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AMERICANS SLAIN BY VILLA BANDITS

DOZEN OR MORE MEN AND
WOMEN MURDERED BY
BANDITS.

Columbus, N. M., March 9.—Five hundred Mexican bandits, believed to have been led by Francisco Villa, crossed the border under cover of darkness early today and attacked this town, killing a dozen or more American men and women, including at least six United States soldiers.

When the bandits fled toward Mexico some hours later they were pursued by United States troops, who are said to have crossed the border. A large number of Mexican dead were left lying in the streets of Columbus and at the border the Mexicans were subjected to a flank attack by American troops and 18 more of their number killed.

Several American citizens in Columbus declared they personally saw Villa directing his men and a portmanteau found by a trooper contained Villa's papers.

The attack was a surprise. Villa was supposed to have been 44 miles away, having last night caused a telegram to be sent indicating his presence at a Nogales ranch.

Four men, citizens of Columbus, and two women, are known to have been killed. Three other men and a woman are listed among the dead.

Prior to the attack the Villa bandits hanged three Americans whom they had held as prisoners for some days, according to information received here. Their bodies were burned the report said.

The Villa men were said to have been joined by Carranza soldiers after they crossed the border. A deep ditch parallels the United States army camp, the customs house and the railroad station. Through this gully the bandits approached unnoticed.

After posting snipers at advantageous points the bandits set fire to buildings including the railway stations and hotels. As people rushed from their homes they were shot down.

Civilians armed themselves and together with United States soldiers, fought a battle of several hours with the bandits.

Col. Slocum's revolver was shot from his hand as he left his quarters. Some of the bandits by speaking English lured housefolk to the streets and then shot them. From burning hotels and other structures persons who sought to escape were killed or wounded.

When dawn came the retreat of the Villa men was under way. Villa himself apparently had left earlier. In the streets lay bodies of a number of Mexican dead. Many Mexican wounded were removed to the post hospital.

Information that Francisco Villa and his chief lieutenant, Pablo Lopez, were in personal command was given Col. Slocum by a Mexican rancher who escaped during the fighting. He told of the hanging of the Americans ranchers McKinney, Corbett and O'Neil, and declared that a fourth American whose name he did not know, had also been hanged.

The Mexican said Villa attacked with from 800 to 1,000 men, and a machine gun platoon.

The Mexican told Col. Slocum that Villa left the Bosques Grandes ranch Tuesday, made a leisurely journey north and about 4 o'clock yesterday left a point on the Boca Grande and started for the border.

"Traveling north they crossed the boundary west of Columbus," said the Mexican and entered town by a ditch running past the cavalry camp. Villa was in personal charge and declared he was going to kill every American because the American government did not treat him right. Villa said Carranza could not bring peace in Mexico. With Villa were Pablo Lopez, Martin Lopez, Col. Candelario Sevantes, Colonel Cruz Chavez, Gen Jose Fernandez and Gen Beltran."

The Mexican confirmed a report that before leaving the Santa Ana district in western Chihuahua, Villa had freely stated that he intended to force intervention by raiding American territory and killing civilians and soldiers.

Lieut. Clyde Ely, with twenty men of the new Mexican national guard, arrived from Deming today and joined the Federal troops.

Capture Them Dead or Alive is Command.

Washington, March 10.—President Wilson today ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who yesterday raided Columbus, N. M.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men all of which are available on the border under Major General Funston.

It was decided at today's cabinet meeting that Villa and his bandits must be caught. A statement is being prepared at the White House and will be issued later today.

In its present stage, the president's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with lawless forces over which the Carranza

MR. COOPER ENTERS GOVERNOR'S RACE

MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER
CONFERENCE WITH FRIENDS
IN GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, March 8.—Special: The Hon. Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, announced here to-night that he would be a candidate for Governor in the Democratic primary this summer. Mr. Cooper's announcement was made after a conference with friends from many sections of the State, who had come to Greenwood for the purpose of considering his duty in the coming campaign. Mr. Cooper has been here all the week attending court as solicitor for this circuit, and Greenwood is easily accessible, hence its selection as a meeting place for his friends.

