

LIEUTENANT WRITES OF MILITARY CAMP

Second Lieutenant in F Company, Second Montana, Describes Columbus.

NOW JUST A NAME

Village Sprang Into Prominence Overnight and Disappeared as Quickly.

(BY ALEX SWANEY.)

Far to the southwest are the majestic ranges of the Sierra Madre with their snow-capped peaks and timbered sides. Stretching away to the northeast are the dry deserts of sand, cactus and alkali over which the intrepid Pershing led his forces, and sweltering in the middle of this southern desert is Columbus, New Mexico.

Once a squalid and dirty sidetrack of a transcontinental railroad, now a comparatively clean military post since the soldiers arrived, this town was the scene of one of the most treacherous attacks that has ever been launched at American subjects.

Stretching from the town far away to the east and the west, two shimmering lines of steel glitter in the intense heat and seem to float on the heat waves. A Mexican dog of unknown pedigree trots up the shady side of the main street and sinks under the raised platform of a squalid "dobe" storehouse. An occasional soldier may be seen sauntering up the middle of the dusty road to disappear in the swinging doors of some soda fountain for the government sees to it that the American soldiers have steady heads and nerves. No liquor is permitted in Columbus.

The town is quiet—seemingly dead. There is little activity; all is quiet in this now historic place. The "dobe" and frame buildings are battered and scarred by the bullets of that demigod of northern Mexico, Francisco Villa. It was from these buildings that the soldiers of the United States army, in the early morning of March, 1916, saved Columbus and its inhabitants from entire destruction.

Great dust clouds can be seen in the south where the army of motor-trucks are working their way over the sand dunes and cactus to General Pershing's column at Colonia Dublan. Near the outskirts of Columbus, the cavalry and artillery are drilling, and little spirals of dust whirl upward in the hot desert breeze from heels and hoofs.

Not far from the desolate-looking railroad station is a high barbed wire stockade guarded by several men in uniform with their rifles on their shoulders. Inside this pen, for that is what it is, are some of the dirtiest looking specimens of humanity that could be imagined. They are the murderers who aided in the raid. Their shoulders are covered with dirty, ragged blankets; their overalls are torn by the sharp barbs on the sides of the stockade; inelegant sombreros shade their parched and blackened faces from the scorching sun. These men are waiting the pleasure of the government against which they committed the crime of March a year ago. Columbus will ever live in the memories of the American soldiers. It was here that one century upheld the traditions of the American army when he held the Villa raiders off in the gray of the morning until he fell dead pierced by a hundred bullets. Four of the enemy lay near him, and today the bones of these bandits are bleaching in the sun, an example to all who dream of making raids on American soil.

Such is Columbus, New Mexico, during July, 1916, the middle of the hottest season of the border states. Troop trains filled with the national guard of the United States came through Columbus over the shimmering rails day by day.

When the troops are withdrawn from this border town it will again become a squalid village, becoming only a name on the timetables of the railroads and a memory to the troopers who suffered there under the pitiless sun during the critical days of American-Mexican relations.

HAD MORE FRIENDS THAN HE IMAGINED

London.—Lloyd George told a friend the other day that he was beginning to think that he had had almost as many schoolmates as there were passengers on the Mayflower, which carried the Pilgrim Fathers to the American coast in the seventeenth century. The premier made this observation after the amusing discovery that he had thousands of schoolmates when he was a schoolboy in Wales. He said the attendance never exceeded thirty, but that almost every day his mail included a letter from somebody who begins by saying: "I was once at school with you."

FRENCH SHOW WRATH.

Paris, April 1.—The senate yesterday showed its wrath at the devastations in northern France by voting a resolution denouncing to the civilized world, the act of the Germans, demanding that the authors be punished and protesting to continue the war until Germany's military and military are definitely crushed.

A SPORT SUIT FOR WARM-SPRING DAYS



The burning rays of the summer sun hold no thought of discomfort in such a smart and light white silk jersey sport suit as this. It is daintily embroidered in silk and has the snuff effect in front ending in long tassels. The hat is of fine white straw such as the smartest dressed young ladies like to wear.

25 Years Ago

What Missoula Was Doing Quarter-Century Ago.

