form a combination that might appeal to any city girl and justify a sunset flirtation.

But somehow the romance that surrounds such a combination on its native heath has a habit of fading away when the man togs up in store clothes and makes a visit to the girl's home town.

That's the reason L. F. Fountain is in the Shawnee county jail and Marie Palmer has gone away to visit. That's the main reason, although there is an interval between the alleged flirtation and Fountain's arrest today is filed with reasons. Miss Palmer says it was a flirtation. Fountain says it was the most serious thing that ever happened to him.

Fountain lives in what is left of the cow country down at Pratt county. He is typical of that country twenty years ago. Marie Palmer visited in his neighborhood with the latest creations from Topeka millinery and dressmaking establishments. Fountain felt and he fell hard. He decided there was just one woman in the world for him and she was not one of the Pratt county girls. He didn't tell Miss Palmer all this at the time. He's telling about it now.

To just what extent Miss Palmer encouraged the lengthy cowboy has not been stated. The idea was to get away she thought the affair was all over. She just closed the cover on a brief leaflet of romance and forgot it. But she did not know that Marie Palmer had her face in the first purple of the prairie sunrise, he saw it in the mirage of dawn, and he saw it in the sunset glow. It was constantly before him, he says. He couldn't forget.

Buy's Ticket for Topeka. One day he turned his pony out to graze, threw his saddle and bridle in a corner of the ranch house, dressed up in his store clothes and bought a ticket for his girl's home town. The girl did not wait for him when he stepped from the train in Topeka. His artillery, he carried a six-shooter in a holster and an idea in his brain. His idea was to take Marie Palmer back with him, peacefully if possible, but to take her peaceably.

The next chapter of the story was told by Miss Palmer to county officials more than a week ago. Fountain called at Miss Palmer's home and members of the Rock Island jury were called to Topeka to wed her. She couldn't see it that way. He didn't look like the same fellow she had known out west. The store clothes spoiled the effect. Out on the prairie he had been a picturesque figure.

Out on West Seventh street in Topeka, he was just a tall, gangling man with clothes that wouldn't pass inspection at a fashion show. When Marie Palmer saw him, she pulled his six-shooter—she says—and threatened to make a sieve of

the whole neighborhood, including herself. He must have created something of a scene in that quiet locality. He left but promised it wouldn't be for keeps; that she might as well pack up her clothing for he intended to take her back to Pratt with him.

She Called an Officer. That night Miss Palmer and a woman friend became frightened. They thought Fountain might carry out his threat to shoot up West Seventh street and she called up a county official. The official hurried over and was talking with the two women upstairs when the telephone rang. Miss Palmer went to the telephone which was in the stair landing.

Half a minute later a feminine scream pierced the air and the county official reached the top of the stairs in time to hear the girl throw the telephone receiver away any shout: "Here he comes, now!"

The girl scrambled up the stairs out of the dark. The county official stood his ground—in the light—with a little old thirty-two in his hand. He heard someone blundering around below in the dark.

"Take yourself known down there or I'll shoot," said the official. "For Heaven's sake don't shoot," came a voice out of the darkness. "I haven't done anything. I'm one of the roomers."

Temporarily that ended the scene. The county official called L. L. Kiene, sheriff, and the two started out to make a search for Fountain. The only description they had was that he was six feet four inches tall.

Late that night they visited a Turkish bath parlor and on one of the benches they saw a man who looked like he might be seven feet long.

"Who is that fellow?" Kiene asked of an attendant. "I don't know what his name is," was the reply, "but he came from western Kansas and he told me before he got to Topeka that he was going to marry and take a Topeka girl home with him or know the reason why."

Fountain was pulled out from under the sheet and dressed in his own clothing. Then he was given explicit directions as to the location of the Rock Island station.

"But I don't want to leave," he protested. "I came down here to marry a girl. I'm going to marry. Men, you don't know how I love that woman, you don't know," and he struck a Shakespearean attitude—hand on heart.

