



ANOTHER RAID ON AMERICAN SOIL IS MADE BY BANDITS AS U. S. TROOPS ARE PEACEFULLY ENCAMPED 800 MILES AWAY

Cross River at Rio Grande and Attack Infantry Guarding Bridge Fifteen Miles North of Brownsville; More Than 100 Shots Exchanged Before They Are Beaten Off

CARRANZA CO-OPERATES WITH U. S. EXPEDITION

Force Across Border Is Now "Somewhere in Mexico" Moving Across Desert Toward Mountain Stronghold of Villa; Military Censorship Is Complete

As the United States expedition which crossed into Mexico yesterday to get the murderous Villa, "dead or alive," was peacefully encamped last night not far from Columbus, bandits crossed the Rio Grande at Brownsville, nearly a thousand miles away and fired on soldiers guarding a railroad bridge, fifteen miles north of the city.

They were beat off after more than a hundred shots were exchanged.

President Wilson was informed to-day that both columns of troops "somewhere" in Mexico were meeting with hearty cooperation from the Carranza soldiers.

The military censorship is completely suppressing news of the movements of the expedition now in Mexico.

The expedition across the border was reported "doing well" by General Pershing late this afternoon.

Villa and his bandits, mounted on speedy horses have passed the American Mormon colony at Casas Grandes without disturbing them. Heavy army units are being posted along the border to fill the gap left by the taking of two columns into Mexico.

Recruiting offices have been thrown open in all parts of the country and Washington is highly gratified with the response.

Band of Bandits Attacks Soldiers Guarding Bridge in Eastern Part of Texas

By Associated Press

Kingsville, Tex., March 15.—Mexican bandits said to have numbered about thirty fired upon sixteen American soldiers guarding the Barreda bridge on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad about 15 miles north of Brownsville at 10 o'clock last night. At least one hundred shots were exchanged. One of the Americans was injured. It is known that the bandits suffered any casualties.

While the fight was in progress, a train passing from the south was flagged and stopped by an American soldier. A guard of five soldiers on the train rushed forward and reinforced the men fighting at the bridge.

With the arrival of these reinforcements the bandits fled and are believed to have escaped into Mexico.

This is the first bandit trouble in the Brownsville region since last October. Troops guarding the railway line have been ordered increased.

Advance Corps Spend Quiet Night in Heart of Deserts of Chihuahua

By Associated Press

El Paso, Tex., March 16.—The American expeditionary force which has started to capture Pancho Villa "alive or dead" had penetrated about ten miles into Mexico, according to the most reliable reports received here to-day.

The military censorship which has been tightening its grip on the border for some days permitted practically nothing but rumors to escape but it was fairly well established that the advance corps of the American expedition had camped last night in the heart of the desert which lies between the point of entry and the foothills of the Sierra Madre, a vast range of mountains in the fastness of which Villa is believed to have taken refuge.

But the interest of the border in the American advance was practically overshadowed by the question as to how the presence of the soldiers of the United States on Mexican soil would be taken by the troops of Carranza. General Calles, the military governor of Sonora, was the "man of the hour." His troops variously estimated at from 12,000 to 20,000 men, garrisoned the frontier towns and the immediate interior of the section into which the American soldiers had entered. For days reports and rumors that Calles troops were disaffected and bitterly resented the pursuit of Villa by American soldiers have flooded this region. The definite announcement that the Stars and Stripes had been carried over the international line by armed forces increased these rumors and reports to a deluge.

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SOME OF THE WORK OF VILLA'S MURDEROUS BAND



U. S. TROOPERS GUARDING COFFINS OF AMERICAN VICTIMS OF COLUMBUS, N. M. RAID

The coffins in the photograph contain the bodies of American victims, slain in the Villista raid on Columbus, N. M. American troopers are guarding the coffins in front of the railway station at Columbus.

BIG SHIP WITH MANY AMERICANS ESCAPES U-BOAT

900 Passengers on Liner Fired at Without Any Warning by Submarine

By Associated Press

New York, March 16.—The French steamer Patria, of the Fabre Line, carrying a dividend on her preferred stock of one and one-half per cent, payable April 1 to shareholders of record at 3 o'clock to-day. This compares with two and one-half per cent, April 1, 1915, a decrease of one per cent, due in large part, it is said, to operations of jitneys and to the rainy weather of last summer which injured the park and picnic business.

The board also voted an appropriation for the purchase of three cars for city service similar to present No. 600 series, and two cars for suburban service, similar to the present No. 700 series now in use.

Her Pink Toes Bitten by Jack Frost, She Is Near Death From the "Cure"

By Associated Press

Sunbury, Pa., March 16.—A "cure" she used for frozen feet came near being fatal for Miss Elizabeth Gessner, 18 years old, and pretty, of Sunbury. When her pink toes were bitten by Jack Frost, earlier in the winter, she suffered much pain, and tried many remedies. Finally, it was suggested that by burning with powder in a bucket and holding her feet, bare, over the fumes, she could get relief. It was a treatment used by our great-grandmothers, she was told, and determined to risk it.

