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U. S. FORCE FIGHTS WAY OUT OF HOLE

PERSHING'S ADVANCED COLUMN VICTOR WHEN AMBUSHED BY VILLISTAS.

CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES THRILLING NIGHT BATTLE

General Pershing and Small Escort in Grave Danger of Annihilation - Attacked From Three Sides by Bandits, Who Are Put to Flight - Bandits Hide in Thicket.

With General Pershing, 500 Miles South of Columbus, N. M., April 12. (By Motor Truck to Columbus, N. M., April 19.)—After almost a solid month of pushing onward with General Pershing by day and by night, by horse or by motor, thru the stormstomps and frigid nights of a 7,000 foot altitude and the wind stings and the damp and comparatively lowland country we are now in, I am becoming more impressed every moment with the belief the Gen. Pershing will be present when Pancho Villa makes his last stand.

Yesterday Gen. Pershing turned his back again on the expeditionary headquarters, which had just managed to catch up with him, and with only the smallest escort took the trail to the south, pushing his motors thru almost impossible mountain passes.

We covered a hundred miles into a country almost untouched by the American forces. By tortuous trails clinging to the sides of the rocky cliffs we left the wire grass of the high plateaus and the live oaks of the encompassing peaks and dropped 1,500 feet into green lowlands, where mesquite and thorny growths characterize the unfriendliness of the vegetation.

Our progress was slow. I doubt if steel and rubber have ever been put to the severe test which the motors survived. Fording streams and mud holes over hub deep and mounting the uncertain sides of gravel banks our day's trip was ended when we reached a dark and twisting tunnel of overhanging mesquite and cooled the steaming radiators in a plowed field.

A peon clinging to the running board of the first motor pointed out across the field where our headlights set forth with stereoscopic sharpness the silver tinted gear of an army aeroplane, stranded lone and silent in the wilderness. Our aviators were hiding near by.

Dash Thru Villa Ambush. Sped and the secrecy which covered the identity of our party had carried General Pershing and his small escort thru a Villista ambush which in view of our numbers and subsequent developments might have proven a disastrous one. The officers accompanying the train were ordered to dismount when the narrowness of our escape was learned an hour later, but as far as I was able to judge from my observations of the general himself his attitude seemed to be one of regret, a feeling that an opportunity had been lost.

If we missed the opportunity, it was not overlooked by the struggling train of motor lorries, which ran into the ambush about twenty minutes after our rapid and unconscious flight thru it. Ten minutes before that engagement the Villistas opened fire on an automobile truck and one automobile which contained General Pershing's personal equipment.

Bandits Hidden in Thicket. The bandits, numbering about 100 and supposed to be under command of General Taranza, had stationed themselves almost on the edge of a mesa which was reached by a long climb from the river land. Dense mesquite screened both sides of the roads and extended backward on either side, making it almost impossible to see ten feet into the thicket. The spot was ideal for the purpose for which it had been selected, regardless of the fact that five miles further on was the camp of a small body of Carranzistas under General Garza.

The train of motor lorries carrying the spare equipment, machinery, supplies, and extra fuel for the aero squadron had been on the road two days under orders to establish a new base at (deleted) a point which had been picked out only from aerial observation three days before. There were twelve trucks in the train. An aviator commanding the train rode on the first truck and another aviator brought up the rear on the last one.

Fire on Pershing's Escort. It was about 9 o'clock when the motor train climbing the hill heard firing ahead and hurried on at full speed thru the darkness, thinking there was an attack on General Pershing and his escort. The firing had been directed by the Villistas at the general's motor truck and the automobile which was accompanying it. These two machines, bearing the impediments for the expedition's flying headquarters, had been unable to hold the pace and had fallen behind.

HOG SUPPLIES IN EXCESS OF NEEDS

OFFERINGS LARGER THAN BUYERS CAN ABSORB AND PRICES RECEDE.

EIGHT THOUSAND LEFT OVER FROM THURSDAY

Cattle Offerings Scarce and Market Holds Steady - Demand For Sheep and Lambs Only Fair - Holiday on Grain Board Because of Good Friday - Current Quotations.

Chicago, April 21. — There was no session of the grain board today because of Good Friday.

Chicago, April 21.—Supplies of hogs today, including 8,000 left over unsold from last night, were more than buyers had need of.

