

MORE TROOPS HAVE BEEN SENT INTO MEXICO

At Last Reports Villa was Fifty Miles Ahead of His Pursuers and Was Not Wounded.

REBEL GIVES ENEMY THE SLIP.

Villa Fifty Miles South of Chihuahua City Two Days Ago, El Paso Hears.

El Paso, Tex., April 4.—American troops are approaching Durango and the state line below Chihuahua and on Friday Villa, unwounded, with eight men in his company, was fifty miles ahead. It is admitted at army headquarters that more troops were sent into Mexico two days ago, probably the Sixth cavalry and also infantry to guard the lines of communication.

El Paso, Tex., April 4.—Francisco Villa, unwounded and accompanied by only eight men, was at Satevo, fifty miles south of Chihuahua City, two days ago, according to information received here today from Mexican sources, which have proved usually reliable in the past.

If this information is correct it bears out previous reports that the bandit chief is headed toward Parral and is leading his American pursuers by at least sixty miles. The nearest point to Satevo which the American troops are known to have reached is San Antonio, sixty miles to the northwest.

The route said to have been taken by Villa is one with which he is thoroughly familiar, and which, indeed, is known among the peons as "Pancho's road."

From Guerrero it leads across the continental divide through the Bachiniba pass into a broad valley which runs east to San Andres, Villa's old headquarters, thence to Santa Ysabel, the scene of Villa's massacre of eighteen American mining men, and thence southeast through Satevo to Parral.

The man who brought the story of Villa's arrival at Satevo here gave a circumstantial account of the bandit's maneuvers and plan of campaign.

While his story is impossible of verification his own credibility is vouched for by reputable American business men here who have employed him for several years.

"Villa," he said, "has never taken part in any fighting with either American or Carranzista troops. He left the main body of his troops in the Guerrero district with orders to oppose as far as they could the American advance."

"At the same time the peons were

instructed to give information freely to the American officers, always provided that the information was false.

"The story of Villa's being wounded was carefully concocted for the express purpose of misleading General Pershing and Colonel Dodd in the belief that the bandit was in hiding in the mountains and thereby inducing them to split their forces into small searching parties who would waste their time in the wild Sierras while Villa was making his way safely southward."

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

West Independence Notes.

School began for the spring term Monday in the Superior district with Miss Ruby Daniels as teacher.

Miss Fern Benty of Webster City visited the last of the week with Mrs. John Schwepe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gernosky of Iowa Falls visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helms.

Mrs. Gusta Fretzka of Minnesota is making her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohman, a visit.

With good weather the farmers will be able to begin seeding in this vicinity this week.

Joseph Sweasey of Webster City has begun work on the Peterson ditch again.

The directors of Superior district have repaired the school house with new shingles and siding where needed.

W. D. Chalfant and family visited at the Chas. Gerber home at Webster City Sunday.

E. D. Busing and wife were Sunday visitors at Kamrar.

West Cass Briefs.

K. Severson, William and J. J. Chesling and D. S. Darnell were business callers at Webster City Saturday.

Elmer Curtis acted as substitute on mail route No. 2 last week during the illness of the regular carrier, D. J. Smith.

Lucile and Myrtle Maxon of Webster City visited Sunday at the O. H. Hensel home.

Carrie and Nora Chesling were visitors at Webster City Sunday.

Wm. Dingman and Earnest Vandeventer of Webster City were business callers here Wednesday.

Melvin Drake, John Moose and Carl McKibben were business callers at the county seat Saturday.

John Keisicker was a business visitor at Oak Glen Saturday.

Mrs. John Wesloh and baby of Blairsburg visited at the Carl McKibben home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daniels of Webster City visited at the James

Daniels home Sunday.

Verne Buxton of Webster City was a visitor here Sunday.

School opened Monday at the Book school house for the spring term, with Gertie Bolger as teacher.

April 3.

Woolstock Items.

The Woolstock basket ball team gave a benefit entertainment in the town hall last Friday in the form of a comedy drama entitled, "A Soldier of Fortune," which was a roaring success. The home talent made an exceptional hit and the play was well attended, netting the boys a nice sum to defray some of their expenses during the past year.

The Woolstock township board of trustees met Monday morning and made the usual spring tax levies and transacted other business.

Miss Ida and little Miss Helen and Bobbie Reed of Webster City spent last Thursday and Friday visiting at the Dr. C. J. Reed home.

