

BATTLE RAGES ON LINE AS PERSHING'S REGULARS MARCH OUT OF MEXICO!

Utah Cavalrymen Hold at Bay Desperate Band of Mexican Marauders With an Incessant Fire

MEXICANS SAID TO BE CARRANZA TROOPS TRY TO CROSS TO U. S. SOIL

With All His Cavalrymen in the Rocks of the Desert Holding Bandits Off, Utah Commander Calls for Reinforcements

Pershing's Entire Command is on the Return March to the United States via Columbus, N. M., One of Hardest Fights of Entire Mexican Mess Breaks Out in State Farther West—Citizen Posses Preparing to Relieve the Guardsmen—No Casualties Yet Reported from the American Side.

While General Pershing's entire punitive force is on the move today from Colonia Dublan, the expedition's base in Northern Mexico, toward the American line at Columbus, N. M., one of the most severe clashes of the border fighting broke out last night at the international line near Ruby, Ariz. American cowboys on the American side of the boundary were fired upon by Mexicans who had come across to round up cattle. The cowboys summoned the border patrol troops, a Utah cavalry command, and the soldiers hidden in the rocks of the desert have been firing all night and up to noon today to hold off the Mexicans who are gathered in increasing force not more than 200 yards away. Reinforcements are proceeding from other border points to the scene of battle with all haste. As General Pershing's command marches north the posts vacated by the American soldiers are being occupied by Villa troops, the Carranza garrison at El Valle having withdrawn when the Americans left.

NO LETUP IN THE FIRING OF CAVALRYMEN

Fucson, Ariz., Jan. 27.—Lying in rocks close to the international line, four miles south of Ruby, Ariz., 40 members of troop E, First Utah Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Arns, were keeping up an incessant firing at Mexican soldiers across the line today. The Mexicans were returning the shots. As far as known none of the American troops have been killed or wounded. Reinforcements from Nogales are being rushed to the scene. Soldiers and civilians returning from the line report they saw several Mexican soldiers fall during the fighting. A telephone message from Arivaca says the Mexican soldiers engaging the Americans are from the Carranza garrison at Sasabe. Firing kept up until 2 o'clock this morning, when the cavalrymen in the rocks were relieved by a detachment from Arivaca, 15 miles distant, where Utah troops have been stationed. The clash was resumed at daylight.

Mexicans Opened Fire. The Mexican soldiers opened fire on the American cowboys who were trying to round up a herd of cattle on the American side, it is alleged. The cowboys, although outnumbered, returned the fire, and sent for reinforcements from among the Utah command. American civilians are being kept back from the scene of fighting, but Lieutenant Arns is holding them in reserve to support the troops in case further help is necessary. A party of civilians headed by N. C. Bernard, rancher and county super-

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FIRST HOMEWARD MOVEMENT TAKES THEM 80 MILES

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—American troops started north from field headquarters at Colonia Dublan at dawn today, according to reports from Columbus, N. M., which were brought here early today by passengers arriving overland and which were considered reliable. The troops which left were believed to have been the advance guard of the punitive expedition. The troops which left field headquarters early today included cavalry, infantry and artillery, accompanied by motor lorries and wagon trains, according to the passengers from Columbus. All of the troops at the field headquarters camp were ready to move toward Ojo Federico, 80 miles distant, where a temporary field headquarters will be established. Major General Pershing was expected to be among the last to leave the headquarters for the north, it was added.

Villa Troops Behind Them. Villa followers were in the wake of the American expeditionary forces as they withdrew from El Valle, San Joaquin and Charcos, according to a reliable report received here. When the last of the Fifth Cavalry canted out of El Valle Wednesday morning, the Carranza garrison there, consisting of 100 soldiers, left for Casas Grandes overland to join the garrison there. From this same source it was learned that the Villa troops met with no resistance at El Valle, but appeared outside the little valley town soon after

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NEW MILWAUKEE PASSENGER STATION, MOST MODERNLY EQUIPPED IN THE NORTHWEST WILL BE OPENED FORMALLY ON THURSDAY



THE FIRST PICTURE OF THE LATEST AND GREATEST OF BUTTE'S PASSENGER STATIONS IN ITS COMPLETED FORM.

Milwaukee passenger trains, the first transcontinental trains to be operated by electricity, will run into the finest and most modernly equipped station in Montana, and one of the finest in the west, the first week of next month. The new building will be opened on Thursday, Feb. 1. Announcement of the first trains to back into the depot will be made on Tuesday. F. B. Walker, assistant engineer of the Milwaukee in this city, was in direct charge of the erection and furnishing of the building, which is acknowledged to be as perfect as any station in any city in the country.

