

# VILLA SLIPS FROM TRAP LAID FOR HIM

## TRICKS FOES BY ROSE OLD AS HILLS HE DOUBLES FOR

### Leaving Part of Ragged Command At Namquipa Command of Bandits Slips Off To Southward in the Mountains

### AMERICANS REPORTED TO BE HARD UPON HIS HEELS

### Wireless Message From Headquarters of Pershing in Field Tells of Sighting Part of Robber Chieftain's Band of Followers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
\* AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, \*  
\* Columbia, Dublin, Chihuahua, March \*  
\* 26.—(By Wireless) A strategic \*  
\* band of Villistas is reported to \*  
\* have been sighted by American \*  
\* cavalrymen about fifty miles south \*  
\* of this place. It was evident that \*  
\* Villa was being hunted. No \*  
\* engagement took place.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Fighting their way through blinding sand storms the American troops under General Pershing are said to be following on the track of Villa, who is reported to have shown his heels to his pursuers, tricking them and dodging between the American columns and the Carranza forces that were cooperating with the United States troops.

The story of how the bandit leader hoodwinked the Carranza leaders and the Americans was brought to light last night by a party of Americans from Casas Grandes. The robber leader is reported heading for Toluca thirty miles south of Madera, where he will be safe in the fastnesses of the mountains, out of which it will be an almost hopeless task to dislodge him, say American scouts familiar with the country.

Left Decoy Camp  
Villa is said to have worked off upon his pursuers one of the oldest dodges in the history of warfare. Leaving a ragged band of nondescript followers behind him, the bandit chief, it is reported, selected a band of men, well mounted, left Namquipa behind him headed south last Wednesday. In the mean time he caused the report to be conveyed to American and Carranza columns that his entire force was encamped at Namquipa and awaiting battle.

This was undoubtedly responsible for the rumors that Villa was to be seen in the mountains of Mexico to the effect that the bandits and the chasing troops had actually come to an engagement, or that Villa was surrounded.

Hard on His Heels  
However, the same Americans who brought the word of his escape also brought the report that American cavalry is said to be hard upon his heels, and is very near reaching Madera, a point which Villa reached yesterday or last Friday night. It is possible that they will prove too speedy for the bandit chieftain and run him to earth between Madera and the hill country.

In the meantime preparations for replenishing the supplies of the marching columns and organizing bases at various parts of Mexico are going forward as speedily as possible.  
The Test of Carranza  
The agreement between Carranza and the American authorities, granting the use of the trains of the Mexican national railways, is said to have been practically settled. Plentiful supplies are all ready at San Antonio and border points, to be rushed south as soon as the permission is given. The use of the railroads is considered in war department and state department official circles here as the final test of the willingness of Carranza to assist in the American capture and punishment of General Villa.

Officials here and at the army headquarters in San Antonio are reported to be perfectly satisfied with the manner in which Carranza commanders are cooperating with the American forces south of the line and have high hopes in the praise they have given the assistance given.  
The Carranza agency in Washington last night made public a despatch from the chief of the constitutionalists in Mexico, in which General Carranza said that he is in hearty accord with "the purpose of the Americans and will cooperate in every possible way in the capture and punishment of Villa."

There are, however, not lacking members of congress who persist in their attitude that the United States is being tricked by the constitutionalists, and the signs of a bitter fight upon the administration's Mexican policy both

## False Reports of Alarming Conditions Along Border Must Stop, Says Wilson

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 26.—In a formal statement issued from the White House yesterday President Wilson announced his intention of putting a summary stop to the campaign of what he declares is lying and deceit being conducted by certain "American owners of Mexican property."

The President declared that "certain sinister and utterly unscrupulous influences are spreading alarmist rumors regarding the situation in Mexico in the hope of being able to force intervention. This is being done largely on behalf of certain American owners of large interests in Mexico."

Mr. Wilson issued his statement after a conference with Secretary of State Lansing, at which the situation at home and in Mexico was discussed. It was announced that the President is preparing to take drastic steps if the campaign is not stopped at once. Local authorities in border towns have had instructions to be prepared to deal summarily with alarmists. The President repeated that the sole object of the expedition is to catch and punish Villa and those with him.

