

MEXICANS FLEE AFTER NEW RAID ON U. S. BORDER; TROOPS PURSUE

Bandits Attack Texas Town, Kill Three Soldiers and Boy in Battle

VILLA MAY HAVE BEEN IN COMMAND

Event Not to Cut Much of Figure in Conference Over Withdrawal

Alpine, Tex., May 8.—Fleeing through the wild mesas of northern Coahuila, the seventy or more bandits that raided the American settlement of Glenn Springs and Boquillas, last Friday, killing three cavalrymen and a 9-year-old boy, are believed to be heading into the interior today, many miles from the scene of their depredation.

A posse from Marathon and detachment of twenty-three troopers of the fourteenth cavalry are said to have followed the trail of the Mexicans into Coahuila, while other reports have it that the Americans have not found the Rio Grande ninety-five miles from here but are waiting at the river for reinforcements. Capt. Caspar Cole is hurrying to Boquillas to take command while two companies of the fourth cavalry and a machine gun company are expected here or at Marathon this afternoon when they will head southward to the Big Bend country. It is not known here whether the new troops contemplate a long pursuit of the bandits into Mexico or will be placed as an additional guard along the border. Reports here say there are many bandits operating between Boquillas and Presidio, just south of the Rio Grande.

Bandits Have Start.

It is about a three days' march from either Marathon or Alpine to the Rio Grande and as the bandits already have a three days' start, only a relentless pursuit will bring the Americans up with them.

Nothing has been heard of Private Roscoe Tyree, who was last seen as he ran from the adobe house where he and his eight companions for three long hours fought against the Mexicans and then fled because the roof of the house was set afire by fireballs.

Private Crosken, who was in the fight, thinks that Tyree was wounded and wandered off in the hills where he died. Others believe that Tyree was captured and carried off a prisoner by the bandits and probably killed later.

Unconfirmed information says that J. Deemer, the storekeeper at Boquillas, has been found dead on the Mexican side with his throat cut. His clerk, named Compton, is known to have been a captive of the bandits. He is thought to have suffered the same fate as Deemer.

Civilians Escape.

There were only a few Americans in Glenn Springs and Boquillas at the time of the raid and the bandits apparently made no effort to locate them. They escaped into hills when the shooting started.

Several women are known to be living on the scattered ranches in the Big Bend country but there is nothing to indicate that they have been molested. The Mexican employes of the Ellis Wax factory in Glenn Springs were not molested.

The bodies of the three soldiers killed in the Glenn Springs raid, William Cohen, Stephen J. Coloe and Hudson Rogers, will be sent to their homes today. The body of the Compton boy has been taken to Marathon. A truck driver, Champ Woods, yesterday reported missing, is safe.

Woman Tells of Raid.

Mrs. W. K. Ellis and her husband, whose wax factory was destroyed by the Mexicans, had narrow escapes. Mrs. Ellis was the only woman in Glenn Springs when the bandits swooped down upon the little settlement near midnight. In the flickering lights of the burning buildings, she and her husband stole out of their house and fled in safety to the hills, where they wandered around until morning.

Telling her friends in Marathon, where she is resting today of her experience, Mrs. Ellis said:

"A fusillade of shots roused my husband and myself. Peering out of the window, we saw the forms of men moving in the direction of the soldiers' little camp.

"The flashes of their rifles were like lightning streaks against the darkness and we knew there must be a number of Mexicans attacking the place. Mr. Ellis told me not to strike a match or make any light for fear of attracting the attention of the bandits.

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APACHE INDIANS LEAD CHARGE ON MEXICAN BANDITS

SCORE OF REDSKINS FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN RECENT VICTORY OF CAVALRY.

Field headquarters near Namiquipa, Chihuahua, May 7.—By wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 8.—Twenty war-mad Apache trailers took a prominent part in the recent battle at Ojo-Azuales, according to reports brought here today by officers.

The engagement is the first in which the Indians, brought here recently from the White Mountain reservation of Arizona, have participated. Shrieking shrill, weird warwhoops, the trailers rode at the head of the charging troopers of the eleventh cavalry as they swept through the town. They demonstrated their marksmanship with six shooters, killing a large number of the fifty-five Mexican victims.

