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Chief of Staff Returns From Border Parleys in Optimistic Mood.

WILL REPORT TO LANSING TOMORROW

Information reaches Army headquarters of resumption of Mexican raids across international boundary. Funston plans reorganization of border patrol—American expedition pursuing bandits halted.

Lake Itasca, Mexico, May 15, wireless to Columbus, N. M.—Three bandits, including Julio Cardenas, the Villalta leader, were killed in a skirmish with an American detachment near Rubio Ranch, twenty miles east of here, today.

Brownsville, Tex., May 15.—A considerable number of armed Mexicans are patrolling the Rio Grande opposite Hidalgo, Texas, sixty-five miles west of here, says a report here today at Fort Brown. This report was given to Consul J. T. Goss by Col. A. J. Blockson, with a request that an investigation be made.

Renewed activity on the part of Aniceto Pizana and Luis de la Rosa, alleged leaders of the Texas revolution, also was reported.

Washington, May 15.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned today from his border conferences with General Obregon, hopeful for the situation, despite the fact that the conferences resulted in no formal agreement for co-operative action. The chief of staff conferred with Secretary Baker but made no formal report.

General Scott will see Secretary Lansing tomorrow and meanwhile no steps will be taken to reopen negotiations for a formal agreement with General Carranza.

Pending the ratification of an agreement Carranza troops are being withdrawn from the border. The American expedition is being withdrawn into strong groups along the line of communication where it will await the outcome of General Obregon's effort to clean up the territory to the south.

Net Bound to Recognition. It was said today at the state department that no suggestions, either formal or informal, were adopted by the South and Central American diplomats in the conference which preceded the recognition of the Carranza government by the United States.

Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador here, said today he did not expect new instructions from his government until General Carranza had met General Obregon.

The situation at Piedras Negras is better. The American consul at Monterey telegraphed that interruption of railroad service made it hard for Americans to leave Guadalupe.

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London, May 15.—Sir Roger Casement, who only a few years ago achieved international fame for the services he rendered his government in the exposure of the Putumayo rubber atrocities, today faced the bar in an ordinary police court for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should be held for trial on a charge of high treason against the same government in connection with the rebellion in Ireland. Beside Casement stood Daniel Julian Bailey, who faced a similar charge.

Not in many years has so much popular interest been manifested in a case before the courts. This is not due only to the prominence of Casement, but also because it is expected evidence will be presented which will lay bare a wide plot in Ireland.

Restrict Admission to Court. Admittance to the court room was restricted to about 100 persons, including representatives of the press.

Among the earliest arrivals in the court was Sir Horace Plunkett, of the department of agriculture in Ireland. He took a seat near the magistrate.

When the attorney general appeared for the prosecution a number of relatives and friends of Casement, including seven handsomely gowned women, also reached court at an early hour and were provided with seats well to the front.

Sir John Dickson, who presided, the lawyers and the witnesses all had taken their places before Casement arrived and entered the dock. Every face was turned in his direction.

Attorney General Sir Frederick Smith, E. H. Bodley and Traversa Humphreys appeared for the prosecution and Prof. J. H. Morgan and Artemus Jones for the defendant. Sir John Dickson presided.

Casement's Success Was Small. In his story of the matter in which Casement among prisoners in Germany, to fight against England, the attorney general said the prisoner had met with little success. Such men as he won over were set free, provided with green uniforms and received rewards.

The attorney general declared that one of the Irish prisoners had struck Casement in the face on being asked to join the brigade. Casement smiled disdainfully. Bailey was one of the prisoners seduced by Casement, the attorney general said, and was made an officer of the brigade.

The attorney general said Casement described himself as the organizer of the Irish volunteers and impressed on the Irish prisoners in Germany that all was to be gained for Ireland by Germany winning the war. Those who joined the brigade he was attempting to form were promised by Casement, the attorney general said, that if they were sent to Berlin as guests of the German government.

Casement Recovers Composure. When Sir Roger took his place in the dock for the afternoon session it was plain his nervousness had largely worn off. The Casement of old, whose high and smiling as he took his seat beside Bailey.

DIGNAN'S HOME WRECKED. Bomb Thrown Into Residence of Accused Slayer of Hammond. Chicago, May 15.—The home of Patrick Dignan, a contractor, was partially wrecked by a bomb early today and persons living in the house were thrown from their beds and badly bruised. The police believe the bomb was thrown as the result of labor troubles.