J. D. Straker of Troy township was a Woolstock caller last week.

The town election was held last Monday for mayor, assessor and treasurer and five councilmen. W. C. Halvorsen was retained as mayor; Mason Doughten, assessor; Frank Smalley, treasurer, and E. H. Malaise, Geo. L. Jones, F. C. Kitley, R. F. Hirt and Dr. C. J. Reed, councilmen.

M. H. Hirt was a business visitor in Eagle Grove Friday afternoon.

The board of directors of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator Co. met last Friday afternoon to transact the usual business of the month.

Walter Robinson, a former resident of Woolstock, has returned and will make this his permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are making their present headquarters at the L. M. Tyrrell home until a suitable location can be found.

A. Kohler, who has been spending the winter in California, returned to Woolstock last week.

Mrs. Fred Helmick, who resides about four miles east of Woolstock, has been very low the past week following a severe surgical operation.

Monday morning she was reported as holding her own and hopes are now had for her complete recovery.

April 3.

Williams News.

McLaughlin Bros. shipped 63 head of cattle to Fort Dodge Saturday.

Mrs. Olive Thompson and Mrs. Frank Daniels were in Webster City Friday.

Mrs. M. C. Galleher is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. P. Bosenberger.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Tedrow on Wednesday afternoon.

Fred Beyer went to Des Moines recently to consult a specialist concerning his health and while there he became too ill to return, and is at present at a hospital very ill.

Do not forget that it will be Baby Week all this week in Webster City.

The Williams Township Equal Suffrage Association will meet at the city hall Thursday at 3:30 o'clock.

All the women who are interested are urged to be present.

J. P. Tuttle recently purchased the Dover place.

The Campfire Girls met at the E. I. Johnson home last Thursday evening. Their regular meetings will come on Thursday evenings now instead of on Fridays. The girls are all busy on their "baby kit," which will soon be ready to send.

Charles and Daisy Grupe from near Alden were in town Monday.

Geo. Talcott and L. E. Pound autographed to Ames Sunday.

Mr. Blodgett was busy all day Sunday demonstrating the new Lexington six.

Wm. Sloan came home from Dubuque Saturday and returned Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughan spent Sunday afternoon in Alden.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian church on Saturday was well attended. Mr. Gibson Shillinglaw and Mr. H. L. Brooks were elected as elders for a three year term.

Mr. W. H. Rick was elected trustee. Mrs. J. B. Tedrow, chorister. Mrs. R. E. Wilson, asst. chorister. Miss Rue Carr, organist. Mrs. O. T. Pettit, asst. organist. Mr. R. E. Wilson and H. L. Brooks were appointed ushers.

The resignation of R. L. O'feld was accepted and it was decided that the vacancy be filled in the same manner that it was last year.

I. e., that the Presbytery select a minister for a year and assume responsibility for half his salary, the congregation paying the other half. Dr. Scott Smith occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. There will be no more preaching services until Easter Sunday when we will again have Dr. Smith with us for both services.

Charlie Cole was in town Monday having come on from Renwick for a few days visit with friends.

Miss Laura Johnson, who has been teaching in a Kansas school,

returned home last week and will teach the spring term in the McLaughlin school.

The sale at the Thomas Murphy place on Monday was well attended and things are reported to have sold well. Horses went at near the \$200 mark, one selling for \$205.

Fred Lange bought a pair of three and half year old black draft mares for \$372.

April 4.

Hospital Notes.

George E. Younkee underwent an operation for appendicitis this forenoon at Mercy hospital and is doing very well.

Mrs. N. Bayard Pringle of Laurens, Ia., sustained a major operation yesterday at the hospital and is in a favorable condition today.

—Mrs. John Oleson of Jewell is doing very well today also, after a major operation yesterday.

Mrs. James Daniels, who resides north of the city, will return home today after four weeks convalescence at Mercy hospital following a major operation.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

ENTERTAIN S. S. CLASS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Miller were delightful host and hostess Friday evening to about eighteen members of their Sunday school class—the newly organized class for young married people in the Methodist church. Games, contests and other social diversions occupied the hours and a dainty lunch was served.

SURPRISE DINNER.

Mrs. Otto Howd happily surprised her husband Saturday evening upon the occasion of his birthday, by inviting about fourteen guests for six o'clock dinner. The table was beautifully decorated with violets and the same flower was used in the decoration of the seating cards. Following the dainty three course dinner, the evening was spent playing cards.