The defeat of the Mexicans was complete. Two Carranza soldiers from the small garrison at Quicoche arriving at the American camp at San Antonio last Thursday evening gave Gen. J. J. Pershing, the expeditionary commander, the first intimation of the presence of the Villa bandits at Ojo-Azuales. Gen. Pershing immediately ordered Maj. Robert L. Howze, with six picked troops of cavalry, south in pursuit.

Poor guides delayed the column's arrival at Ojo-Azuales until daylight, enabling a Villa sentry to discover their approach and give the alarm.

MEXICANS DISHEARTENED.

Field headquarters, May 3.—By motor truck to Columbus, N. M., May 8.—The punitive expedition under Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing has accounted to date for about 125 Villa bandits slain and between two and three hundred wounded. Meanwhile the Americans lost six killed, a ratio of twenty bandits slain for every American life lost. In wounded the bandits have suffered nearly thirty casualties for every American hit by a bullet.

While the expeditionary forces have not lost one officer, the Villa men have had half a dozen of their leaders killed. The significance of this showing was that it was made against some of the most desperate fighters in Mexico, men whose reputations have ranked high among the military men produced by five years of Mexican revolution.

More important than the numerous bandits killed has been their complete loss of morale. Nowhere will they stand any longer to fight Americans. A few shots from advantageous ground and the bandits run, abandoning their good positions before the Americans are on equal terms.

MORE RANGERS ENLISTED.

Austin, Tex., May 8.—The state ranger force is to be increased by fifty additional men at once and a call may be issued for 100 additional rangers for service on the border, according to an official statement issued today by Gov. Ferguson.

CONSPIRACY CASE IS NEARING CLOSE

New York, May 8.—The case against Robert Fay, Walter L. Scholz and Paul Daech, who are charged with conspiracy to destroy ships leaving New York with munitions for the entente allies, it is said, will be in the hands of the jury late today. The presentation of testimony is finished and the summing up by counsel remains.

G. O. P. MEETING IS DRAWING NIGH

Chicago, May 8.—Active preparations for the opening of the republican national convention on June 7 were started today when carpenters began the transformation of the coliseum into a convention hall. William F. Stone of Baltimore, sergeant at arms of the convention, arrived yesterday to take active charge of the preparations. Other convention officials are expected to arrive here within a week.

According to present plans, the full national committee will meet June 2 to make up the temporary roll of the convention, it was said today. So far only eight contests have been filed, as against 235 filed four years ago.

Mr. Stone announced today that tickets for six days are being printed, in case there is a deadlock in the convention, although leaders are said to be of the opinion that the session will be completed in four days.

Leaders in the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage announced that they had secured quarters for a registration place and general information bureau, in preparation for the convention, which will be held by the women's party June 5, 6 and 7.

FRENCH BARK SUNK.

London, May 8.—The French bark Marie Molinos was sunk by a submarine on May 3. All the eighteen members of her crew have been landed.

ANOTHER NOTE SENT TO BERLIN

Wilson Tells Kaiser That Relations Will Remain as at Present Time

PROMISES TAKEN AT FACE VALUES

Renewal of Submarine War Without Warnings Will Bring on New Crisis

Washington, D. C., May 8.—A note to Germany has practically been completed and probably will go forward to Berlin today. It will be made public soon afterward. It is understood it will be brief, informing Germany that as long as the new instructions to submarine commanders are observed diplomatic relations will be continued but that the United States can not allow Germany to dictate its negotiations with Great Britain.

The president worked on the proposed communication early today following his conference with Secretary Lansing last night. It is understood officials are so far agreed on the policy to be pursued that it will not be necessary to wait for the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

While the German note has averted for the present at least a break in diplomatic relations, it was said today that the president was not satisfied with the apparent conditions attached by Germany. The United States stands by its demand that Germany cease her attacks on vessels in violation of international law, regardless of negotiations which may be carried on with Great Britain over the food blockade.

Some of his advisers wanted him to make no reply to the German note and only wait developments but he is understood to have decided to send the new communication.

NOTE IS ON ITS WAY.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The American reply to Germany's submarine note was sent to Berlin today and will be given out for publication tomorrow morning. It is officially described as being about 200 words in length.

