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HARD MARCH AHEAD FOR MEN

ARMY MUST GO ACROSS DESERT

Region is One of the Wildest, Most Barren and Desolate Anywhere in World.

CENSORSHIP IS VERY RIGID

No Messages Are Received at El Paso about Troops Concentrated at Columbus.

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—United States troops with camp broken were under marching equipment along the Mexican border west of here at daylight today in at least two positions. Military censors prohibited transmission of any information of actual movements throughout the first half of the day. The troops in readiness were at Columbus and Hachita, N. M.

HACHITA, N. M., March 15.—The Second cavalry brigade under command of Colonel George A. Dodd, completed Wednesday preparations to move forward from Culbertson's ranch on the border south of here into Mexico. A quick movement was expected. During the last few days supply trains aided by wagons and trucks of ranchers have been forwarding large supplies to the camp.

EL PASO, March 15.—The wire from Columbus, N. M., where the first expedition is in readiness for entering Mexico, was working today but no messages about the troops had been received since late last night. During the early hours this morning the censorship behind which every important move at Columbus is being cloaked cut off information from Columbus completely.

The point chosen for the entrance for the punitive expedition is at the edge of a dreary desolate plain inhabited principally by coyotes and prairie dogs, swept by sandstorms and denuded of vegetation except the cactus and a few other objectionable growths. For at least thirty miles the United States troops must make their way across this desert. They then reach the lowest range of the Sierra Madre mountains rising to a height of 3,000 to 3,500 feet, broken and twisted into all manner of fantastic shapes by volcanic actions and barren of any verdure worthy of the name. Lonely half-civilized ranchmen are found here and there in the valleys nursing their cattle at the infrequent and scanty water holes.

There are no roads of any kinds in all this region. An ancient track known as the "smugglers' trail" is used by such traffic as passes through. The expeditionary force must carry all its own provisions and must in a large measure rely on its base for water.

After fighting its way against nature, assisted by whatever guerilla troops Villa may be able to care to muster against them, about 125 miles through this country, the punitive expedition will reach the Sierra Madre proper, a range of mountains rising from 8,000 to 10,000 feet. The region is one of the wildest, most barren and desolate that it is possible to find anywhere in the world. The mountains are split by canyons some of which have a depth of between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and there is not even a recognized trail through their solitudes.

In the Casas Grandes section, however, the country is thickly wooded although devoid of vegetation which could provide forage for horses or food of any kind for men. Here the expedition would strike the Casas Grandes river, which sweeps westward and splits into three considerable branches. By following one of the branches the soldiers would be able to obtain sufficient water but between the streams the mountains rise in great barriers presenting a country

EVERY MERCHANT INVITED TO HELP

In the Observance of Spring Dress Up from March 30 to April 8 in the Community.

Every merchant in Clarksburg and suburbs is invited to co-operate in the observance of Spring Dress Up from March 30 to April 8 by displaying the newest spring stocks, by offering goods and the lowest possible profitable prices and by urging his patrons to dress up during that period, as Spring Dress Up is for the mutual benefit of the merchant and the patron of his store. The merchant will benefit from the early buying which will enable him to turn his stocks into cash quickly and greatly increase his volume of business and thereby getting the freshest merchandise at a time when he can get the greatest possible use of it and at prices lower than would be possible in the ordinary course of business.

Merchants in every line of business can participate in Spring Dress Up. Retailers of men's wear, women's wear, children's wear, of house furnishings, paints and oils, garden and farm implements, flowers and seeds, and everything necessary for the person or home, will find the Spring Dress Up an opportunity for increased business.

almost inaccessible even to men on foot.

LIQUOR CASE

Will Not Be Acted Upon until after the Supreme Court Has Acted.

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—Federal judge Sater has announced his intention not to hear the case of the Acorn Liquor Company, of Bridgeport against the Baltimore and Ohio until after the United States supreme court hands down its decision in the case of James Clark Distilling Company of Maryland against the American Express Company against the state of West Virginia.