PICNIC SUPPER.

The members of the Six O'clock club enjoyed a delightful picnic supper Friday night at the Wickware home in honor of the Misses May and Sarah Wickware of Des Moines, who are spending their week of vacation at their home in this city. After the supper, the evening was spent visiting. Mrs. G. W. Crosley and Miss Elsie Wickware were guests of the club.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Verla Jean Stuart celebrated her third birthday anniversary Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Stuart, on west Elm street, by entertaining twelve other little girls. Kindergarten games were played under the direction of the hostess's aunt, Miss Audrey Badger, of Des Moines, and a dainty lunch served with a conspicuous birthday cake and lighted candles.

SURPRISED ON BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. Fred Bauer, who resides on west Division street, was happily surprised on her seventeenth birthday, Saturday, April 1st, by a company of friends from Eagle Grove—a number of ladies of the W. R. C., who arrived on the 3:50 passenger in the afternoon to remind her of the event. These ladies are old time friends and neighbors and for years have made of the date—April 1st—a combination April Fool party and birthday celebration for Mrs. Bauer. They brought with them a fine birthday cake with sixteen candles thereon and a most delightful time enjoyed by all present.

Original Notice.

In the district court of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, May term, A. D. 1916.

Ashberry M. Johnson and David Rose, Plaintiffs,

vs.

Adam Messmore and Mrs. Adam Messmore his wife, Daniel Rider and Mrs. Daniel Rider his wife, John D. Patton and Mrs. John D. Patton his wife, Isaac Bonnett and Mrs. Isaac Bonnett his wife, David Bonnett and Mrs. David Bonnett his wife, Elizabeth Bonnett and her husband, Franklin Bonnett and Mrs. Franklin Bonnett his wife, and all the unknown claimants, claiming any interest adverse to the estate of plaintiffs in and to the east one-half of section 26 of township 8, range 26 West 5th P. M. Iowa, Defendants.

To the above named defendants, also including all unknown claimants as defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, petition of plaintiffs, stating: That plaintiff Ashberry M. Johnson is owner in fee of ne 1/4 of section 8, and plaintiff Da-

vid Rose is owner in fee of the se 1/4 of se 1/4 of said section 8, all in Twp. 87, North, Range 26 West 5th P. M. Hamilton County, Iowa. Plaintiffs ask that their respective titles to said real estate be quieted and established in them as against the adverse claims of all defendants, including unknown claimants as defendants. That all defendants make some claim to said real estate adverse to plaintiffs therein. That plaintiffs and their grantors have held adverse possession of all of said real estate for more than ten years last past under claim or right and color of title, and plaintiffs are now in such possession.

That names and residences of unknown claimants are unknown to plaintiffs and they have sought diligently to learn same, and said petition is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

And unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the May term of said Court, which will commence at the court house in Webster City, Iowa, on May 8th, 1916, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

I. J. Sayrs, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Original Notice.

In the district court of the State of Iowa in and for Hamilton County, William C. Burleson, Charles O'Connor, and Frank O'Connor, Plaintiffs,

vs.

The unknown claimants to the following described real estate situated in Hamilton County, Iowa, to-wit: The Northeast Quarter (excepting therefrom a tract used as a cemetery commencing 2 41-100 chains west of the se corner thereof thence North 6 32-100 chains, thence south 6 32-100 chains, thence East 6 32-100 chains to place of beginning); also the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (excepting therefrom a tract commencing at the Southwest corner thereof, thence North 7 rods, thence East 45 59-100 rods, thence South 7 rods, thence West 45 59-100 rods to place of beginning); all in Section 21, Township 89 North, Range 25 West of the 5th P. M. Hamilton County, Iowa.

Upon reading the foregoing notice, the same is hereby ordered to be published in the Freeman, a weekly newspaper published at Webster City, Iowa, for four consecutive weeks.

Dated Webster City, Iowa, April 3, 1916.

J. C. Sterling, Clerk of the District Court of Hamilton County, Iowa.

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUPERVISOR.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I am a candidate for member of the board of supervisors subject to the decision of the republican voters of this district at the June primaries.

N. H. Bawden, Webster City, Iowa.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for member of the board of supervisors from the first district, subject to the June primary election.