Four days this week there have been about 123,200 hogs received at Chicago, being 17,300 more than same days last week, 39,600 more than a year ago and 47,300 more than same days two years ago.

Eleven markets received 81,000 hogs Thursday, or 21,100 more than last Thursday, 13,700 more than a year ago and 28,900 more than two years ago. Total thus far this week 409,000, or 58,000 more than same period last week, 102,000 more than like time last year and 115,500 more than corresponding four days two years ago.

Cattle were scarce. Ten dollars for the time being is the stopping-off place. Killers are feeling as hard against an even-money top as they did a few weeks back when it was first established, but ultimately they will have to go over the line, in the belief of many traders. To expect continuance of liberal runs of choice steers in volume sufficient to hold the market down would be illogical, sellers say.

The two Jewish holidays next Monday and Tuesday cast their shadow ahead this week, and there is likely to be no curbing of kosher demand at the outset next week. Reappearance of a good demand on kosher account is expected to help the sale of big beaves, but it is only a moderate call for them at best at this season, and cautious marketing will be needed to conserve current price level.

Sheep. Demand for sheep and lambs was only fair. There are no bright spots ahead for heavy lambs, as demand for them has been comparatively short all year and indications point to no improvement in the outlook. Owners of heavy lambs may forestall any attempts of packers later on to force wide price recessions for the intermediate classes of steers.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, April 21. — Cattle—Estimated receipts for today, 1,000; market steady. Native beef steers 7.85@10.00

ATTACKED FROM THREE SIDES

At the same time, a third party of the bandits opened another cross fire from the road, in the rear of the last truck, which made the attack on three sides. The aero squadron took, rather late in leaving his position on the driver's seat of the last truck, became the personification of alertness when a bullet pierced the peak of his hat and removed it.

Without waiting for orders the train escort opened up fire in all three directions. The captain walked up and down on both sides of the line of trucks cautioning the men to save their ammunition and to fire only when they saw light.

Most of the bandits were mounted. Following the first American shot, the bandits were heard to shout and fall in the brush, which was so thick and thorny that pursuit was impossible.

Proceed to Carranzista Camp. Even after the opening volleys from the Americans the Mexicans maintained a scattering fire from many points on the three sides of the square in which they were formed. As the three sides slipped further away from the trucks and the flashes became more indistinct thru the undergrowth the train escort knew that the bandits had been repulsed.

The engines were started again, and the train proceeded with lights out, it being feared that the road illumination might prove too good a target for the bushmen. Four miles further the train encountered the outposts of the Carranzista camp, where the fight was recounted to General Garza.

"It was Taranza's band," Garza said. "We knew they were going thru here. We have been looking for them for the last two days. My troops are all from the state of Jalisco, so we know little concerning the trails in this northern country. It has been difficult for us to pursue."

Halted by Carranza Sentinel. As with the motor trucks, General Pershing's encounter with the Carranzista troops was one of the melodramatic incidents of the night. A sudden turn in the road and the headlights of the general's car revealed a Mexican with ready rifle standing in the center of the way.

"Halt!" his challenge came, loud and sharp. The brakes squeaked. Before the cars had stopped the rifles of the guards in the car closely following had been leveled on the sentinel.

With the exchange of questions and answers between the sentry and the general, the sentry, a boy of 15, ragged and laden with crosswise cartridge belts, accepted a place on the running board and led the way to some higher ground on the edge of the Carranza camp.

This morning General Garza amplified his brief conference of the night by sending two officers with his compliments to General Pershing's camp here, which is some fifteen miles from that of the Jalisco troops.

Western steers 7.75@8.25 Stockers and feeders 8.50@9.00 Cows and heifers 4.00@5.20 Calves 7.00@10.00 Hogs—Estimated receipts for today, 15,000; market slow, 5 to 10 cents lower.

Bulk of sales 8.55@9.65 Light 9.15@9.70 Mixed 9.30@9.70 Heavy 9.15@9.75 Rough 8.15@9.30 Pigs 7.25@8.80 Sheep—Estimated receipts for today, 7,000; market steady.

Wethers 8.85@9.10 Native lambs 7.60@11.65 Omaha Live Stock. Omaha, April 21.—Cattle—Estimated receipts for today, 600; market strong.

Native steers 8.00@8.50 Cows and heifers 8.75@9.25 Western steers 7.50@8.75 Texas steers 7.00@7.75 Stockers and feeders 8.50@8.75 Hogs—Estimated receipts for today, 7,800; market steady.