When her father, Jacob Gessner, lighted the match there was an explosion and a scream, and Miss Gessner fell from the chair, rolling about the floor in agony.

She was scorched and blistered from feet to knees, and a doctor had to be called.

DESTROYER SENT San Diego, Cal., March 16.—The torpedo boat destroyer Stewart left here early to-day for Ensenada, Lower California, under orders from Admiral Winslow to investigate conditions there and report by radio at the earliest moment.

AMERICANS FLEE TORREON Washington, March 16.—Consul General Hanna at Monterey forwarded to the State Department to-day a delayed message from Consular Agent Williams at Torreon, saying that all Americans had left Torreon for the United States. It contained no further information. Consul Williams yesterday reported he had turned the consulate over to the British vice-consul.

PA WINTER, NOT THE SPARROW, KILLED COCK ROBIN LAST NIGHT

Dozens of Little Harbingers of Spring Found Frozen to Death in City's Parks

Who killed Cock Robin? It was not the sparrow with his bow and arrow, told of in nursery rhymes, but Old Pa Winter. Dead bodies of the red breasted harbinger of Spring were reported from several sections of the city to-day, and from surrounding towns.

The recent warm spell brought many robins northward, and they had started to build their nests for a prolonged stay, when last night's cold spell hit them. Coroner Eckinger gave a verdict of "death from exposure."

SENIOR WEEKS DEFENDS ARMOR MAKERS Washington, March 16.—Senator Weeks, Republican, opposing the bill for government manufacture of armor, held by the Chamber of Commerce, addressed by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health on the subject "The Place of Housing in the Field of Public Hygiene."

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ROMEO-JULIET SCENE LEADS TO CHAPEL LECTURES

Will Shakespeare's Tale of Lady Who Leaned From Balcony Sets Central High Agog

DID LIPS MEET OR NOT? Principal Dibble Calls Special Session of Sexes to Discuss "Relations"

If you casually inquire of most any pretty Central high school maid as to what Principal H. G. Dibble said Tuesday "to the girls only" behind the closed doors of chapel she may answer in any one of these ways:

She may freeze you with a glance; she may smile; she may toss her head; she may suggest all the ice of the Arctic in a mere "Sir!" she may blush; she may giggle. But the chances are only one in a thousand that she'll tell, "the fellows only" behind the same closed doors of the same chapel, the chances are that he'll only grin and innocently demand if the inquirer is trying to kid him.

If you ask most any Central boy what Professor Dibble said yesterday to "the fellows only" behind the same closed doors of the same chapel, the chances are that he'll only grin and innocently demand if the inquirer is trying to kid him.

Registering for Mr. Shakespeare? Behind it is the story of the latest high school effort to "register" in a

League Headed by Taft Wants Big Convention to Aid World Peace Project

New York, March 16.—The League to Enforce Peace, of which former President William H. Taft is the head, announced to-day that it has begun movement to induce the Democratic and Republican conventions to insert planks in national, State and county platforms endorsing the proposal that a league of nations be formed after the war to maintain the peace of the world.

The league members include Alton B. Parker, Secretary of War Newton Baker, Myron T. Herrick, formerly Governor of Ohio, and Ambassador to France; Governors McCall, of Massachusetts, and Whitman, of New York; David R. Francis, recently appointed ambassador to Russia and United States Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa.

Check of \$43,538,131 Pays For Bonds of Midvale Co.

New York, March 16.—A check for \$43,538,131, one of the largest ever paid in the United States, passed through the New York Clearing House to-day.

The check was drawn on the Mechanics and Metals National Bank to the order of the Guaranty Trust Company in payment for Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company bonds recently sold by a banking syndicate.

WARMER TO-MORROW The fair and continued cold weather will continue at least twelve more hours, according to the forecast issued at the local Weather Bureau to-day. Last night the mercury dropped to 15 degrees, within ten degrees of the coldest day in March recorded in the twenty-eight years that the Weather Bureau has been open here. Warmer weather will follow before to-morrow night. The cold wave which followed yesterday's storm extended to the northern part of Florida and caused fourteen to thirty-four degree drops in temperature.

SPEAKER AMBLER HERE Speaker Ambler and National Committee man Wasson, Ex-Congressman M. W. Shreve, of Erie, and others were here to discuss the Brumbaugh boom. Mr. Ambler said he would continue to be a candidate for auditor general.

ROGERS FOR SENATOR It is expected that announcement will be made within a few days of the candidacy of C. P. Rogers, Jr., chief of appropriation bureau, of the auditor general's department for Senator from Erie. Senator H. A. Clark will be a candidate for Congress.