P. J. Brandrup, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I am a candidate for member of the board of supervisors subject to the decision of the republican voters of this district at the June primaries.

H. H. Carson, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for member of the board of supervisors from the First district subject to the expression of the republican voters of the district at the June primary.

W. O. McConnell, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I will be a candidate for county supervisor from the Third district, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primary in June.

J. G. Knickerbocker, Rose Grove, April 3, 1916.

FOR SHERIFF.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I am a candidate for sheriff of Hamilton county subject to the will of the republican voter at the June, 1916, primaries.

C. D. Carl, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for sheriff, subject to the will of republican voters at the June primary.

Rufus Nelson, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for clerk of the courts of Hamilton county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the June primary.

C. H. Swiney, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce that I am a candidate for clerk of the courts of Hamilton county subject to the decision of republican voters at the June primary.

John C. Sterling, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for coroner of Hamilton county, subject to the expression of republican voters at the June primary.

Arch Foster, Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for coroner of Hamilton county, subject to the expression of republican voters at the June primary.

EXPLOSIONS IN ENGLISH AMMUNITION FACTORIES

County, Iowa; and all claimants to said real estate, known and unknown, claiming either as assignees, heirs at law, devisees, surviving spouses or legal representatives of John N. Skinner, deceased, and his wife, Mary Skinner, deceased, and all unknown claimants claiming by, through or under them, or either of them, or having or making or claiming any interest, title or right in and to said lands through any source whatsoever. Defendants.

To said Defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa in and for Hamilton County, the petition of the plaintiffs in which they claim to be the owners in fee simple of the above described real estate by title of record and also by adverse possession and ask that their estate in said real estate be established and confirmed and their title quieted and that you and each of you and all persons be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any right, or title to or interest in said real estate adverse to the plaintiffs herein; and averring that the names and residences of the unknown claimants, defendants, are unknown to them and that the plaintiffs have diligently sought to learn the same.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, of the above named Court, being the May, 1916, term of said Court, which will commence at Webster City, Iowa, on the 8th day of May, 1916, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon as provided by law.

Dated at Webster City, Iowa, this 3rd day of April, 1916.

J. E. Burnstedt, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Upon reading the foregoing notice, the same is hereby ordered to be published in the Freeman, a weekly newspaper published at Webster City, Iowa, for four consecutive weeks.

Dated Webster City, Iowa, April 3, 1916.

J. C. Sterling, Clerk of the District Court of Hamilton County, Iowa.

WOULD GIVE FREEDOM TO GOEBEL ASSASSIN

Frankfort, April 4.—A parole for Henry Youtsey, serving a life sentence for conviction of the assassination of Governor Goebel was sought today from the state prison commission by its chairman, Daniel E. O. Sullivan. Several men high in state politics were tried in connection with the Goebel murder. The governor was mysteriously shot in 1899 as he was walking near the state capitol building.

"I do not know what view my associates will take," said Sullivan. "But my duty is clear. Youtsey has served more than 16 years and is entitled to a parole by length of service, by continuous valuable work for the state, by the provisions of the law and by every dictate of fairness and humanity."

"Youtsey was a mere boy in years and those who sought to profit by the assassination are more guilty than he. They are all free."

I believe that Napoleon was defeated by his succession of victories while Washington was victorious through his many defeats.—Robert J. Burdette.

OFFICIAL CHICAGO MARKETS

Furnished by E. W. Wagner & Co. Office in Crandall Bldg. Phone 240. H. M. Sharpe, Manager.

NO MARKETS TODAY

Hogs estimated 15,000. Open strong; close steady. Top \$9.85.

Hogs estimated for tomorrow 25,000.

Hogs left over yesterday 3,500. Cattle 2,500. Open strong; close steady.

Sheep 16,000. Open 10 to 15c lower; close weak.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Oats 35 Old corn 35 New corn 50 Butter 20 to 26 Eggs 16

It Appears That the Germans are Steadily Gaining in the Great Battle Around Verdun.

BULGARIA BOWS TO GREECE

Government Orders Evacuation of Troops From Neutral Territory.

London, April 4.—The French troops holding Bethincourt northwest of Verdun are three quarters surrounded by Germans and the strategic point must be evacuated soon. The French position west of the Meuse is again very serious since the Germans gained a two mile front northwest of Verdun. With the Germans in possession of Bethincourt they will be in position to smother the French lines and drive them back to the base defenses of Verdun.

