

AMERICAN TROOPS IN BATTLE WITH VILLAAT GUERRERO

THIRTY VILLISTAS REPORTED KILLED AND SEVERAL AMERICANS WOUNDED IN BATTLE. VILLA HAS INCREASED HIS FORCES GREATLY.

Reports Reaching El Paso and also Reports to Funston's Headquarters at San Antonio, Tend to Confirm Report that He Has Crossed Mountains and is Headed Southeast—Three Foreigners Murdered Yesterday at Minaca, Chihuahua, by Villa and His Followers, According to Private Advices Reaching El Paso—Funston Anxiously Awaiting News of Reported Fighting Between Americans and Villistas Along Mexican Northwestern Railroad Between Madera and Chihuahua, Where Villa is Said to be Concentrating Forces—Villa Said to be Preparing for Offensive There and Strong Force of American Cavalry is Moving Forward.

San Antonio, Tex., March 31.—In a smashing ride from the north toward Guerrero, Col. Dodd led the seventh cavalry fifty-five miles in seventeen hours to battle against Villa, severely defeating the bandit yesterday, according to an official report to General Funston today. Villa himself was not present at the fight. Thirty Mexicans were killed including the commander, Eliseo Fernandez, and several Americans were wounded.

The running fight continued for ten miles until the breaking up of the pursuit into small bands became necessary. Among Villa's slain was an officer named Lopez, who is believed to be Pablo Lopez, who was erroneously reported killed at Columbus.

Villa's forces engaged in the fight were estimated at five hundred.

El Paso, Tex., March 31.—Mexican Consul Garcia announced today that he has been informed by Gavira that the latter has received word that American troops are in battle with the Villa forces. According to the report thirty Villistas were killed and several Americans wounded.

Villa has recruited his forces in formidable numbers, it is reported, and if cornered, will be in a position to give stout resistance.

Villa, according to Garcia's information, still occupied Guerrero.

El Paso, Texas, March 31.—Villa has crossed the continental divide and is heading south to his old headquarters in Andres, according to the reliable information reported here today, coupled

SCHILLER IS GERMAN SPY

YOUNG GERMAN WHO HELD UP BRITISH SHIP, ADMITS HE IS SPY FOR GERMANY.

DOUBT HIS SANITY

Schiller Claims He Received Orders from German Government to Blow up British Ship Carrying Supplies from New York for Vladivostok.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—Ernest Schiller, the young German, who captured the British steamer Matoppe and terrorized her crew of fifty-six on Wednesday night, sailing from New York to Vladivostok with supplies for Russia, declared today that he was a spy for the German government and that he got orders from his government to blow up that ship.

He was told that because his daring exploit occurred outside the three-mile limit, he probably would be taken to British West Indies for trial for piracy.

An examination into his mental condition will be made.

Forced Ship to Return.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—How a lone German stowaway held up the captain and fifty-six members of the crew of the British steamer Matoppe, compelling them at the point of a revolver to change the course of the vessel and land him at the Delaware breakwater after he had rifled the ship's safes and taken their valuables, was told here last night by Captain Berger, master of the Matoppe. The stowaway, who gave his name as Ernest Schiller and stated that he had lived in Hoboken, N. J., for the last eight months, was locked up in the jail here awaiting the arrival of the United States district attorney from Wilmington, Del., and the British consul general from Philadelphia.

WILL ISSUE DECREE TO FORECLOSE

JUDGE SANBORN PLACED MINIMUM PRICE OF FORTY MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ON FRISCO.

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—A minimum price of \$40,700,000 was placed on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad today when he said he would issue a foreclosure decree.

ANOTHER WEDDING BILLED FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, March 30.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's physician and naval aide and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon of this city, Mrs. Wilson's most intimate friend, will be married within the next two months. Announcement of the engagement was made Thursday. The wedding may be solemnized in the White House. The president and Mrs. Wilson will attend. Miss Gordon and Mrs. Wilson were close friends before either entered the White House circle. Miss Gordon, who is 25 years of age, is an orphan and the daughter of Lieut. Col. J. J. Gordon of this city, who left her a large fortune.