## Bandits Attack American Women, Who Crouch Aboard Refugee Train

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Despatches from Monterey, Mexico, report that a train load of American women and children belonging to the American colony at Torreon, have arrived at the north Mexican city, after an exciting journey. Their train was attacked by Carranza bandits, and the train guard fought a running fight with the robbers with the result that thieves right beside the coaches. The women and children were protected by piles of trunks. Attempts were made by the robbers and their confederates to burn one of the bridges over which the train had to pass, but the work was bungled and the cars crossed without difficulty.

past and present, are to be found almost anywhere one cares to look. In the senate, the Republicans yesterday announced after a caucus, that they intended to force the President to send more troops into Mexico, and to guard the border line states against a possible repetition of the Villa raid against Columbus, New Mexico.

This is taken here to mean that the government will have to call upon the national guard for active service, although to what extent, is not even intimated.

Reports by Aeroplans  
Aeroplane mail from General Pershing's headquarters in the field coach of General Fuston last night. A regular service has now been established to the border, and it is hoped that the difficulty and delay in apprehension of Villa is hereby upon official agencies the first time since the punitive expedition started, has been averted for the future.

In his report of last night General Pershing said that although the difficulties of the pursuit are increasing, and the advance of the American columns is being hampered by sand storms, that have interrupted the work of forwarding supplies, the soldiers in his command are still pressing forward. He believes he is within Villa's view has but three hundred men with him.

Other reports say that Colonel Conroy, with a force of several hundred Carranza soldiers engaged Villa at El Paso, but that the wily bandit slipped out of the clutches of the Constitutionalists and went lodging somewhere. It is also said that five columns in all are now surrounding Villa.  
Americans reaching the border at Laredo, Texas, report that a force of five hundred bandits believed to have been Carranza, attacked the train north of Torreon, between that city and Saltillo. The bandits are believed to have been part of Villa's command. They were driven off by the arrival of a Carranzista troop train. No Americans were injured.

## LONG VOYAGE BRINGS SCURVY TO CREW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The British steamer Yaww, one hundred and sixty days from Dakar, arrived today with three on board dead and six sick of scurvy. The vessel is held in quarantine.

## TORNADO KILLS EIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, March 25.—Eight members of the family of Alexander Edgemoor were killed by a tornado today. The tornado swept down an eight-mile path through the country near the town of Davis, the Edgemoor family being on a farm. Edgemoor himself escaped.

## LOYAL SERVICE EARNS McGRATH THE BOOT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Edward McGrath, after twenty-eight years service as superintendent of the eighth railway mail division, has been dismissed on orders from Washington, without a reason being given. McGrath says that it is because he will not "knew" to Postmaster Fay which Fay denies.

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# PETROGRAD REPORTS BIG GAINS IN A WINNING FIGHT BEFORE VERDUN

### Broke German Lines At Two Places South of Dvinsk and Gain Ground

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, March 26.—An official statement of the fighting on the northern front, given out by the war minister last night, states that there has been a lively exchange of artillery and rifle fire at Nizn, without material effect, while in the Jacobstad sector the Russian offensive is continuing with success.

On this section of the front, the Russians have driven their way through the lines of trenches and have reached the fortified ground before the village of Lepaya, despite the German counter attacks, made with fury.

At Widzy, despite the heavy fire of the German machine guns, the Russian troops broke through the German obstacles, bayoneting all the defenders who did not flee. In this fighting the Germans brought into use explosive bullets.

Taking advantage of a snowstorm the Germans attempted to repair the damage done by the Russian guns to their back trenches. The attempt was observed and the Russian gunners wiped out the working party with their shells and stopped the repairs. The situation along the Galician front is unchanged.

## FAIR TOO BIG FOR THE HILO ARMORY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HILO, March 26.—Hawaii's Civil Convention and County Fair, which is set for September 21 and 22, promises to exceed to a very large extent the first county fair. That it will be so effective in its success in the Hilo Armory seems to be already admitted by all interested therein, and President McKay's suggestion that the Kuli Bay Wharf be requisitioned for the exhibition is gaining adherents daily. The fair committee propose to discuss matters within a day or two and clear-cut statement as to the committee's views is being awaited with expectation by the great majority of those interested in the fair.

## Big Island Plans Growing and Good Interest is Being Shown

A shortage of gasoline has somewhat retarded the social activities on Kauai, but there has been none for sale during the large part of the last week and many people have been stranded not only but dry. Relief was brought Friday, however.

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# TORPEDOES USED, REPORT CONSULS TO SEC. LANSING

### Women and Children Principally Are Victims of Germans On the Sussex

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 26.—There has been no renewal of the attempts to advance against Verdun by the German infantry, but the artillery battle along the French Verdun front has been most intense. The German shells, which have been dropping into the town of Verdun, have caused a number of fires.