Berlin, April 4.—The Dutch government refuses to aid the allies, who, as a result of the recent conference in Paris, is believed to have planned a big offensive in which the neutrality of Holland would be involved, in their informal request to the Dutch government to close German ports to contraband and aid in the starvation campaign conducted by the allies and now only partially successful.

On receipt of the request the Dutch council was summoned and all officers furloughs revoked temporarily.

Washington, April 4.—England refuses to deliver the Germans taken from the American liner, China, and they are being held at a Chinese port.

London, April 4.—Fire explosions in ammunition factories near Kent in which the death and injured list numbers two hundred people was admitted today by the Admiralty. The English say that the explosion was accidental, the Germans that it was caused by the Zeppelin raids Friday.

Paris, April 4.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says the Bulgarian government has notified Greece that it has given orders for evacuation of points on Greek territory occupied by Bulgarian troops.

Bulgaria assured Greece of the intention to do everything possible to maintain friendly relations between the two nations.

London, April 4.—Lloyds reports that the British bark Bengairn has been sunk by a submarine. Part of the crew were picked up.

It is stated that the vessel was not armed. The Bengairn sailed from Seattle, Dec. 10 for the British Isles. She was a vessel of 2,217 tons and was owned in Liverpool.

Notice of Appointment of Administrators.

In the district court of the State of Iowa, in and for Hamilton county, in the Matter of the Estate of Samantha A. Cole, deceased.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as administrators of the estate of Samantha A. Cole, late of Hamilton County, Iowa, deceased. All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or her estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or her estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1916.

Horace B. Cole and Victor F. Cole, Administrators of said estate.

50F3 Wesley Martin, Atty.

Notice. To all whom these presents concern and to the creditors of Edward McFarlane:

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 1916, Edward McFarlane made a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors and filed the same in the offices of the Recorder and Clerk of Hamilton county, Iowa, as required by law, and that unless you file your claims with the Clerk of the District Court of Hamilton County, Ia., within the time prescribed by statute your claims will not be allowed by the assignee.

R. G. Remley, 51f6 Attorney for Assignee.

A Timely Talk to Farmers on

SEED CORN

Now that all the little things have been attended to—the garden plot prepared and the garden seed secured—fields for the small grain and the CORN all laid out—the one remaining and MOST IMPORTANT thing of all is yet undone—the ordering of the SEED CORN.

Yes, you have received every sort of advice under the sun about it, and you have patiently endured it all awaiting advice of the solution which has never come and never will—but SEED CORN you must have and are going to have. It's not TOO LATE Yet, though it's NOT A MINUTE TOO SOON.

No—our Seed Corn was not grown up in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin or the Klondike Region. If it was we couldn't claim all the superior qualities for it that we do. We all know there was little, if any, of the 1915 crop in those latitudes that can be depended upon for seed purposes—and we also know that Northern Iowa Farmers do not have to resort to the little dwarf varieties (popcorn size) grown up there to obtain seed that will mature in your locality. Nor was it "SEED HOUSE GROWN." If it was we agree you would still have some cause to be skeptical.

But it was grown in Page County, Iowa—the County that has for many years supplied Seed Corn perfectly adapted to any County in the State. And it WAS GROWN BY CORN GROWERS who know what those words mean; know early varieties from late maturing sorts, and who will not substitute or misrepresent to secure your order—and at the same time call you "DEAR FRIEND."

We know full well what you want. Varieties that will mature in 90, 95 and 100 days, just such as you have been growing for many years, but since you are going to order new stock, naturally you prefer pure bred seed that possesses all the qualities that go to increase the yield, and in turn the profit—varieties that will mature safely and soundly in your locality. Here they are:

Iowa Gold Mine (Yellow)	85 days
Early Iowa Yellow Dent	85 days
Silver King (White)	90 days
Iowa Silver Mine (White)	90 days
Pride of North (Yellow)	90 days
Dakota Bloody Butcher	90 days

All varieties \$3.00 per bushel; \$2.75 per bushel in 10 bushel lots and up while they last

Every bushel sold subject to your approval and if not found satisfactory and as represented it may be returned at our expense any time within 12 days and your money will be promptly refunded. Don't delay your order another day.

Special Seed Corn Booklet and Samples Free upon request.

Iowa Corn Growers Seed Co.
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