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YESTERDAY'S FLORAL PARADE WAS MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE

DECORATED MACHINES IN LINE AN INSPIRING SIGHT. FIRST SHOW OF THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION A GREAT SUCCESS.

A Crowd Estimated at from Ten to Fifteen Thousand People Witnessed the Initial Floral Parade and Auto Show of the Ardmore Business Men's Association, the Show was a Big Success from Every Standpoint, and the Favorable Comments Heard on Every Hand Were Inspiring to the Promoters of Style Show Week.

JUDGES' DECISION

Ardmore, Okla., April 10, 1916.

Mr. J. W. Krueger, Chairman:

We, your judges selected to award the prizes in the automobile contest, beg to submit the following:

In the school contest, Sophomores first; Freshmen second.

Individual cars No. 22 first; No. 36 second.

Illuminated cars No. 27 first.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. ERWIN,
O. N. WALKER.

The Ardmore Business Men's Association can well afford to be proud at its first effort to give this city a floral parade. The magnificent spectacle that passed through the principal streets of the city yesterday afternoon, paid eloquent tribute to the genius and hustle of Secretary Walter Gilbert, and the members of the association.

Sixty-Five Decorated Cars. Sixty-five decorated cars were in the line of march, besides there were many others who failed to put on the tinsel and bunting, but just wanted to be with the live ones, and the thousands who lined the sidewalks during the parade showered rounds of applause as their favorites passed by.

The parade was formed at Central park by V. C. Suggs who led it in a tiny Saxon, the official car, over the advertised route, past the judges' stand and back to the starting point, in the following order:

The Afternoon Parade. Sheriff Garrett, mounted on a magnificent white horse, gaily caparisoned. The Fifth Artillery Band in two auto trucks, Chief of Police Hutchins and the members of the police department, the city fire department, and the members of the school board.

Interspersed between the decorated cars were the members of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes of the Ardmore high school. The band from the Wortham Carnival company, now playing in this city, brought up the rear of the parade upon a large float drawn by four white horses; this band as well as the artillery band which preceded it, came in for rounds of generous applause.

Night Parade. The auto parade last night was even superior to the one of the afternoon, the cars all came back, with electric lights added to the decorations worn during the day parade, and presented a magnificent spectacle as they passed through the streets. The route traversed was the same as in the afternoon. After the parade was over, the crowd which was estimated to be one of the largest ever assembled in this city on any occasion, surged to the corner of West Main and C street, where the

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WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., April 11.

The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer. Wednesday partly cloudy.

Local Temperature.

Maximum yesterday 72

Minimum last night 55

Maximum same date year ago 73

Minimum same date year ago 56

SHOWMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO ARDMORE MEN

CLARENCE WORTHAM, PROPRIETOR OF WORTHAM SHOWS, SURPRISED AT THE SPIRIT DISPLAYED.

Clarence A. Wortham, owner of the Great Wortham shows, which are here furnishing the attractions for the big spring festival which is being held under the auspices of the Commercial Club, was in Ardmore yesterday and during his visit here paid a pretty tribute to the progressiveness of the city, all of which was overheard by The Ardmoreite man, who happened to be standing near when Mr. Wortham, who was in conversation with Walter Stanley, manager of the Great Wortham Shows, said: "Gee, but this is a wonderful little city. It has surprised me. It reminds me strongly of the oil towns of Ohio during the boom there some years ago, and after playing through certain sections of the country, it is a wonderful surprise. The life, movement and activity is incredible, and the people seem to have such a metropolitan atmosphere with them. Why, this Main street looks like Broadway on a busy day, except that it is cleaner, if anything. She is a winner, and if I can find suitable buildings, I may even consider this place as winter quarters for my three shows. Ardmore has it all over any town of its size I have ever seen, and if these hustlers keep moving they're going to catch up with Oklahoma City some day. That's what I think of Ardmore."

C. A. Wortham is a well known showman and traveler, and the owner of two large midway organizations and a big minstrel show. He has traveled all over the United States and Canada, and is regarded in amusement circles as a coming amusement magnate. He is educated and observant, and is well qualified to express an opinion.

Mr. Wortham left here today for San Antonio, where he has charge of the amusement features and the joy zone for the big fiesta of flowers, which is one of the big annual events at San Antonio.

ASK ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR ALL REPORTS

WITHOUT DEBATE, THE SENATE ADOPTS RESOLUTION OF KENYON FOR REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF STANDARD OIL.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Without debate, the senate today adopted the resolution of Kenyon, republican, directing the attorney general to submit to the senate all reports of investigations made into the Standard Oil Company since the supreme court's decree of dissolution against this company and particularly any investigation into gasoline prices.

NIPPED PLANS OF SALAZAR

FIFTEEN PROMINENT MEXICANS ARRESTED BY EL PASO POLICE LAST NIGHT.