(From the Missoula Gazette of Saturday, April 2, 1882.)

Chas. Blair received this morning from Butte, a communication from President Cowan of the recently organized state amateur baseball league, saying in effect that the Butte men were dissatisfied with some of the financial arrangements of the league and that Butte would probably withdraw from the organization unless some changes could be made. The trouble seems to be that the constitution as it was finally adopted provides that visiting teams should be given 60 per cent of the gate receipts, or a guarantee of \$50 as desired. This would result in always giving the Butte, Helena, Great Falls and Missoula clubs the worst of it. It speaks well for Missoula that she stands well enough to be included in the four towns where the 60 per cent basis would not work a hardship on Butte.

Tom Cooney, the N. P. land attorney, is in the city. Charles and Frank Rudolph of Fort Missoula and now at Phillips' Exeter (N. H.), have just passed highly successful examinations? Both are honor men for the term and the latter took first prize for original declamation.

Miss Kate Shelby, who has been sojourning in Missoula during vacation, left for the Bitter Root this afternoon to take charge of the Woodside school. Dr. T. A. Fitzgerald, a brother of J. H. Fitzgerald of the Hennessy Mercantile company, arrived last night from Niagara Falls and will probably locate here.

The new time table for the Northern Pacific with two extra through trains, goes into effect tomorrow, April 3.

HOLT WILL SPEAK HERE ON APRIL 28

Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent, will address faculty and students of the State University of Montana on the morning of April 28. Mr. Holt last week accepted tentatively an invitation to speak at the university. He has announced now that his trip to the west is a certainty, and had agreed to visit the campus. Mr. Holt will discuss the subject of world peace.



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NEWS OF MONTANA

CHURCH IN POLSON OWES NOT ONE CENT

Presbyterian Meeting Discloses Good Condition.

Polson, April 1.—(Special.)—The annual dinner of the Presbyterian church was held Friday evening in the social rooms of the church. Nearly 100 attended. Addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. George W. White, and Charles H. Lyman. Following this a business session was held, interspersed with various features of an entertaining order. Reports showing great progress and success were made by the Ladies' Aid society, the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor society and by the pastor on behalf of the church. A gratifying increase in membership was shown and every report showed all debts paid and a balance on hand for the first time in the history of the church.

The officers whose terms expired, were re-elected and Charles H. Lyman elected a trustee to fill the unexpired term of D. J. Gillam, who has moved from the city. The officers now are: Elders, W. A. Gregg and A. D. Maynard; deacons, I. L. Maynard, C. W. Wiedman and E. E. Anthony; trustees, J. A. Johnson, L. L. Marsh, A. D. Maynard, W. A. Gregg and C. H. Lyman; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Miss Schmidt sang a solo; Miss June Whiting read charmingly, "Opening the Missionary Box," and the male quartet, Rev. G. W. White, H. C. John, P. O. Spaberg and C. F. Riebe, rendered several selections to the delight of the audience. The great success reported for the past year put everyone in a happy frame of mind and sufficient pledges were made of financial support to insure a like success for the coming year.

PLAN ROAD FROM POLSON TO CAMAS

Polson, April 1.—(Special.)—The Polson-Camas road is now an assured fact, word being received today from the county clerk that the commissioners have made the necessary appropriation and work will be started as soon as the weather permits. Polson has been working for years to get this road, which adds a valuable territory to it, but was unsuccessful until the effort this year to transfer to Sanders county the section benefited by this road awakened the county commissioners to the need of prompt action. This also insures easy travel from Polson to the Hot Springs in addition to cutting the distance in half.

BASKETBALL GAMES FOR TRACK FUNDS

Superior.—(Correspondence.)—A double headed game of basketball was played at the high school auditorium in Superior Thursday evening. The high school girls easily defeated a team from town and the courthouse crowd for the first time lost out to the town team. All funds from these games go to the Mineral County Track Meet association, which is building up a strong organization for the coming athletic events to be pulled off in May. Entries from all over the county are coming in and with favorable weather conditions the affair will be a big success.

FIRST OF SPRING.

Darby, March 31.—(Special.)—Today was balmy, one of the first to stray into the upper valley to delude Darby into the belief, often upset, that spring is here at last.