In making the announcement Mr. Cooper stated that his platform would be given in due time. Those close to Mr. Cooper say that he makes the announcement now so that his position will be known. He has been urged, it is claimed, by men in all sections of the State for the past six months to offer as a candidate for Governor this summer. Although missing the nomination for Governor two years ago by a very close margin, around two hundred votes, it was not Mr. Cooper's intention to thrust himself into the political situation in South Carolina this year. He at first declined all suggestions to this effect, but it is said that the requests for him to offer as a candidate have become so frequent and so insistent that he feels it a duty to yield to the judgment of his friends in this matter. It is stated that he has never sought public office on anything other than his own merit and does not intend to deviate from this principle now.

Winter Swimming Fine Sport.
Columbia, March 8.—Special: When asked to-night if he had any comment to make on the announcement of Mr. R. A. Cooper, for Governor, former governor, Cole L. Blease said: "The more the merrier. The water is fine, come on in."

Mr. Blease some days ago announced his candidacy for Governor.

NO ALARM, SAYS McLAURIN

Columbia, March 8.—Special: A telegram received to-day from John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, who is on his way home from New York, stated that there need be no alarm over the fire insurance situation in this State. Mr. McLaurin's dispatch also said that there would be no difficulty in placing insurance in safe companies either in New York or London. Commissioner McLaurin is expected to reach Columbia early in the morning.

za government has no control. The following statement was issued at the White House:

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

It was explained at the White House that the American government wants Villa dead or alive and that no steps will be neglected to carry out that object.

It was declared, however, that the United States will not consider the expedition as an invasion of Mexico and will continue to deal with the Carranza government. The American government is still opposed to armed intervention, but has decided, that the peace of Mexico and the United States is imperilled by the continued activities of Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught. Secretary Baker left the White House to confer with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and other army officers to decide just how many troops would be needed to follow Villa.

It was said that the pursuit of Villa will be undertaken in a comprehensive way and organized plans will be laid for his capture.

Officials received the word with undisguised satisfaction. Cabinet members expressed themselves as greatly pleased. Army officers voiced unanimous approval. A general feeling of relief that the administration had finally decided to take the step was apparent.

The president himself is firmly convinced of the necessity of eliminating Villa from the Mexican situation. He is represented as just as determined to get rid of Villa as he was to oust Huerta.

The announcement of the intention of the president to send troops into Mexico was accompanied by scenes not equalled at the White House since the determination to send the Atlantic fleet to Vera Cruz in 1914.

Pains were taken by officials to point out their hope that Gen. Carranza would realize the spirit in which the American troops were being sent after Villa.

Carranza will be notified immediately that the United States has no intention of taking any Mexican territory whatever and respects fully the sovereignty of that nation.

PROGRAM OF FIELD DAY EXERCISES

WHICH IS TO BE HELD HERE
ON FRIDAY, APRIL THE
7TH, 1916.

The following is the complete program for Abbeville County School Field Day which will be held in Abbeville under the management of the Abbeville County Teachers' association, on Friday, April the 7th. Prof. J. L. Grier, of Due West, is President and R. E. Moody, secretary.

10 A. M.—Class Room Contests, Graded School Building.

12 M.—Parade—Form at Graded School Building.

1 P. M.—Athletics at Fair Grounds

8 P. M.—Declamation Contest at Theatre.

Class Room Contests at the Graded School Building.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Fourth and Fifth Grades—Examples in Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.

2. Sixth and Seventh Grades—Examples in Common and Decimal Fractions.

3. High School—Examples in Measurement and Percentage.

Pupils will be judged according to accuracy, neatness, and speed. Examples will be simple and practical. Examples will be put on the board and pupils must begin on work and hand in papers promptly at the time set by judges. The pupil will not put his name on paper but will use a number which he will draw.

SPELLING.

1. Second and Third Grades—Words taken from the first 24 pages of Progressive Course. Book 1.

2. Fourth and Fifth Grades—Words taken from Part 2, Progressive Course. Book 1.

3. Sixth and Seventh Grades—Words taken from Progressive Course. Book 2.

4. High School—Words taken from Payne's Common Words Commonly Misspelled. Words will be written.

READING.