Dignan was recently acquitted of the murder of George Hammond, business agent of the excavators and asphalt teamsters' union. Dignan alleged that Hammond had attempted to extort money from him, and had called strikes on him when he failed to pay the business agent. This led to the fight in which Hammond was killed.

T-R BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises May 16 at 4:42, sets at 7:11. Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler tonight in east portion, warmer in west portion; fresh westerly winds, diminishing by Tuesday.

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PAGE FIVE. Story: "The Turnoff." PAGE SIX. Editorial: Having Their Own Way. Not the "River of Doubt." The Business Field. A Minister on Cosson. Iowa Opinion and News.

PAGES EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN City News: Ansons Beat Bunnies in Battle. City Ready For Manufacturers. Chapin Huntington to Petrograd. Bryan Speaks in City. File Odd Marriage Contract. Want Wider Pavement. General News of City.

PAGE TWELVE. Markets and General: Nervousness Marks Trading in Wheat. Planting Delays Cause Corn to Harden. Hog Values Highest in Six Years. Cattle Offerings Almost Inadequate. 20,000 Women to Attend Club Convention.

SELECT JURORS FOR ORPET CASE

University of Wisconsin Student Placed on Trial at Waukegan.

ACCUSED OF MURDER OF MARIAN LAMBERT

Evidence to Be Presented, It Is Said, to Be Largely Circumstantial—Jury to Determine Whether Girl Took Poison Which Caused Death, or Whether It Was Administered by Orpet—History of the Lambert Murder.

Chicago, May 15.—The trial of Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student, on a charge of murdering Marian Lambert, Lake Forest high school girl, opened at Waukegan today with the selection of jurors.

Evidence to be presented, it is said, will be largely circumstantial, and the question for the jury to decide is as to whether the girl took the poison which caused her death or whether Orpet administered it to her.

History of Orpet Case. On the morning of Feb. 10, Marian Lambert, 17 years old, was found dead, half buried in snow, in a wood near the Sacred Heart Academy, at Lake Forest, Ill., by her father, Frank Lambert, employed as caretaker on the Jonas Kuppenheimer estate, south of Lake Forest.

Reside here were her school books. The body evidently had been in the snow for more than twenty-four hours and was frozen. There were no marks of violence on the body and the cause of her death was a mystery until an autopsy revealed that she had succumbed to a powerful poison.

Early Feb. 9, she left her home for school as usual, saying she would not return until late. When she did not return in time for supper that night her father became alarmed and went to find her. He searched the vicinity all night and next morning found her body in the snow and notified the Lake Forest authorities.

Josephine Davis, a classmate of the girl at the Deerfield township high school, told of having met her at the Lake Forest station of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric railway the morning after the girl's body had been found and returned to her home.

She said she first read of her death in a Madison, Wis., newspaper. The bottle which contained the poison which caused the girl's death was never found altho detectives searched for it for weeks.

A circumstantial case against Orpet was built up bit by bit by the police and he formally was charged with murder, Feb. 12. Later he was held without bail as a result of the coroner's inquest and then indicted by the Lake county grand jury.

PREPARE VIGOROUS PROTEST. Washington to Make Representations Against Seizure of Mails. Washington, May 15.—The American government is preparing a protest characterized by officials as "very vigorous" against the interference with mails to and from the United States by Great Britain. A note to be sent in the near future will take the position that we can no longer countenance the seizure and detention of mails to and from this country, particularly those concerning neutrals.

The reply received recently from Great Britain to the last American note protesting against interference with American mails, is considered unsatisfactory.

Protests have been made to the government by many persons and firms who have been injured by the long delays in mails.

The subject is under detailed study at the state department and the president has decided to make representations to Great Britain as soon as the note is finished. The British government will be told that the United States considers it imperative that her present policy be modified.

WATERLOO STUDENT DROWNS AT IOWA CITY

Lavern Chapman Loses Life in Attempt to Shoot Rapids of Iowa River in Canoe—Companion Swims Safely to Shore.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, May 15.—"Good bye, boys, I won't see you again!" laughingly called Lavern Chapman, as he left his Greek letter brothers at the Sigma Chi fraternity chapter house, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Less than two hours later, his lifeless body lay in the Iowa river submerged in twenty-five feet of water, below the Corvillie dam.