PLANS UNMATURED MAY MARK CLOSE

Plot of Wide Dimensions Was Being Hatched in El Paso with Backing of Those Financing Diaz Movement—Salazar Suspicions, Fled into Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—A plot of wide dimensions, hatched in El Paso and backed by some of the people financing the Felix Diaz movement, is believed by the police to have been unearthed following the arrest last night of fifteen prominent Mexicans, who are accused of being implicated with General Salazar.

Salazar's plans were unripe when he learned that he was in danger of betrayal and fled, Sunday accompanied, it is said, by only a handful of adherents.

His present plans or whereabouts are unknown, but it is expected that he will attempt to rally northern Mexicans for the immediate withdrawal of the Americans.

Three Leaders Executed.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Three leaders of the Diaz plot to seize Juarez and overthrow the Carranza garrison there Sunday, were executed by the Juarez firing squad today. They confessed to the plot before being executed.

Will Attend Funeral

James H. Mathers, nephew of Judge Henry M. Furman, has received notice of the death of his uncle which occurred at six o'clock yesterday evening in Oklahoma City. Mr. Mathers spent ten days with his uncle during his last illness, but had to return here where he had a murder case on trial in the district court. He will attend the funeral which will be held tomorrow. Mrs. W. A. Edwards of this city has been in the Furman home for more than a week. She and Mrs. Furman were close friends in this city, and she went to be with Mrs. Furman in her trying hour.

OLD SOLDIERS WILL HEAR THE BIG BAND PLAY

MRS WALCOTT DESIRES THAT THE OLD BOYS HAVE PRIVILEGE OF HEARING FIFTH ARTILLERY BAND.

Arrangements are being made to take the Fifth Field Artillery Band out to the soldiers' home tomorrow afternoon to play their regular concert, instead of playing at the junction of Washington and Main streets.

Mrs. Walcott is making arrangements, and requests that anyone owning a car communicate with her, and she will be able to assign them. The old soldiers at the home,—that is, many of them,—are unable to come to the city at this time to enjoy the festivities and Mrs. Walcott is anxious that they be given the privilege of hearing this crack band while in the city. She requests that enough cars be furnished to take not only the band, but as many visitors as possible.

This will be a rare treat to the old veterans who cannot come to the city, and the trouble incidental to making this arrangement is small. All should communicate with Mrs. Walcott relative to details, and they will be furnished. The Ardmoreite joins Mrs. Walcott in this request.

CENTER FIRE ON DEADMAN'S HILL

BELIEVING THIS IS KEY TO FURTHER ADVANCE, TEUTONS ARE CENTERING ATTACKS THERE.

Whether Attack Proves Successful or Not, This is Likely to Mark Close of Verdun Campaign—British Attack Failure.

The German assault on Verdun is now centered on Deadman's Hill, west of the Meuse, which is the key to further advance, and may mark the close of the Verdun campaign, whatever the outcome.

German statements today say that the British troops made a strong grenade attack last night on the Germans at St. Eloi, but that the attack was repulsed and the positions held. Fighting on both sides of the Meuse is in progress, although it is more strenuous on the west bank. On other fronts there is little activity.

Captured Many French.

Berlin, April 11.—The Germans captured more than thirty-six thousand French in the Verdun fighting, according to the Overseas News Agency today.

Verdun Losses Heavy.

London, April 11.—Without pause, the German crown prince, taking advantage of the evacuation of the Bethincourt salient by the French and the occupation of that position by the Germans, has thrown several divisions against the new French line, but so far has been unable to break that line at any point.

The bombardment of the whole front west of the Meuse is of increasing intensity on both sides, the Germans moving down along the Haucourt-Bethincourt line attacked the French positions south of the Forges brook. Here they had to face the full fury of the French guns, which cost them heavy losses.

The French front along the strategic sector extending from Le Mort Homme to Cumieres remained unmoved and further attempts to assault were arrested by the French curtain of fire.

REPLY GIVEN TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S REPLY ON SUSSEX WAS DELIVERED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TODAY.

Berlin, April 11.—The German government's reply to the United States regarding the Sussex and four other vessels, which have been sunk or damaged, was delivered to the American embassy here today.

DEED FINALLY PASSED

Government Has Purchased Hargrove College for Indians.

W. S. Smith, who for several months has been negotiating the sale of the Hargrove college property to the federal government, to be used for Bloomfield Female Seminary for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, reports that the draft from the government in payment for the property is now in the hands of the former owners, the Jennings Investment company. The government was so careful of the title that a long delay occurred in the final transfer of the property.

Nearly everybody reads The Ardmoreite. Do you?

VILLA NOW REPORTED DEAD, REPORTS FROM MANY SOURCES

NONE OF THE REPORTS ARE CONFIRMED, BUT THEY COME FROM MANY DIFFERENT SOURCES IN MEXICO—OTHERS SAY THAT HE IS STILL FLEEING.