There will be four groups as follows: Grades Two and Three—Four and Five; Six and Seven; High School. Each group will be given a selection to read suitable to its grades. The contestant must give attention to pronunciation, punctuation, articulation, emphasis, and expression. After reading the contestant must give the story in his own words.

MAP DRAWING.

There will be two groups as follows: Grades Four and Five; Six and Seven.

1. Grades Four and Five will draw outline map of South Carolina. (See Maury's Complete Geography, Page 42.) These contestants must use latitude and longitude shown on pages 52 and 53, Maury's Complete Geography.

2. Grades Six and Seven will draw outline map of South Carolina with Abbeville County and locate cities of Abbeville, Columbia and Charleston, and Saluda, Broad, Congaree, Wateree, Santee, Great Pee Dee, and Savannah rivers. This group must use latitude and longitude shown on page 5, S. C. Supplement Maury's Complete Geography. All maps must be same size as map of S. C.—Maury's Supplement.

Pupils entering these contests must be in the Graded School Building by ten o'clock, sharp and report to the committee in the office just on left of front entrance for further instructions. A prize of one dollar will be given to each pupil winning first place and a ribbon to pupils winning second place. Any further information in regard to these contests may be had by writing chairman of committee on Class Room Contests.

PARADE—12 O'CLOCK.

The parade will consist of school children in line with banners, flags, followed by floats. Each school is urged to have at least one large banner with name of school. It is also urged that each school have a float. A teacher should be in charge of each school. All school children without teachers will, however, report to the chairman of committee on Parade and be assigned place in parade.

The parade will begin at the Graded School Building at twelve o'clock sharp, march to the square and around same forming on the west side to review the floats which will immediately follow the children. The parade will be led by band.

All floats not ready to move at the command of the chairman will be ruled out.

PRIZES.

Schools will be divided into two classes. Class A—Schools having only one teacher. Class B—Schools having more than one teacher.

Best Float by school Class A—\$10.00
Best Float by School Class B—\$10.00
School (any class) having the largest per cent yearly enrollment present and in line during parade—\$5.00

ATHLETICS—2 P. M.

1. All athletics contests will be held according to rules given by the Inter-High School Athletic and Oratorical Association of South Carolina. A copy of these rules may be gotten by writing to the University of South Carolina for a Bulletin of these rules.

MANNING IN RACE FOR SECOND TERM

WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION TO
CONTINUE WORK FOR STATE,
DECLARES GOVERNOR.

Columbia, March 8.—Special: Governor Richard I. Manning tonight announced his candidacy for re-election on being asked by the correspondent for The News and Courier if he was going to run for re-election, the Governor said:

"I will stand for re-election to continue the work I have begun. I am in the race to the end for clean government, law and order. I will let the Democrats of the State hear from me more in detail later.

The Governor has received a great many letters in the past few days commending his administration and telling him that he can easily be re-elected. He announced to-night that he was prepared to wage a vigorous campaign.

Will Support Manning.

Columbia, March 8.—Special: John G. Clinkscales, of Spartanburg, over the long distance telephone to-night from his home, announced that he would support Governor Manning for re-election when asked if he intended running for Governor. Mr. Clinkscales said: "I am not a candidate for Governor. The administration of Governor Manning has my full endorsement and I am with him in his race for re-election. He stands for education and for law and order, and deserves the support of the loyal Democrats of South Carolina. I shall support him with all my might."

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Washington, D. C., March 8, 1916.—A summary of the March crop report for the State of South Carolina and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat On Farms.

State.—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 413,000 bushels, compared with 156,000 a year ago, and 194,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.38 per bushel, compared with \$1.46 a year ago and \$1.24 two years ago.

United States.—Estimated stocks on farms March 1, this year, 242,000 bushels, compared with 152,903,000 a year ago and 151,795,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.03 per bushel, compared with \$1.34 a year ago and \$0.83 two years ago.

Corn On Farms.

State.—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 18,100,000 bushels, compared with 17,904,000 a year ago and 20,411,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 95 cents per bushel, compared with 97 cents a year ago and 101 cents two years ago.

United States.—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 1,140,000,000 bushels, compared with 910,894,000 a year ago and 866,352,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 68.2 cents per bushel, compared with 75.1 cents a year ago and 69.1 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality.