He was drowned, when his canoe, in which he and a companion were shooting the rapids just below the dam, was upset in the terrific waves.

Chapman is a freshman in the college of liberal arts and is aged about 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Chapman, a leading contractor of Waterloo.

His college mate in the fatal outing was Orton A. Kirschman, of Mason City, a junior law student, aged about 21.

Both were unusually good swimmers, and as daring as they were skilled.

They were rowing on the river, an hour or so, and went to the dam between 3 and 4 o'clock. After one successful "shooting of the rapids" they essayed a second thrilling flight over the wild waves.

Chapman, occupying the rear seat of the boat, leaped into the frail craft, at the west shore of the Iowa, as he shoved off the canoe with Kirschman at the other end. The shock of entrance and the force of the waves turned the boat over and flung both young men out.

Kirschman was hurled free, but Chapman clung to the craft.

Kirschman swam ashore, supposing Chapman was following him, as the younger student seemed to be working the boat from Chapman's grasp.

When Kirschman, safely landed on the shore, looked again, Chapman had been hurled against the dam, fifty feet from the shore, and was fighting desperately.

Kirschman rushed to the water's edge and prepared to leap in to swim to the doomed man's rescue, but before he could leap the other sank from sight and the canoe was flung out on the waves, cut in two.

Seemingly the tiny craft had been smashed against the rocks or the dam proper and shattered, the jar tearing the boat from Chapman's grasp—if he were not rendered unconscious by a blow on the head when he met a rock or the dam, himself.

A search for the body was immediately instituted, hundreds of people going up the river with boat, lines, hooks, etc. The Sigma Chi brothers of the drowned young man secured a monster boat from a working crew down the river, as a small boat of the ordinary type had no chance to buffet the waves near the dam.

No sign of Chapman has been seen, however. It is probable the body had been sucked under the dam.

Submarine and Steamer Collide. Washington, May 15.—A collision off the Delaware breakwater between submarine K-2, and steamer Aragon, in which neither was severely injured, was reported to the navy department today. The K-2, which was going from Hampton Roads, went on and has arrived at New York.

CHICAGO PLANS FOR PREPAREDNESS FETE

Monster Demonstration, Similar to That in New York Saturday, to Be Held in June or July—To Be Representative of Middle West.

Chicago, May 15.—A call will be issued today by William Mather Lewis, secretary of the Illinois Naval League, to business and professional men, officials of commercial organizations and civic societies to form plans for a preparedness demonstration to be held here, similar to that in which 145,000 persons participated in New York.

Executive dates suggested are June 10, during the national convention week, and July 3.

The Chicago rally, according to promoters, will be representative of the middle west. The demonstration will consist of a parade, a banquet, a luncheon and oratory by speakers of national fame. Leaders in the movement feel that at least 200,000 persons would be in the parade.

Former President Appears as Character Witness in Perjury Case. Washington, May 15.—Former President Taft appeared today in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs bank as a character witness in behalf of the indicted men, C. C. Glover, one of the indicted men.

Mr. Taft said he had known C. C. Glover for twenty-six years and considered his reputation for honesty, standing and character excellent. Mr. Taft related how his father and George W. Riggs, founder of the bank, were classmates at Yale.

"Have you carried an account in the Riggs bank?" asked Judge Stanchfield.

"Such as I had," was the answer. "It grew as it got into the president's pocket," said Mr. Taft, and then, as an afterthought, he went on with a broad smile, that made the judge and most of those there laugh with him, "It diminished after losing the presidential portion."

CONSIDER CHURCH MERGER. Unification of Methodist Churches Before Conference Tuesday. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 15.—The proposal to reunite the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which have been separated since 1865, will be made the order of special business at tomorrow's session of the general conference.

The report of the special committee on federation presented to the conference endorses the proposed unification in the belief that such union would hasten the development of a truly world church. The report recommends that the conference be the supreme governing body of the reunited church and that the plan of unification be extended to any other Methodist bodies that may want it, after the amalgamation of the north and south branches of the denomination has become effective.

WHIP BILL INTO SHAPE. Conference Committee Prepares Army Measure For Submission. Washington, May 15.—The compromise army reorganization bill providing for an army of 206,000 regulars in time of peace, was being whipped into final shape today by the conference committee of the senate and house for the approval of congress.

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