AMERICAN DOCTOR ON WAY TO JOIN GERMAN RED CROSS Reported Killed by British

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—An unofficial report that Dr. Walter Gellhorn, a prominent physician of Seattle, who was taken from a steamer at Kirkwall while enroute to Germany to join the German Red Cross, has been executed by the British military authorities, was received to-day by friends of Dr. Gellhorn here.

Efforts to ascertain Dr. Gellhorn's whereabouts have been without avail, according to his friends, and the State Department will be asked to investigate his case. A brother of Dr. Gellhorn resides in St. Louis.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night, with lowest temperature about 5 degrees; Friday fair, warmer.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night; Friday fair, warmer; diminishing north-west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. No material change will occur in ice conditions. A stage of about 4.3 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The storm that was central over Virginia, Wednesday morning, has moved northward to the New England coast. It has caused snow and rain and northeast winds, with a few warmer showers, along the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida, and snow along the eastern border of the Great Lakes and in Northern Pennsylvania and in the interior of New York State, where the snow was heavy.

It is much colder in the Middle and East Gulf States, where temperature falls of 4 to 34 degrees have occurred in the last twenty-four hours.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 14; Sun: Rises, 6:14 a. m.; sets, 6:14 p. m. Full moon, Sunday, 12:27 a. m. River Stage: 4.7 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 35. Lowest temperature, 20. Mean temperature, 27. Normal temperature, 36.

ELOPING TO WED SOLDIER BOY SHE HAD NEVER SEEN

But Cruel Police Nab Pretty Hill Miss Before She Can Leave Harrisburg

'CORRESPONDENCE' LOVER Cupid's Arrow This Time a Photo and Letters From Fort Myer

After corresponding for months with Harold Fortney, a lover whom she had never seen, but who claimed he was a private in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Myer, near Washington, Pauline Wike, a pretty little 17-year-old girl, of 1430 Berryhill street, decided to run away from home last evening, join Fortney and get married.

Three city detectives, however, spoiled the arrangements when they appeared on the scene, while Miss Wike and a girl friend, Miss May Sprow, whom she intended to take along on the trip, were dining in a downtown restaurant just before they were to start for Washington.

Before leaving home Miss Wike, according to her mother, Mrs. W. H. Wike, took \$60 to cover the expenses for the pair until they reached the national capital. All but \$2 of this was returned to the mother when she

Sea Lions Threaten to Drive Keeper of Lonely Lighthouse From Post

San Francisco, Cal., March 16.—The keeper of the lighthouse on Ano Nuevo Island, below Pigeon Point on the California coast, has appealed to Federal officials here for relief from the sea lions which the law forbids his killing, and which have increased to such a degree that they will take possession of the island.

Even his private quarters are invaded by the pups, he declared, in a communication received here to-day. When he opens the door a troop of young sea lions march into the house and at meantime the entire colony surrounds his domicile, barking for admittance. Sleep is difficult for the keeper, the slightest disturbance during the night, he said, was the signal for a sea lion chorus, which can be heard all over the island.

U. S. L-10 LAUNCHED Quincy, Mass., March 16.—The submarine L-10, the fourth submersible to be built for the United States navy by the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, was launched to-day.

DEFEAT PASTORAL TERM REGULATOR Philadelphia, March 16.—By a vote of 95 to 81 the members of the Philadelphia conference to-day defeated a resolution intended to pledge them to petition the next General Conference to make a pastoral term a fixed number of years.

TO EQUIP PUGET SOUND YARD Washington, March 16.—The Senate to-day passed Senator Poindexter's bill appropriating \$2,065,000 to equip the Puget Sound Navy yard for construction of battleships. It now goes to the House.

'DOPE' DISPENSER ARRAIGNED Harrisburg.—William Phipps, arrested on Monday by city police, accused of furnishing "dope" to a number of girls, was formally charged with the crime this afternoon before Leroy J. Wolfe, United States Commissioner for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, by H. A. Vollmer.

THREE AMERICANS ON TORPEDOED STEAMER London, March 16.—"It is now certain that the Tubantia was torpedoed without warning," telegraphs the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News. "There were three Americans on board. They were Richard Schilling, an American consul; Emma Schilling, and Carmen Schilling."

UNITED STATES LIEUTENANT KILLS SELF San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Word was received at Southern Department Headquarters from Houston of the suicide of First Lieutenant Edward M. Zell, Eleventh Cavalry, at Columbus, N. M., early to-day. Lieutenant Zell's regiment was a member of the General Pershing's command. Melancholia is given as the cause.

BROWN MEETS LEADERS Attorney General Brown was in conference to-day with many interested in Governor Brumbaugh's campaign from various parts of the State. The conferences were for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Governor and for organizing the work.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Harry Kough, Jr., Steelton, and Dora Ethel Smith, Ely, William Ephraim Duncan, Mifflin, and Margaret Evelyn Burd, East Rutherford.