BIG STEAMER AGROUND

Chiyo Maru Grounded on One of the Lema Islands. Shanghai, March 31.—The big trans-Pacific passenger steamer Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog today on one of the Lema Islands south of Hong Kong. Nine boats and launches filled with passengers from San Francisco and Manila have landed.

WASHINGTON IS STILL WAITING

AFTER CABINET MET TODAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AS YET.

BERLIN IN THE DARK

German Capital Knows Nothing of Explosion Which Sank the Sussex Beyond Newspaper Accounts, Say Officials of Berlin.

Washington, March 31.—Following the cabinet meeting today, officials said that no action would be taken by the American government in the submarine matter until all of the facts are received and that no action leading to serious consequences will be taken until it has been established that the German attacks were in violation of international law.

Berlin Knows Nothing.

Berlin, March 31.—Inquiries in official circles today developed the statement that nothing is known here regarding the explosion which sank the Sussex, beyond the foreign newspaper accounts.

FORTY-FIVE MILLIONS FOR FLOOD PREVENTION

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson and Chairman Humphreys of the house flood committee Wednesday agreed on legislation to control floods on the Mississippi and other rivers which will be introduced in a bill the committee will be present in about ten days and made a part of the administration plan.

The plan calls for federal government expenditure of \$45,000,000 in five years. It provides that states benefited must aid in the work and pay part of the cost. Mr. Humphreys estimated the states would have to spend approximately \$20,000,000.

JURY INDICTS DOCTOR WAITE FOR MURDER

NEW YORK PHYSICIAN ACCUSED OF POISONING WEALTHY FATHER-IN-LAW AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

New York, March 31.—The grand jury today returned a first degree murder indictment against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich.

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN USING RAILROAD 10 DAYS

Columbus, N. M., March 30.—American troops have been using the Mexican Northwestern railway for a distance of about 140 miles between Casas Grandes and Madera daily for about ten days to transport troops and supplies, according to Walter Warren, a negro trooper in troop A, Tenth cavalry, who reached here Thursday.

Warren, who has been invalided at Fort Bliss, asserted that twelve men were injured in the wreck on the road near Musica station, March 21, which resulted in the death of trooper Hudnell. Warren suffered crushed hips and internal injuries. The train, he said, was carrying several cars loaded with horses and troops and was wrecked on a "shoofly." Warren said that the injured men are being cared for at the field hospital at Casas Grandes.

J. G. Sprekelmeyer and wife leave this afternoon for a visit of several days with their sons at Bryan and Marshall, Texas.

CONTINUED PRESSURE BY GERMAN MANS BEGINNING TO TELL

FRENCH FORCED OUT OF THEIR POSITIONS IN MALANCOURT VILLAGE BY GERMANS LAST NIGHT IN INFANTRY ATTACK.

Furious Engagement with French Battalion Holding the Town, and When it was Evacuated by the French, Whole Town was in Ruins as Result of Bombardment—Germans Attack Douamont, northeast of the Fortress with Liquid Fire, but the French Claim that the Germans were Driven Off There—Germans are Making their Third Big Drive Against Haudromont in the Woivre District—Portugal Said to be Preparing to Enter War—Attack upon Lisbon by Submarines Possible—Petrograd claims Gains for the Russians in Offensive Along the Dvinsk-Dvina Front Where von Hindenburg is Threatened by the Slavs.

TAUSCHER'S PALS ARE NOW UNDER ARREST

TWO CONFEDERATES OF TAUSCHER, IN PLOT TO BLOW UP WELLAND CANAL, ARE HELD IN NEW YORK.

Washington, March 31.—Department of justice officials announced today that two alleged conspirators with Captain Hans Tauscher in the plot to blow up the Welland canal are under arrest in New York and that a third is under surveillance in New England, and they expect to make a fourth arrest in a few days.