The question of shipping intoxicants into a dry state entered into the Acorn case as well as the one pending in the federal supreme court. Judge Sater will grant the request of the state officials of West Virginia, including Fred O. Blue, of Charleston, that they be allowed to become parties to the Acorn case.

WALKER JURY

Does Not Reach Verdict in the Criminal Court Now in Its March Term.

At noon Wednesday a criminal court jury that had the case of George Walker had not agreed upon a verdict.

Trial of the case of Bruno Pieri was still on.

A warrant against Rosy Vince upon an appeal was dismissed at the instance of the state and the prosecution nolleed.

Otto L. Douglass, Robert A. Garrett, Oliver M. Reager, J. Worthington and Charles L. Watkins, those for Monday are Louis B. Conley, James S. Griffin, Joseph J. Guseman, Hugh E. Garrett, George P. Linger, Thomas E. Pepper, George Riffe, John Pitt and A. B. Yates have been drawn as additional jurors.

BUYS POOL ROOM.

Thomas A. Deise, well known lumberman, formerly associated with the E. Stringer Boggess lumber concern, has purchased the Norwood pool room and news stand at Norwood of W. P. Richardson and taken possession of the same. The place is a popular one and its success is assured under the personal management of its owner.

RELEASED FROM JAIL.

Wayman Freeman, who was committed to the county jail Tuesday by Magistrate G. W. Harrison at Enterprise to wait the action of the grand jury under a charge of interfering with an officer while making an arrest, was released Wednesday, having furnished \$500 bond.

HOTELS BURNED.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 15.—Fire destroyed the Terminal and Riverview hotels and other buildings here Wednesday, causing a \$200,000 loss. Guests in both hotels escaped.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 15.—Supreme Court Justice Tompkins Wednesday dismissed the indictment, charging perjury against Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison.

MR. INGRAM

Returns from Cabin Run, Doddridge County, Where He Attended Funeral.

M. Clark Ingram has returned from Cabin Run, Doddridge county, where he had been called by the sickness and death of his mother, Mrs. Frances Ingram, aged 83 years, who was buried at Cabin Run Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ingram was taken ill last Tuesday, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She partially rallied from this stroke, but a second attack Thursday evening caused her death.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Richard D. Carrico and Maria W. Graves, William A. Crist and Hessel A. Sisk and Willie H. Miller and Hester Bennett.

MRS. GATES TAKEN HOME.

Mrs. W. T. Gates, of Flemington, who had been a patient in the Kessler hospital for several weeks has sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home. Mrs. Gates recently underwent a surgical operation.

THIRD PHASE OF BATTLE FOR VERDUN IS OPENED

With the Renewal of Fighting West of the Meuse after a Pause of Three Days.

PETAINE VERY CONFIDENT

German Losses Are Fearful but They Get a Footing in Advanced French Positions.

PARIS, March 15.—The renewal of the fighting west of the Meuse after three days' pause is regarded as heralding the opening of the third phase of the battle for Verdun. The defenders have profited by the period of relative inaction to strengthen further the weak joint in their armor and they await events with full confidence.

The first appearance of the German infantry yesterday after the usual intense bombardment occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the fighting lasted for three and a half hours. They attacked along the whole line from Bethincourt to the crest of Cumires, a distance of about four miles. The heaviest fighting was around Dead Man hill, the Germans debouching in masses from Corbeaux and other smaller woods to the west. They were obliged to cross open ground and a well-directed fire from the French did fearful execution among them. Their ranks quickly filled up, however, and although they were stopped again they ended by getting a footing in advanced French trenches at two points.

Dead Man hill which is now being contended for, is a fine artillery position. It is a plateau, whose base is limited on its four faces for four ravines, and it rises only at the east, dominating there the present German position. The crown prince's plan is evidently to make a breach in the French lines between Bethincourt and Dead Man hill to enable his troops to advance in a southeasterly direction, while German forces from Remerville and Cumires try to turn the French position between Cumires and Dead Man hill.

