

MACHINE GUN IN READINESS FOR EXECUTION ON THE MEXICAN BORDER



Machine gun squads like this are scattered at frequent intervals all along the Mexican border. It is safe to say that in case Mexican bandits again cross the line the machine guns will be in readiness—which wasn't quite the case at the time of the Columbus raid.

BETTER FOOD FOUND FOR THE SILK WORM

German Scientists Discover that Viper's Grass is Preferable to Mulberry Leaves.

BERLIN, April 8.—The discovery that the leaves of viper's grass, or schwarzwezel make a better food than mulberry leaves for silk worms, is announced by Prof. Dammer in the German Press. Viper's grass is extensively cultivated in Europe as a vegetable the root being highly prized in winter when other vegetables are not abundant, but the leaves of the plant which have been regarded as worthless. According to Prof. Dammer, Viper's grass can be grown in the poorest sandy soil and its leaves can be plucked continuously, whereas only one crop of leaves can be harvested from the mulberry tree each year. Prof. Dammer says that each workman can produce only about 150 pounds of cocoons a year from worms fed with mulberry leaves, but the yield brought up to 600 to 750 pounds. He thinks that there is a big future for silk production in Germany, and this for several reasons. There is an abundance of land that can be used without reducing the present cultivated area of the country—so that whatever is added to the wealth of the country from this source will be clear gain. Then there will be many poor people, widows and crippled men says Dammer, who can profitably take to silk growing, since the work is light and the little skill required can soon be learned. Before the war Germany was importing nearly \$40,000,000 worth of raw silk yearly. Dammer proposes that henceforth it shall all be produced at home. As to the quality of the silk produced from viper's root he says that it has been found equal to the very highest grades imported from abroad.

AMERICAN BIRDMAN IN HUNT FOR VILLA



Lieut. J. E. Carberry. He is one of the American aviators with General Pershing in the hunt for Villa.

SEARCH OF SHIPS ON SEA IS BIG SURPRISE

United States Boat and One of Japanese Line Are Stopped by British Cruiser.

PEKING.—Great surprise was caused in Peking by the announcement that a British auxiliary cruiser stopped the American steamer China flying the American flag outside of Shanghai and removed thirty-eight Germans from her on February 18. The China left Shanghai bound for Nagasaki and was destined for San Francisco by way of Honolulu. Fifteen of the 38 Germans taken off the steamer were German sailors from ships interned in Shanghai, and all the 38 men are reported to have been of military age. The China was also stopped as she was going into Manila on this same trip. A British man-of-war fired two shots across her bows and put on board a party which conducted a search. No one was taken off at that time. The Tenyo Maru of the Toyen Kisen Kaisha was also stopped on her last trip to Manila and searched by a British auxiliary cruiser. Eight Indians were taken off the ship, among them being a man named Berzie, a Harvard graduate. The eight Indians are supposed to have been connected with plots against the British government in India. When the British auxiliary cruiser approached the Tenyo Maru the captain of the Japanese ship did not understand the flag signal for her to stop. A shot was fired across her bow and the Tenyo halted and was boarded by an armed party of eight commanded by Lieutenant Stoble of the auxiliary cruiser. The English cruiser is said to be the White Star liner Laurentic.

WHEAT GROWERS WARNED

WASHINGTON.—Wheat growers east of Montana are warned by the Department of Agriculture to be alert for the appearance of the stripe rust in wheat which disease appeared last season on the Pacific Coast and tributary inter-mountain states and which in Europe is regarded as one of the most destructive of known cereal diseases. The Department advises farmers against planting wheat known to have grown west of Eastern Montana.

MILESTONES TO BE PROTECTED

WASHINGTON.—Milestones two of the original stones mark the boundary line of the District of Columbia and located by Major Andrew Elliot in 1791 and 1792 under the direction of President Washington, are to be protected and preserved by iron or steel fences three by three feet and five feet high to be erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Secretary Baker of the War Department has given the Society permission to erect the fences. The stones are located on the northwest boundary line running from the Potomac River to the northernmost point of the District of Columbia, near Silver Springs, Maryland.

YARD IS STANDARDIZED

LONDON.—Scotland is put on the naval map of Great Britain for the first time by the appointment, just announced, of Admiral Sir Robert Lowry, as "Commander-in-Chief stationed in Scotland." By this change in the status of its senior naval officer, the Scotch naval base, Rosyth, is put upon an equality with the English naval bases of Portsmouth, Plymouth and the Nore.

JOY RIDING STOPPED

LONDON.—Mere pleasure riding must not be indulged in any more by automobile owners during the war, says a manifesto issued by the Royal Automobile Club which has started a campaign of economy in the use of petrol. The club finds many cars still at weekends for going to seaside places and golf courses and advises that preference should be given to localities reached by other means.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA AGAIN ARE FIGHTERS

Ancient Order is Revived in Italy After it Had Been Allowed to Die Out.

ROME.—A recent decree has re-organized the revived in a military sense the Italian members of the ancient and illustrious Knights of Malta, an order which has over 49,000 members in the United States. Founded in Jerusalem in 1048 as a military and religious order, it had gradually through the ages entirely lost its military character, becoming in the United States in 1870 a fraternal order, and in Italy a charitable and Christian association, intended in war time to care for the wounded and sick. In this latter sense it maintained a grandmaster accredited to the Pope at the Vatican, and it was one of the spectacles of that court to see the ancient Knights of Malta appear in their striking red tunics marked with a black cross and carrying their swords. The official order which gave them their military character after so many hundred years contained several clauses, most of which dealt with the placing of the members engaged in hospital work under military discipline.