FORGERY CHARGES AGAINST PROMINENT TULSA ATTORNEY

Tulsa, Okla., March 30.—Forgery charges were brought against W. V. Thraves, a prominent member of the Tulsa bar, when he was arrested on a warrant issued from the court of Lee Daniel, justice of the peace. The warrant was issued upon information sworn to by S. L. Miller. The defendant furnished bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the preliminary hearing.

The defendant had just returned from a visit to Virginia, where he remained through an extended period. It is set forth in the information filed that Thraves forged and altered an oil and mining gas lease which he secured from Miller and which was filed in the office of the register of deeds in Creek county, contrary to the statutes of Oklahoma. The lease was on lands of considerable value.

Thursday, April 6.

Thursday, April 6, when the windows are uncovered at seven-thirty, promises to witness the greatest crowds ever seen in Ardmore. It is already generally accepted that practically every merchant in the city will be on hand and have something "different" to show the throngs who will "mill around" all of that evening until late at night.

There are four prominent concerns who are going to put on a show of their own and a big one. That others are contemplating the same thing, goes without saying. Dame Fashion will reign supreme that night, and one of the most gorgeous displays ever seen in the southwest is promised.

REGIMENTAL BAND CONCERT TICKETS ARE RESERVED

In order to avoid confusion or long wait at either of the two concerts to be given by the Fifth Field Artillery Regimental Band on Sunday during Style Show Week, all who have purchased tickets or intend to do so, can reserve their seats at Ringer's Drug Store on Monday, and the following days next week. Over a thousand tickets are out, and record-breaking houses are anticipated.

All who hold tickets, must take them to Ringer's and make their reservations for either of the two concerts, or for both. Those who desire tickets must, after Sunday, secure them there as no tickets will be sold in excess of the seating capacity of the High School Auditorium.

ARDMORE MAY BE IN WESTERN ASS'N NEXT YEAR

GROWING SENTIMENT IN THIS CITY IN FAVOR OF ORGANIZED BASEBALL MAY RESULT IN A BERTH IN WESTERN.

There is a growing sentiment in this city in favor of organized baseball, and this may so crystallize that Ardmore may be in the Western Association another year. The Southern Oklahoma league, just organized, will serve its purpose this season, but the real fans want something better, and this may awaken sentiment to such a point that a berth may be secured in a real league another year.

Ardmore has been without baseball for two seasons, aside from a few amateur games. This condition is not pleasing to a majority of the fans, who are beginning to show a disposition to finance a team in some accredited league, and maintain a high-class team.

The downfall of the old Texas-Oklahoma league was the high salaries paid the players. A lesson has been learned, and is being put into practice in the Western Association, with the result that some of the old has-beens who were drawing topheavy salaries have been supplanted by a number of youngsters who want to break into the game at a greatly reduced salary, and for the betterment of the league as a whole. In the Texas-Oklahoma, some "old-head" would come along with a glove and a prayer and sign up as a ball player at a salary that would look big in a class A league. The chances were better than even that his days of usefulness were past long since, and the management would be up against the proposition of getting another man after he had lost a few games for the team. All this has been eliminated in organized baseball within the past two years, until it is now possible to secure the services of young, ambitious players at salaries that the towns in a class B circuit can afford. Incidentally, the "old heads" are back on the farm—or driving a hack.

Ardmore has grown in population and financial wealth within the past two years, and the city officials, headed by the mayor, are a unit for organized baseball another year, and unless they "back up" on their statements, will try hard for a berth in the Western Association another year.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., March 31.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder with probably freezing temperature. Saturday

Local Temperature. Minimum yesterday..... 61 Minimum last night..... 46 Maximum same date year..... 52 Minimum same date year..... 31

REGISTER YOUR CAR AND SECURE YOUR DECORATIONS

All automobile owners who are anticipating getting into the parade on Monday of Style Week, must register at the City Drug Store, where Velle Suggs, chief marshal of the parade has left a list for that purpose.

All arrangements as to assembling and route must be made this week, and in order to facilitate everything, it is necessary that those in charge know exactly how many cars will participate. The placing of the cars will be done with a view to artistic arrangements. Decorations for the cars can be secured at the City Drug Store, and should be selected at once.