Finally he agreed to leave, to take the first train out of town. He didn't take the train until he saw a man who looked like he might be seven feet long, showed, but he did leave town. Shortly after he was gone the officials received word from Larned to the effect that Fountain had been caught in Topeka in order to keep up the fight for the hand and heart of Marie Palmer. He was bogus. Kiene was ordered to arrest him.

Fountain avoided arrest until this morning when Hugh Larimer, under-sheriff of Topeka, was in front of the New England building. He offered no resistance whatever and kept running in order to reach the jail. Sheriff C. H. Dexter of Larned has been notified of the arrest.

FARMER UPSETS PLOT OF REBELS

Irish Peasant Detects Arrival of Casement.

Suspicious Over Trio, He Notices British Soldiers.

GIRL WITNESS IDENTIFIES HIM

Sir Roger Protests Arrest and Denies Identity.

Spectators Jam Bow Street Court Room Today.

BY WILBUR S. FORREST.

LONDON, May 16.—John McCarthy, a Kerry county farmer with a thick Irish brogue, upset the plans prepared months in advance at Berlin for Sir Roger Casement to lead a rebellion that would sweep Ireland.

This fact was disclosed today when the preliminary hearing of Casement and one of his Irish soldier confederates, Daniel Bailey, was resumed in Bow Street police court. It was McCarthy and not the British secret service that caused Sir Roger's capture.

McCarthy's brogue was so rich that the court spectators had difficulty understanding him. He told a story rivaling fiction.

On the morning of Good Friday, McCarthy said, he was walking along the Irish coast near Tralee, when he noted a small boat floating toward shore. He walked down to the beach to pull it in and noticed the free footprints of three persons in the sand.

Aroused McCarthy's suspicion. For some reason the footprints aroused McCarthy's suspicions. He sent word to the barracks and immediately officers were sent out to investigate.

Sergeant Herne, of the Irish constabulary, took up the story where the Kerry county farmer left off. He said the police were scattered over a wide area along the coast when news of the landing of three men was received at the barracks.

After considerable search, Herne said, he found Casement in an old fort, known as McKenna's fort. The prisoner protested vigorously against arrest, he said, stating that his name was Richard Morton and that he was an author.

In spite of his protest, he was escorted to the Ardifer barracks after he had dropped a paper upon which were the initials "M. C. S. P."

"Await further instructions. Have decided to stay. Further ammunition and rifles are needed. Send another ship."

Presy Servant Girl Witness. Mary Gorman, a pretty servant girl, was summoned to the barracks and identified Casement as one of the men who saw her emerging from the water, the collapsible boat having

FROST IS SIDESTEPED

The Minimum Temperature Last Night Was 44 Degrees.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 47 11 o'clock... 53 8 o'clock... 47 12 o'clock... 54 9 o'clock... 54 1 o'clock... 55 10 o'clock... 56 2 o'clock... 55

Temperatures today averaged 12 degrees below normal. The wind last night reached a maximum velocity of 15 miles an hour. The velocity today was 12 miles an hour from the north-west.

Clouds and wind prevented a frost last night. The temperature was down to the frost mark but no damage was done. The wind was cool. Today today was much warmer than Monday and a further rise in temperature is forecast for Wednesday. Tonight will be about as cool as last night, but there is no prospect of a frost, according to S. D. Flora, local weather observer. The sky was slightly hazy this morning but there were no heavy clouds.

FIND FLIERS' BODIES

Two Missing Victims of Hydroplane Fall Found in Potomac River.

Alexandria, Va., May 16.—The bodies of Charles A. Good, a student aviator, and Louis Krantz, a mechanic, were found in the Potomac river today after it was wrecked last Thursday by a plunge into the river today near Indian Head, Md. Good's home was in Elyria, Ohio.

CHALLENGES THE GERMAN CHAMP TO AN AIR DUEL

Paris, May 16.—Lieutenant Navarre, France's 21 year old hero, has dropped another manifesto behind the German lines, challenging Lieutenant Immelman, the super-hawk of Germany, to an air duel for their championship of the world.

The German is credited with fifteen enemy aeroplane victims, while Navarre intends to make Immelman's plane his fifteenth victim, the manifesto said. The expected contest is arousing tense interest all along the western front.