Heavy 9.30@9.45 Light 9.15@9.25 Stockers and butchers 9.25@9.40 Bulk 9.25@9.40 Sheep—Estimated receipts for today, 4,300; market steady.

Yearlings 8.50@10.25 Wethers 8.00@9.00 Lambs 10.40@11.60 Kansas City Live Stock. Kansas City, April 21.—Cattle—Estimated receipts for today, 100; market steady.

Prime fed steers 9.25@9.75 Dressed beef steers 8.00@9.25 Western steers 8.00@9.25 Stockers and feeders 8.75@9.75 Bulls 8.75@9.50 Calves 8.50@10.50 Hogs—Estimated receipts for today, 4,500; market higher.

Bulk 8.30@8.55 Heavy 9.10@9.60 Packers and butchers 9.35@9.55 Light 8.25@9.45 Pigs 8.25@9.00 Sheep—Estimated receipts for today, 5,000; market steady.

Lambs 10.75@11.50 Range wethers 8.75@9.50 Range ewes 8.00@8.75 Chicago Produce. Chicago, April 21. Butter—Unsettled; creamery, 30@34 Eggs—Unchanged; receipts, 98,315 cases; ordinary firsts, 19@19 1/2; firsts, 20 1/2; prime firsts, 23@24.

Poultry—Alive, lower; fowls, 17; springs, 20. Chicago Potato Market. Chicago, April 21.—Potatoes, higher; receipts, thirty cars.

Minnesota and Dakota whites, 75@83 Michigan and Wisconsin whites, 70@88 New York Produce. New York, April 21. Butter—Firm; receipts, 6,022 tubs. Cheese—Irregular; receipts, 3,450 boxes.

Eggs—Steady; receipts, 36,362 cases. Poultry—Alive, firm; broilers, 46@48; fowls, 20 to 20 1/2; turkeys, 20; dressed, strong; chickens, 17@20; fowls, 17@22; turkeys, 31@35.

LORIMER MAKES DENIAL. Cross Examination in LaSalle Bank Case is Concluded. Chicago, April 21.—Cross examination of William Lorimer, in his trial on charges of conspiracy in connection with the failure of the LaSalle Trust and Savings Bank, was concluded today.

Mr. Lorimer's testimony was a denial of wrong doing. One of his principal contentions was that opposition to big bankers and political questions militated against the success of his bank. Some of the transactions objected to be laid to Samuel G. Mundy, vice president of the bank.

Strike Rioting at Cleveland. Cleveland, O., April 21.—Insipient rioting today at the plant of the Cleveland Hardware Company, following a strike of 400 employees, including fifty girls, who seek higher wages, was suppressed by police reserves.

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COURT SUPPORTS BACONIAN THEORY

Chicago Jurist Declares Bacon to Have Been the Author of Plays Attributed to Shakespeare - Decision in Selig Case.

Chicago, April 21.—Francis Bacon was declared to be the author of the works of William Shakespeare in a decision rendered in an injunction suit today by Judge Richard S. Cuthill in the circuit court. The decision dissolved an injunction issued on the petition of William N. Selig, motion picture manufacturer, to restrain George Fabryan, publisher, and others from contemplating publication of books supporting the Baconian theory.

The court held that the name Shakespeare had been used simply as a disguise. "The claims of friends of Bacon," the court said, "that he is the author of works of Shakespeare, and facts and circumstances in the vast biography of the controversy over the question and proof submitted herein, convinces the court that Francis Bacon is the author."

WIRELESS LEAKAGE INQUIRY. Results of Investigation at Lake Bluff School Sent to Washington. Chicago, April 21.—Results of a department of justice investigation of reports that contents of government wireless messages were reaching representatives of foreign governments thru leakage at the wireless station at the

Lake Bluff naval training school, near here, were forwarded to Washington today. Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the local bureau of the department of justice, who made the investigation, declined to say what it disclosed.

Complaint was made that Hugh L. Fisher, chief clerk to the commandant at the training school, was living in the same house with Hugo Silvestri, Austro-Hungarian consul. "It did find them living at the same house, but I can not say more as to my investigation."

Mr. Clabaugh's information also included a story that a telegraph instrument had been heard in the Fisher home. Mr. Fisher denied there was any telegraph instruments in his home.

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