The Germans last night made no further aggressive movement to the west of Meuse, according to announcement made this afternoon by the French war office. French counter attacks between Bethincourt and Cumires resulted in the re-occupation of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday. French troops still hold the heights of Mort Homme.

The artillery exchanges have been active between Bethincourt and Cumires, but elsewhere the night passed with relative quiet.

IMPORTANT GAINS ARE MADE BY THE GERMANS

BERLIN, March 15.—Important gains for the Germans in the Verdun fighting west of the Meuse were announced Wednesday by the war office. It is said the Germans pushed forward their line west of the Corbeaux wood and on the height of Le Mort Homme, capturing more than 1,000 prisoners.

QUEEN VERY ILL.

LONDON, March 15.—German Press despatches from Bucharest, as forwarded from Zurich, by the Exchange Telegraph Company, say that Queen Marie, of Roumania, is seriously ill and that her condition is gradually growing worse.

MAY NAME TYSON.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—President Wilson is considering the appointment of Colonel L. D. Tyson, of Knoxville, Tenn., as assistant secretary of war to succeed Henry D. Breckenridge. Colonel Tyson has the support of the congressional delegation from Tennessee.

MEXICAN BANDITS, ASSEMBLED AT VILLA'S CALL, PREPARING TO GO INTO BATTLE



This picture, taken during Villa's war with Carranza, shows the bandit followers of the outlaw chief assembling behind a convenient stone wall in preparation for a battle with the forces of the First Chief. The picture is typical of what probably may be seen at many points in Mexico today. Villa no doubt is raising many such bands of patriotic Mexicans to drive the hated "gringos" out of the country. His chief difficulty will be in the lack of ammunition and other war supplies.

SUDDEN

Is Death of Michael Schrowski, Who Dropped Dead While Going to Work.

Michael Schrowski, aged 52 years, a machine operator for the Hutchinson Coal Company at its Erie mines dropped dead as he was about to enter the mines for his day's work Wednesday morning. A physician was summoned who examined the body and said death was due to heart disease.

Schrowski was a native of Poland, but had lived in this country for a number of years. He was an honest, hard-working man and was popular with his fellow workers. He is survived by several brothers and sisters who reside in Poland.

The body of the deceased man was brought to this city and prepared for burial by the Warne Undertaking Company. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Polish Catholic church and the burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery.

TICKET NAMED

For City Election by the Industrial Party of Salem at a Convention.

SALEM, March 15.—The Industrial party named its ticket for the city election to be held on April 4 at a convention held in the public school auditorium Tuesday night. The convention was largely attended, 174 votes being cast. J. W. Carpenter presided over the convention as chairman, with T. B. Gilbert as secretary. The ticket named follows:

For mayor—T. Francis Kemper. For recorder—H. J. Cross. For street and water commissioner—W. E. Leonard. For chief of police—David Gain. For member school board, Salem Independent district—Dr. E. B. Fitro.

MRS. LEGGETT

Removed to Her Home at Dola from St. Mary's Hospital.

Mrs. S. L. Leggett, of Dola, who accidentally shot herself in the neck while cleaning a revolver at her home there Sunday and who had been a patient in the St. Mary's hospital here since, had recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Leggett was thought to have been seriously injured at first but it later proved that her injuries were very slight.

Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT STARTED IN WESTON

Mass Meeting in High School Auditorium is Addressed by Enthusiasts.

WESTON, March 15.—On Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium here a meeting was held under the auspices of the churches of this city, looking to the establishment of Young Men's Christian Association in this flourishing city. A splendid representative crowd was present, the large auditorium being almost filled. A committee had been appointed by the men's brotherhood to look up the matter of caring for the boys and young men, and the committee has certainly accomplished much in the way of cultivating sentiment, and starting interest in something for the youth of the city.