The new Milwaukee passenger station on South Montana street, south of the B. A. and P. tracks, the finest and best railway station in Montana, and comparing favorably in equipment and decoration and service possibilities with any railway station west of Chicago, will be opened on Thursday, Feb. 1. The details of the formal opening

have not been completed and will not be until next Tuesday. The new station will introduce Montana for the first time to trainheads, entrance gates and other modern equipment of stations in the larger cities of the country. The Milwaukee passenger station was started on March 1, 1916. The building and furnishings exclusive of

the tracks cost \$250,000. The construction was under the direct supervision of F. B. Walker, assistant engineer of the Milwaukee in this city. It is a two-story building and is acknowledged to be the most modernly equipped in the northwest. It is sufficiently large to cater to Butte's growth for several years to come. The

original cost was estimated at \$200,000, but additions and further equipment brought the total to \$250,000.

The new Milwaukee passenger station is a two-story building. There are two main buildings, one the head house or that portion containing the waiting rooms, officials' offices, etc., and the

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HOUSE DEMOCRATS IN A CAUCUS BACK REVENUE MEASURE

Kitchin Warns Them That the Bill's Failure Means an Extra Session.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Backed by a caucus of house democrats, the new administration revenue bill intended to raise about \$248,000,000 to meet the government's military preparedness and other expenses was ready today for presentation to the house. It will probably be presented early next week.

The caucus endorsed the bill last night by a vote of 113 to 13 after Majority Leader Kitchin had warned his colleagues of an extra session of congress unless the measure was enacted promptly and after an unsuccessful fight by several members against certain of its features. About a dozen members refused to pledge their support to the measure.

The general features of the bill have already been made public. It would raise the needed revenues chiefly by an increased inheritance tax.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS CONTINUE TO DISAGREE

Washington, Jan. 27.—Continued failure of democratic senators to agree on a legislative program led some administration leaders today to believe that the only measures which can be passed before adjournment March 4 are railroad labor regulation, mineral land leasing, revenue and appropriation bills. They expressed the opinion that the president would not call an extra session if these subjects were disposed of.

The senate interstate commerce commission has postponed final action on the railroad, water power and flood control bills and the Webb collective foreign agency measure are still subjects of wild arguments.

DISAPPROVE R. R. PLAN TO STOP CONGESTION

Washington, Jan. 27.—The proposal of the railroads to relieve congestion at eastern seaports by reducing from fifteen to five days the free time allowance for unloading commodities for export was disapproved today by the interstate commerce commission.

SIDEBOTHAM AND WILMOT ALONE GUILTY SAYS JURY TRYING TRUSTEE CO. CASE

Fiscal Agents of Mortgage Loan and Investment Company Are Convicted of Using Mails to Defraud. Alderson, Rae and Other Officers and Directors, Indicted Nearly a Year Ago, Are Acquitted. Charge Involved Allegations of Misrepresentation in the Sale of Stock.

Helena, Jan. 27.—R. R. Sidebotham and J. G. G. Wilmot were found guilty in the United States district court here today by a jury of having used the mails to defraud in the sale of stock of the Northwestern Trustee company. The other defendants, A. M. Alderson, former secretary of state; William C. Rae, former state treasurer; J. W. Speer of Great Falls, D. G. Bertoglio of Butte and Miss M. A. Cort of Great Falls, all former officers or directors of the company, were acquitted by the jury. The prosecution of the former officers and directors of the Northwestern Trustee company of Great Falls was based on allegations by the government that subscriptions to stock had been obtained through misrepresentation and that the mails had been illegally used in this connection.

Glowing promises of large returns were made to subscribers to stock, it was alleged, and the company was represented as having assets of several hundred thousand dollars more than it actually possessed.

Three Acquitted by Court. Of the 15 men originally indicted 10 went on trial. Three of these, C. A. Rainwater and C. W. Tobin of Butte and W. W. White of Billings, were acquitted by direction of the court before the trial was concluded. The indictment against J. A. Sampson was dismissed a few days before the trial started on Jan. 13.

The indictment against the officers, directors and former salesmen of the Trustee company was returned by a federal grand jury at Great Falls early last spring, after postoffice inspectors and agents of the department of justice had made an investigation of the company's affairs covering a period of many months.

Organized by Sidebotham. The company was organized by Sidebotham in December, 1912. Sidebotham was its first president and ad-

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EGGS, HELD BY THE COURT TWO YEARS, TO AGAIN BE MADE SUBJECT OF SUIT

Seattle, Jan. 27.—Assistant Commissioner J. J. Higgins of the state department of agriculture is awaiting the arrival of 4,000 cases of Chinese eggs shipped from Shanghai to Seattle via San Francisco and detained in the latter city two years by condemnation proceedings, but released by a court order yesterday. Mr. Higgins says the eggs will be condemned if brought here.