Bandit Leader Said to Have Died of Blood Poisoning. Military Authorities Say that it May be Another Ruse to Throw Americans Off the Trail, But Latest Reports from Interior Say that Americans are Pushing Hunt for Bandit With Greater Vigor than Ever—Reports of Villa's Death Have Reached Pershing Who is Making Investigation of These Rumors.

THREE MEN ARE FATALLY SHOT IN DANCE HALL

FOURTH MAN ALSO DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED IN DRUNKEN BRAWL IN NEW OIL TOWN OF BUFFALO.

Tulsa, Okla., April 10.—A report has reached here that three men have been fatally shot and another dangerously wounded in a drunken brawl which started in a dance hall operated by a carnival company at Buffalo, Okla., one of the latest oil towns to spring up in the stone bluff field. Haskell has been appealed to for aid and officers have been dispatched to the scene to quell the rioting which is reported, has been in progress for more than a hour. It is said the men are shooting and running wild about the little oil town, and officers fear a pitched battle will follow their arrival.

Latest reports from Buffalo state that cool-headed citizens have succeeded in quelling the riot that broke out there in a dance hall at 11:30 o'clock.

Dan Myers, a caver, was shot in the head when he quarreled with a drunken man who drew a gun. A fight ensued when Myers attempted to grab the gun out of the hand of his assailant, followed by the shooting.

"Nig" Swazey, a driller, who had nothing to do with the fight, was struck in the face by a stray bullet and his teeth were shot out. He is in a serious condition. Two other men whose names have not been learned, were shot in the head and are said to be in a precarious condition.

The gunman made good his escape, but a posse has been formed and is awaiting the arrival of officers from Haskell to lead them in the search.

TUCKER HAS A MATCH

Jimmie Bibb and Lonnie Tucker Fight Staged for April 21.

Al Edwards has returned from Fort Worth and Dallas, where he arranged to get some good folks here for the next boxing bout which will be given under the auspices of the Ardmore Athletic association. He states that Dutch Mienert, manager of "Red" Henderson, wants to make arrangements to have Henderson meet Bobby Wagh in Ardmore. Both of these men have reputations, and the association will be fortunate in getting such talent.

Jimmie Bibb will be here April 21, to meet Lonnie Tucker in a 15-round bout. This event will be looked forward to with much interest by the boxing fans.

Reunion Delegates.

John H. Morgan camp United Confederate Veterans, has elected W. R. Wood, J. M. Hoard Sr., and W. T. Simmons to the national reunion to be held during the month of May in Birmingham, Ala. Each one of the delegates is making preparations to attend the 26th annual reunion of the soldiers of the south.

The police department was taxed to keep the streets clear during the parade. Chief Hutchins and Assistant Frazer did the trick without a hitch, and their work deserves the commendation of the citizens.

Pershing headquarters, by telegraph to Juarez, April 11.—General Pershing received renewed reports today that Villa is dead and buried, and he is having them investigated. In the meantime the hunt for the bandit grows more vigorous.

Reports Not Confirmed

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Unofficial and unconfirmed reports that Villa is dead, reached the Carranza embassy here today and are given some credence by the officials here. They are represented as having come from Queretaro, the provisional capital.

The reports are unsubstantiated by the latest dispatches to the war and state departments. Circumstantially it is felt that Villa could not survive his wounds.

General Scott announced official estimates of the number of troops in the Mexican service today, as follows:

On the border, 8,500 men. In Mexico, 12,000. Remaining in the United States and not in the Mexican service, four thousand.

Santa Anna Hears Report

Columbus, N. M., April 11.—Aviators returning here today, said that reports were current in Santa Anna that Villa had died of blood poisoning. Another report said that he was still fleeing southward. The military authorities recognize that these reports of the bandit's death may be another ruse to throw the Americans off the trail, but the fliers said that no tendency was manifested to belittle the report.

Americans Beyond Communication.

El Paso, Tex., April 11.—Mexican officials sought today to obtain official information over the land lines of the Mexican telegraph of the position of the American troops, who have rushed southward so far and fast that Colonel's Dadd's and Brown's troops are far beyond the communication lines.

Army officers here believed that the first word to come from these soldiers would be a report that they had engaged the Villa forces in battle.

Reports received here said that Arrieta Brothers are fortifying themselves in Durango City, but for what purpose could not be ascertained.

Expect Important Developments.

San Antonio, Tex., April 11.—Officials here believe that the issue of whether the United States will withdraw the troops and leave the pursuit of Villa to the de facto forces will be forced in the near future, and that the next few days will bring important development in the situation. Headquarters here have not been advised of the positions of the advanced American troops.

Texas National Guard.

Austin, Tex., April 11.—An instruction camp for the officers of the Texas National Guard will be held here from May 9 to 18, according to an announcement today by the adjutant general.

The Fifth Field Artillery Band will play tonight in front of the Automobile Exposition, on West Main street.