An official despatch from Paris reports that the German artillery westward of the Meuse is not active, while there has been operations of violence in the Argonne.

South of Dvinsk, according to the reports, the Russians have continued their strong offensive, claiming substantial gains. The Berlin reports, however, do not admit that the Russians have advanced, stating that their attacks have been driven back.

## Garden Island Society

As a treat for the Garden Island, Mrs. Annette Foret gave two greatly appreciated concerts during her recent visit. She was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Knudsen at their Kilauea home or several days and gave one concert at Makaweli and one in Lihue. Her clever acting and attractive costumes rendered the evenings delightful. Numerous dinner and theater parties were given by the social folk in honor of the occasion and gratifying audiences were present at both concerts.

Miss Alice Hogan is paying a brief visit to Doctor and Mrs. F. A. Lyman at her way to the Orient.

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That little cold and sore throat of yours must be checked at once or it may develop into something worse. Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and your troubles will soon vanish. For sale by all druggists, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

## Wounded Survivors Reach London To Go To Hospitals

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 26.—A number of the American survivors of the Sussex, who were landed at Dover, have arrived here. These include Francis Drake, Edward Marshall, Charles Crocker, George Crocker and Wilder Penfield. All report their conviction that the attack upon the Sussex was made by a submarine.

George Crocker and Wilder Penfield are in a serious condition, each suffering from a fractured skull. They were taken immediately to a hospital. They report that many of the passengers were killed instantly by the force of the explosion which destroyed the ship, while there were a number of other deaths. One of the excited women carrying the lifeboats.

Converted Cruiser Fights a Duel

German Raider Destroyed At Last By a British Torpedo

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
LONDON, March 26.—In a naval action in the North Sea on February 29, just announced by the admiralty, a German commerce destroyer, attempting to slip through the British blockading cordon in an operation of the Mowwe, was run down and destroyed. This was the steamer G-107, which had disguised herself as a Norwegian. She was overtaken and challenged by the British converted cruiser Albatross and a battle ensued.

The British lost seventy-four men in the action before the German guns were silenced. Then the British approached close enough to end the raider's career with three torpedoes. Of the German crew of three hundred, one hundred and twenty were rescued and made prisoners.

A German account of this battle by way of Geneva, says that the German commander, rather than surrender his ship, had her blown up.

## DR. S. R. BROWN LOCATES IN HILO

HILO, March 24.—After spending a little over a year in England, Dr. S. R. Brown returned to Hawaii a week ago and has since opened an office in Hilo. Doctor Brown brings back the opinion from England that there can be nothing but success for the Allies. The greatest optimism prevailed when he left in February; in fact it was generally considered in England that as far as the Allies were concerned, the war was just commencing. (Crossing the Atlantic in the Ordu, a Doctor Brown concluded that the vessel was "steered" by wireless, the course being "changed" so frequently. No such business was figured, however, the trip being without incident of starting nature.

## NEW MARINE HOSPITAL ASKED FOR COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Dr. Robert Blue, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, has asked the house committee on public buildings for an appropriation of half a million dollars for a new marine hospital building in San Francisco.

## DESTROYER RAMS SISTER AT DOCK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
KEY WEST, March 26.—The destroyer Monaghan, Lieut. John F. Coe attached to the second destroyer division, was rammed and seriously damaged yesterday afternoon by the destroyer Roe, Lieut. Guy C. Barnes, of the same division. The Monaghan was led up at her wharf, with her stern projecting past the wharf line. The Roe struck her squarely on, tearing a hole in her below the waterline forty feet from her stern.

## HILO GAS PLANS ARE TAKING SHAPE

HILO, March 24.—The prospects of Hilo and vicinity being served by gas within the immediate future are growing apace, according to the statement of E. J. Smith, who is taking the preliminary steps to install a plant of suitable dimensions. So far, however, little has been done beyond the most initial steps. Plans and specifications have been discussed and an estimate of costs, etc., is expected to arrive shortly from the Coast.

## OB BURMAN ANNEXES EXPOSITION CLASSIC

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)  
SAN DIEGO, March 26.—Travelling at a speed of almost a mile a minute at the Exposition Speedway yesterday, Bob Burman won over a large field in the Exposition Automobile Classic, negotiating the fifty miles in fifty-seven, three and four-fifths seconds. Ted De Tostler was second and Barney Oldfield third.

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