The speaker of the afternoon was William Noles Cooper, one of the Young Men's Christian Association secretaries of Washington, D. C. S. L. Richards, vice president of the Fenwick Lumber Company, presided, and told in a few words of his experience with the various Young Men's Christian Associations. He knew in different parts of the country. Mr. Cooper paid a tribute to West Virginia as a state and to Weston as a town, because of the superb potential powers which they possess. The speaker spoke out of a twenty-six years' experience in Young Men's Christian Association work. He said a good organization could be affected in Weston if the citizens would feel it keenly enough and would pay for their convictions. The growth of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association was dwelt upon and it was shown how far reaching and extensive the work is. In America one hundred million dollars of property is owned by the Young Men's Christian Association, 4,700 secretaries are employed and there is a membership of 700,000. The extent of the work abroad was told about. The work of the organization is definitely Christian, the speaker showed, all its secretaries are evangelistic in spirit.

The association tries to meet the legitimate needs of the boys and young men. First as to their physical needs. Play is important in its relation to character. The foe to young men, ruining their bodies, is impurity. Drink, licentiousness, injurious use of tobacco and impure thoughts have ruined many a promising life. The speaker said that sixty per cent of all young men applying for the army were rejected because of physical inability brought in by impurity. Physical training is for body building and this is religious work. The problems confronting our great cities were dwelt upon by Mr. Cooper and he showed how many parts of New England were now New Germany, New Italy, New Russia and New Poland. The hearts of many of our cities were full of paganism. They are doing the work the Americans will not do. Our industrial and alien muscles must be trained and the heart life must be made right, or we suffer in consequence, if we neglect our duty. The speaker said that some of the problems of this democracy must be settled by the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Right kind of friendship can be established through this organization. Many illustrations that had come under the speaker's observation were given showing what a blessing the work of the Young Men's Christian Association had been throughout the land. The joy of doing personal work was emphasized and as an institution it was shown that the Young Men's Christian Association is a friend of every boy and young man. The entire speech was a strong argument in favor of this great organization. A good, large and influential committee will be chosen and the matter will be taken up soon looking to the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association for Weston.

The writer learns that the chances are very favorable for the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association in the county seat of Lewis county. The feeling is prevalent that something must be done for the boys and young men and this seems to be the solution of the problem. Quite a number of the good citizens of the community are already becoming enthusiastic about the enterprise and as already indicated, the prospects are bright for the coming men of Weston through the work of this wonderful heaven-directed agency, which has been so signally owned of God wherever the Young Men's Christian Association has been established.

CONSULATE

At Torreon is Turned over by Consul Williams to the British Vice Consul There.

TORREON, Mexico, March 15.—The American consul, A. L. Williams, has turned the American consulate at Torreon over to the British vice consul. More than forty Americans are waiting here to leave on the train, which has been held up for a day by a wreck on the Monterey road.

WASHINGTON PUZZLED OVER WILLIAMS'S ACTION

WASHINGTON, March 15.—State department officials are puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon. They have given him no instructions to leave and have no reports of any disorders in that region; still they realize that the consul must have some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe that the consulate is in danger.

SHARPER WATCH

Is Being Maintained by American Troops upon 500 Villa Refugees in Nogales.

NOGALES, Ariz., March 15.—Sharper watch is being maintained by American troops upon the 500 Villa refugees in Nogales. Military pickets have been doubled and strangers are being scrutinized closely. Today no evidences of unusual activity were apparent either in this city or in Nogales, Sonora, just across the border. It was reported, however, that the Carranza garrison, which Tuesday consisted of about fifty men, was increased Wednesday by the arrival of about 1,000 men from the interior of the state bound for Chihuahua.

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BRAKEMAN KILLED

East of Grafton When an Engine is Derailed and Turned Over.

GRAFTON, March 15.—Leo Goodwin, of Grafton, aged 24 and married, a brakeman in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was instantly killed early today when a freight engine was derailed and turned over at Cove Run, ten miles south of this city. Goodwin jumped from the engine and was caught beneath the engine tank. The engine was derailed when the pilot caught in the point of a siding switch.

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