HUNGER STRIKER FORCIBLY FED BY PRISON DOCTORS

Mrs. Byrne, the Birth Control Propagandist, Has Food Forced Down.

New York, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Ethel Byrne, birth control propagandist, whose "hunger strike" in the Blackwell Island penitentiary was interrupted today when prison physicians forcibly administered food, is in a serious condition, according to her sister, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, who said she had learned of it "on reliable authority."

Mrs. Byrne lapsed into a coma at 5 o'clock, a few hours after having nourishment forced upon her, Mrs. Sanger said, and was still unconscious at noon.

A bulletin issued by the prison authorities at 10:30 a. m. described Mrs. Byrne's condition as "slightly improved." She had been fed one pint of milk, two eggs and a stimulant. It was denied in response to Mrs. Sanger's allegation, that there was basis for any statement that Mrs. Byrne's condition was serious.

The woman did not resist. According to physicians, she was too weak to do so. A tube was inserted in her mouth and nourishing liquid food was administered. The patient was then put to bed. It was announced that the involuntary method would be continued unless she consented to abandon her intention to starve herself as a "martyr" to her cause of publicity.

SECRETARY SUGGESTED BOARD'S ORGANIZATION

Cabinet Officer Issues an Explanatory Statement of the Trouble.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The resignation of Bernard Baker of Baltimore as a member of the federal shipping board was officially announced today. Reports of Mr. Baker's resignation have said it was due to the differences over organization of the board.

It has been said that William Denman of San Francisco, named for the six-year term, would be made chairman of the board. Mr. Denman and Theodore Brent of New Orleans, both members of the board, were in Washington today. John A. Donald of New York and John B. White of Kansas City will reach here Monday. The first meeting of the board, it is said, will be called by Mr. Denman Tuesday.

McAdoo's Statement.

Secretary McAdoo, who had much

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COMMISSIONERS WILL COMPLETE THE NEW JAIL

Saving of \$17,000 to \$20,000 a Year Will Be Effected by This Action.

BOARD DECIDES TO GET ON WITHOUT BOND ISSUE

Avon Block on County Property and Old Jail to Be Demolished.

MATERIAL TO BE USED FOR POOR FARM ADDITION

Notice is Given Tenants in the Avon Building to Vacate Within 30 Days.

The county commissioners today took steps to begin at once the completion of the new county jail which for nearly two years has lain practically idle because of lack of equipment and furnishings. The commissioners after many days of planning and consideration are convinced that they will be able fully to furnish the new jail building and put it into use without the necessity of a bond issue, as was called for more than a year ago and rejected by the taxpayers at a special election.

The completion of the new jail and the abandonment of the old building, which has been condemned by the state board of health, it is estimated, will effect a saving to the county of between \$17,000 and \$20,000 a year in jail operating expenses. The board's action is one for economy.

Measures of Economy.

The commissioners are determined to conduct the county government at the smallest possible expense compatible with good and thorough work. Yesterday's action of the board in eliminating from the list of indigents dependent upon the county for aid, of 32 names of persons which were placed on the roll by fraud, effected a saving of nearly \$8,000 a year for the county.

Take First Step.

The commissioners have gone very systematically into the proposition and have figures which conclusively show that the saving stated can be made and that the money to put the new jail in first class condition will be

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PITTSBURG BUSINESS AREA SCENE OF FIRE

Large Stores and Opera House Destroyed—The Loss is \$3,000,000.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—Fire which swept through a section of the retail business district here today destroyed the Frank & Seder department store, the Grand Opera house, the Hilton Clothing company and a dozen or more smaller buildings, with a loss estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were removed to hospitals.

STATE LABOR CONVENTION OPENS IN HELENA MONDAY

Butte Will Send 50 Delegates, While 130 Delegates From Montana Will Assemble. The Carpenters to Form State Organization Thursday.

The second biennial convention of the Montana Federation of Labor and the 24th state meeting will be held in Helena next week, opening on Monday and closing Saturday. One hundred and thirty delegates will be in attendance, representing every craft and city in the state. Butte alone will send half a hundred delegates, who leave tomorrow afternoon and Monday morning.

M. M. Donoghue of this city, who has been state president for eight

ROAD HOUSE PROPRIETORS DENY VIOLATIONS OF LAW

In Seven Cases Involving Roadhouses, Proprietors Plead Not Guilty. Bonds of Each Fixed at \$1,000.

Eight criminal matters occupied a place on the law and motion calendar of Judge John V. Dwyer this morning, all but one being cases arising out of alleged violation of the law regarding roadhouses and the permitting of women to loiter about places where liquor is sold. The persons who were arraigned and who entered pleas of not

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