TRAVEL BUREAUS IN EUROPE AFTER WAR

Germany and Austria-Hungary Consider the Question of Tourists After the Conflict.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Hungarian delegates who have just returned from the conference held at Leipzig for the purpose of establishing a joint committee for the promotion of tourist and other foreign traffic, declare that it was decided to form a permanent committee on which the Germans are to be represented by eight, the Austrians by five and the Hungarians by three members. The work of the committee is to extend the problem of foreign visiting the Central Empires after the war, to establish a permanent institution which should direct foreign tourists to Germany and Austria-Hungary, and, in fact, to establish travel bureaus in all countries. The committee will meet every six months, alternating in Germany, Austria and Hungary, and it will be controlled by the three governments.

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BISBEE HIGH BOYS TRIM SOUTHWESTERN

Miners Unable to Cope With Clever Efforts of Student Diamond Artists.

Bisbee high overhwhelmingly defeated the Southwestern team in a rag-time baseball match, yesterday afternoon. Close of the frolic witnessed the somewhat lop-sided score of 17 to 5. The game was seen by many students, among whom the fair sex was much in evidence. Bisbee high bats are elated over their second win and think it presages many more triumphs this spring. Douglas high will be taken on in the near future. A fast game is expected as the smelter city students have been working hard under competent coaching. The teams in yesterday's affair lined up as follows: Bisbee high—Vissalie 2b, Cochran c, Muat 2b, Krikbaum ss, Strandridge p, McCas of, Hobbs lf, Shelp and Adams rf, Stamper lb. Southwestern—Jones 3b, J. Monahan c, Hutterman lb, Wood 2b, B. Woods ss, Chick cf, Bell rf, Lee p, R. Monahan rf.

BASEBALL RESULTS COAST LEAGUE.

Table with columns for team names (San Francisco, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Oakland, Vernon, Portland) and statistics (W, L, Pct.).

ALL STARS WILL PLAY GRAYS TODAY

Contest Starts at 2:30; Cassidy Pitching for All-Stars, Wilson for Grays.

All Stars and C. & A's play, this afternoon at 2:30, at Warren diamond. The grays will be out for revenge and a hard game is assured. The field will be in the best paying condition and arrangements are being made to accommodate a big crowd. Cassidy will work in the box for the All Stars while Wilson will star for the C. & A. General lineup will be about the same as in the other C. & A. All stars game. Adams will handle Cassidy's delivery. Every fan should make it a point to attend this game as a fast contest is promised. Patronage is essential if the game of baseball is to succeed here this summer.

ARMY CHANGES

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Col. Geo. M. Dunn, now military attaché to the American embassy at Rome, has been ordered to San Antonio, Texas, to become judge advocate general of the Southern Department. He will be succeeded at Rome by Captain Elvin R. Herberg, Sixth Cavalry, now on duty in the office of the chief of staff at the War Department. Captain Alexander M. Miller, Eleventh Cavalry, who has been on duty at the American consulate in London, has been ordered to assume the duties of military attaché there until an officer of field rank can be sent to replace Lieut. Col. George O. Souler, of the Signal Corps, recently ordered home to become head of the aviation service at San Diego.

FINANCIAL PLAN AHEAD.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., April 8.—Active work on the adjustment of Mexico's finances will begin Monday when Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury, will arrive here to organize a new monetary commission and to prepare the way for a new issue of paper money. The exchange value of the present issue of paper money fluctuated during the day, holding steady at 41-2 cents gold for paper pesos with few buyers.

BANK LOOTERS CONVICTED

POTEAU, Okla., April 8.—Mike and Jess Rizenhoover, brothers, living at Cherry Hill, Arkansas, were convicted at separate trials here today on charges of robbing the First National Bank of Heavener, Okla. The bank was robbed of \$7,500 by four men in a daring daylight raid December 27, 1915. Mike Rizenhoover was sentenced to 35 years in the penitentiary. His brother will be sentenced later. Grady Carden of Edna, Ark., is awaiting trial on the same charges.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

HEAVENER, Okla., April 8.—A man giving the name of Charles Chambers of Drumright, Okla., was arrested here tonight in connection with the hold-up Thursday night of a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train near Howe, in which the occupants of the smoker were robbed. Authorities alleged the man has been identified by a trainman who was robbed.

JAPANESE IN PANAMA.

PANAMA, April 8.—It is learned that the number of Japanese settlers in Panama territory has been made the subject of a report by the United States Consul General, Alban G. Snygar, to the State department at Washington. The report was not made public here, but it is said that within the past year more than a hundred Japanese have come to Panama and entered various occupations, especially that of fishermen.

TRANSPORTATION IS BIG PROBLEM TROUBLING PURSUERS OF MEXICAN BANDITS



Section of auto truck train No. 2 arriving at Boca Grande camp of the expeditionary force in Mexico. Transportation is the keynote and kernel of the American expedition in Mexico, and military authorities admit it is the biggest and most serious problem of the chase after Villa. At present the expedition is using on its line of communication about two hundred wagons and sixty motor trucks. Because of the lack of forage these conveyances are engaged largely in bringing in grain and hay for the horses.

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