At a Glance

Brief Bits of News From Western Montana Communities.

Stevensville—The Camp Fire girls held a social Saturday afternoon in rooms of the Gleason Furniture company. The affair was well attended and proved a success.

Camas—Toney Baune, who recently sold his place in Garcon Gulch to Charles E. Merritt, has left with his family for Cottonwood, Idaho, where he expects to reside.

Camas—James Miles has leased the Edle place three miles east of town and expects to move his family there within a few days.

Superior—A card party given Friday evening by the Releah lodge was a social success, many non-members attending and enjoying the card games and lunch served by the lodge ladies.

Superior—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alec Beaton last Monday and a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forrey a few days later.

Keystone—Notice has been posted in the Keystone postoffice that unless applicants for the postmastership are filed by April 7 the office will be closed.

ASSOCIATION PUTS TICKET IN FIELD

Plains Organization Nominates Trustees.

Plains.—(Correspondence.)—Mrs. James Self and Frank Simpson were nominated for school trusteeships at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association held here Friday. Mrs. Self is the association's candidate for the vacant three-year term and Mr. Simpson for the two-year term. Two trustees are to be elected and there are now four in the field. Dr. Charles Ford and C. C. Willis are the other candidates.

The meeting of the association was the largest ever held here. Forty-two persons, not including a number of pupils, were present. Attendance was stimulated not only by the proximity of the school election but also by the program, which included an entertaining burlesque on "The Mikado" by high school students.

Mrs. G. W. Larse, president of the association, presided at the meeting. Mrs. James Self read an excellent paper on "Child Life in the Community." Miss Mary Fisher, as bread superintendent, had four papers read, as follows: "History of Bread," by Corilla Bradshaw; "Visit to the Flour Mill," by Ruth Benedict; "Description of Yeast," by Florence Vanderhoff, and "Testing the Flour," by Aloise Shrollier.

QUIET ELECTION IN STEVENSVILLE

Stevensville, April 1.—(Special.)—Tomorrow the municipal election will take place in Stevensville. There are but two candidates for the two offices of aldermen, Mrs. Henry Buck is a candidate from Ward No. 1 to succeed H. E. Gleason, while J. W. Baker is a candidate to succeed himself as alderman from Ward No. 2.

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JOE MOSS MURDERED; SHERIFF INVESTIGATING

Coroner's Jury Decides Man Found Dead Near Polson Was Not Suicide.

SHOT FROM BEHIND

Bullet Entered Back of Head; Notes Forged; Body Was Stretched Out.

Polson, April 1.—(Special.)—Joe Moss did not commit suicide, but was murdered. Such is the verdict of the coroner's jury yesterday. Sheriff Metcalf is here with Deputy Martin and Coroner Waggener conducting a thorough investigation, but has nothing to give out for publication as yet. Several persons are said to be under suspicion, and arrests may be made at any moment. The examination showed that Moss was shot in the back of the head, the bullet coming out of his mouth. Whoever committed the murder made a clumsy effort to make it appear like a suicide by leaving two notes written by a hand totally unlike that of the dead man. Also the body was left with the limbs straightened out as if it had been laid out.

HARVEY TO ENTER FACTORY'S EMPLOY

Stevensville, April 1.—(Special.)—Howard Harvey, bookkeeper for the Stratton & Reinhold garage in Stevensville for the last two years, has resigned his position and today goes to Hamilton to accept a position with the Montana-Utah Sugar company.

He will be succeeded at the office of Stratton & Reinhold by R. Walker, who came to Stevensville from Hamilton yesterday. Mr. Walker originally came from Pennsylvania, but has been in the valley a couple of years.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETS ON TUESDAY

Victor, March 31.—(Special.)—The semi-annual meeting of the Victor Cemetery association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Masonic hall. All members and any others interested are requested to be present, as there is to be important business transacted.



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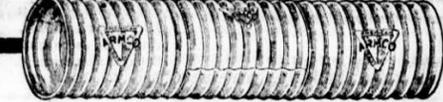
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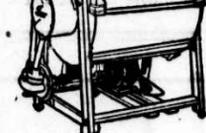
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