State.—The percentage of the 1915 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 90 per cent, compared with 90 per cent of the 1914 crop and 91 per cent of the 1913 crop.

United States.—The percentage of the 1915 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 71.3 per cent, compared with 84.1 per cent of the 1914 crop and 80.1 per cent of the 1913 crop.

Oats On Farm.

State.—Estimated stocks on farms from March 1 this year, 1,500,000 bushels, compared with 1,125,000 a year ago and 1,523,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 66 cents per bushel, compared with 71 cents per bushel a year ago and 68 cents two years ago.

United States.—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year, 597,000,000 bushels, compared with 379,369,000 a year ago, and 419,481,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 42.7 cents per bushel, compared with 52.1 cents a year ago and 38.9 cents two years ago.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The Book Club was entertained at the home of Miss Mamie Lou Smith last Wednesday morning and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. The election of officers resulted in Mrs. Miller being made president, Mrs. Horton, Vice President, Mrs. T. G. White, Secretary and Treasurer.

New books will be ordered in a few weeks.

PREPARED FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE

Mr. Herbert Allen, the affable manager of the Abbeville Oil Mill, has a brand new Ford car. It is double seated car and our good friend says he is ready to look after business or elope with two or three girls at a time and for a short distance.

CARRANZA TO AID IN VILLA PURSUIT

STATEMENT SAYS EVERY STEP
IS BEING TAKEN TO PRE-
CLUDE INTERVENTION.

Washington, March 13.—The United States Government entered into a formal agreement with the de facto Government of Mexico to-day under which American troops will cross the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits with the expectation of hearty co-operation from the Carranza forces.

Secretary Lansing made public the text of a note accepting Gen. Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement between the two Governments and announcing that the United States held this arrangement to be now in force and binding upon both parties. Gen. Funston will carry out his task under this agreement.

Official announcement was awaited to-night that the American force had crossed the border. Plans for the troop movements have gone ahead without regard to the diplomatic exchanges.

Mr. Lansing also made public a statement issued in the name of President Wilson reiterating that every step being taken by the Administration was based on the deliberate intention to preclude the possibility of armed intervention in Mexico.

Preparedness Measures Rushed to Forefront.

Washington, March 13.—Danger of grave complications growing out of the sending of American troops into Mexico to hunt down Villa and his bandits was urged in the Senate to-day by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, and Senator Borah, Republican, in advocating laying aside temporarily all other legislation in order to dispose promptly of preparedness measures. Their statements precipitated a general discussion, in which Senators Vardaman and Simons deprecated suggestions that the United States was not prepared to deal with any situation that might arise in its relations with Mexico, while Senator Hoke Smith urged that the military committee should bring in immediately a bill to double the enlisted strength of the army as an emergency measure, leaving the general reorganization bill to more mature consideration.

THE HONOR ROLL OF THE CITY SCHOOLS

The following is the honor roll for the City Schools for the sixth month:

1st Grade—Gertrude Simpson, Margie White, Eddie Thomas, Mary McCord, Wayman Robinson, Ada Perrin, Sarah Cowan, Vivian Copenhaver, Ruby Brown, Roy Nance, Annie Cheatham, Thelma Bauknight.

2nd Grade—Ida Calhoun, Rachel Minshall, Danner Cann, William P. Greene, Marion Poliakov, Bennie Langley.

3rd Grade—Sara Edwards, Louise McCord, Vera Hall, Ralph Bauknight, Jeanie White, Jack Thomson.

4th Grade—Alice Cheatham, Grace Milford, Deborah Owens, Marion Wilson.

5th Grade—Ada Faulkner, Celia Chalmers, Mary Dargan, Maria Neuffer, Thelma Seal, Elizabeth Thomson, Hilda Syfan, William Duncan, George Smith, Billy Long.

6th Grade—Janie Bowie, Margaret Dawson, Elizabeth Gambrell, Lena Johnson, Helen Milford, Florence Neuffer, Mary White, George Williams.

7th Grade—Helen Eakin, Mary Greene, Margaret Swetenberg, Bruce Fant, Ralph Lyon.

8th Grade—Helen Haigler.

9th Grade—Edna Bradley, Fannie DuPre, Mattie Eakin, Elizabeth Faulkner, Mary Graydon, Ruth Woodhurst, Frank Gary, Sam Hill.

10th Grade—Kempston Billings, Kate Haskell, Maud Hawthorne, James Hill, Marian Daniel.

All the pupils above the fourth grade made the Honor Roll on examinations, it being the sixth month when daily marks are not counted.

The ninth grade gets special mention this month, having one third of the grade on the Honor Roll.

The pupils are beginning the third session, the last three months of the school year. Parents are urged to have children stay off the streets and do more studying. A certain amount of work and study must be done by the pupil. The teacher should not show nor tell a pupil anything that the pupil can get by his own efforts. Some children are not so far below that they cannot yet make up the required work. The teachers have time and again been instructed to give all possible aid to the pupil who might be falling behind in the studies.

SICK WITH GRIP.

The friends of Dr. Harrison and family will regret to know that their whole household is in the midst of genuine old fashion grip. Mrs. Harrison has been quite sick for several days and the doctor is confined to the house. Jane, one of the bright little daughters, is also sick. Every one hopes for them a speedy recovery.

GETTING READY FOR VILLA.

Twenty seven South Carolinians have so far enrolled for service in the military training camps to be established at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., during the summer months. W. C. McGowan is one of the names enrolled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SOON

TO MEET WITH GILGAL METHO-
DIST CHURCH ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 1.

The Abbeville County Interdenominational Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at Gilgal Methodist Church on April the 1, and 2nd, and it is hoped that every Sunday School in the county will be represented at this meeting. For several good reasons the association did not hold a meeting last year, but every effort will be made to make this the largest and best meeting ever held in the county.

The committee has arranged the following program:

First Session Saturday, Apr. 1st.

10.00 A. M.—Devotional Services, led by Rev. R. C. Sharp.

10.15 A. M.—The Convention Key Word: "Religious Education for all the People," by Rev. H. Waddell Pratt.

10.35 A. M.—"Our Year's Work in Abbeville County," by J. M. Nickles, County President.

10.55 A. M.—"Our Statistical Report," by C. E. Williamson, County Secretary.

11.10 A. M.—"The Growing Teacher" by Mr. R. D. Webb, State Sec.

11.40 A. M.—General Discussion.

12.00 M.—Enrollment of Delegates, Appointment of Committees, Adjournment for dinner.

SECOND SESSION.

1.30 P. M.—Devotional Services, led by Rev. J. L. Daniels.

1.45 P. M.—Report of Department Superintendents and District Presidents.

2.00 P. M.—One minute reports from the delegates of the Sunday Schools.

2.15 P. M.—"The Sunday School at Church and the Church at Sunday School," by Prof. E. B. Kennedy.

2.45 P. M.—"The Banner School," by R. D. Webb.

3.30 P. M.—Questions and Answers on the Banner School.

4.00 P. M.—"Systematic Temperance Instructions," by Dr. King.

4.30 P. M.—"Systematic Missionary Instruction," by Rev. J. L. Daniels.

THIRD SESSION.
Sunday, April 2nd.

9.00 A. M.—Devotional services, led by Dr. J. S. Moffatt.

9.30 A. M.—"Making the Cradle Roll Effective," by Miss Allie Mae Power.

9.45 A. M.—"Making the Home Department Effective," by J. R. McGee.

10.00 A. M.—"How to Secure Punctual Attendance, Lesson Study and Contribution," by Prof. R. B. Cheatham.

10.30 A. M.—Open Discussion of Practical Methods.

11.00 A. M.—"Religious Education for all the People of the State, and the Sunday School Ideal," by R. D. Webb.

11.30 A. M.—The New Sunday School Ideal, Hon. C. C. Featherstone.

FOURTH SESSION.

1.30 P. M.—Devotional Exercises, led by R. E. Huey.

1.45 P. M.—"Practical Ways of Improving the Adult Work," by Dr. G. G. Parkinson.

2.15 P. M.—Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

2.30 P. M.—"Helping Every Sunday School for 1916," by R. D. Webb.

2.45 P. M.—What will I do Toward Helping Every Sunday School in Our County? (One minute responses by each County officer.)

2.55 P. M.—Select the next place of meeting. Adjournment.