GERMANS RAIDERS NEAR THE AZORES

INCOMING STEAMER AT NEW YORK REPORTS HAVING BEEN CHASED AT SEA.

New York, May 8.—Capt. Guy Gaunt, naval attaché of the British embassy at Washington, today investigated the report that two German commerce raiders, accompanied by two submarines, are operating in the trans-Atlantic steamship lanes off the Azores islands, about 1,800 miles from New York. The story was brought here yesterday by the steamship Venezia of the Fabre line from Bordeaux. Members of the crew said one of the raiders fired several shots at the Venezia on April 28 but was unable to overtake her. The naval attaché said he intended to wire at once to Halifax so that British cruisers now in American waters would be warned.

"They will know in Halifax if any of our cruisers or auxiliary cruisers are in the region reported by Capt. Boniface," said Capt. Gaunt. "If these are really German raiders escaped from Kiel, they will have a short lease of life. Undoubtedly there will be great excitement in London when the news reaches there that German raiders are loose again."

G. A. R. COMMANDER COMING TO IOWA

Marshalltown, May 8.—Elias A. Montfort of Cincinnati, grand commander of the G. A. R., has notified officials that he will be in attendance at the annual encampment of the Iowa G. A. R. here June 20-22.

Other heads of national patriotic organizations will also be here for the encampment, it was stated. Elaborate preparations are being made to entertain the gathering on this, the fiftieth anniversary of its organization.

MANY ON AIR TRIP.

Baltimore, Md., May 8.—The hydro-aeroplane which flew to Baltimore from Newport News, Va., last Saturday with five passengers aboard, started from Arundel Cove at 7 a. m. today on the return trip.

GERMANS AGAIN MAKE DESPERATE ATTACK ON VERDUN

NEW AND POWERFUL ARMY IS TRYING TO BATTER DOWN FRENCH DEFENSES.

Paris, May 8.—After seventy-seven days of battle the Germans are making a new attack before Verdun with another formidable army. Fighting almost equal in violence to that of the beginning of March is in progress on both banks of the Meuse.

The principal effort of the Germans is being directed against Dead Man hill. Following the Napoleonic policy of attempting to turn what can not be carried by frontal attack, the Germans with a whole army corps, made the assault by way of the ravine between Hill 304 and Dead Man hill, seeking to crush in the French line along a front of one and one-half miles. The ground there is favorable for attack and the French commander, aware of the weakness of the position placed one of his best trained army corps at that place. This corps disposed of the initial attack without ceasing any important ground but the battle is still raging and according to the latest advice the result will not be known till some time today.

East of the Meuse the Germans delivered four attacks on a front of 2,000 yards, each advance being made by a different Prussian regiment. The fighting there is as fierce as on the other side of the river and as inconclusive.

Gen. Nivelle, whose promotion to the command at Verdun put him in charge at such a critical time, is a man of much ability. Gen. Nivelle is one of the discoverers of the war. At the outbreak of hostilities he was in command of the fifth regiment of artillery. Gen. Joffre soon singled him out for a leading role. He was promoted to be general of brigade on October 24, 1914, and shortly after was placed in command of the sixty-first infantry division. On December 23, 1915, he received his three stars and at the same time was appointed commander of the third army corps.

WAR SUMMARY.

The artillery action has been very heavy in the Woerwa, in the region east of Verdun.

In Galicia along the lower Stripa river, the Russians have made further advances against the Teutons.

The Russians advancing toward Bagdad have repulsed the Turks who retreated after sustaining heavy losses.

Encounters along the Austro-Italian front have resulted in small gain for the Italians.

A transport with 800 Russians on board has been sunk in the Mediterranean by striking a mine.

The Countess Markievicz, one of the leaders in the Irish revolt, was found guilty by a court martial and sentenced to death but the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life.

LIBERTY IDEA ABANDONED

Leaders of the Filipinos Call on President and Urge Passage of the House Bill.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Manuel Quezon, Philippine commissioner, who has been urging Philippine independence, told President Wilson today that he and his followers had abandoned the idea of freedom in the near future and hoped congress would pass the house bill giving a greater share of self government to the islands but setting no date for independence.

Mr. Quezon urged the president to support the house bill and not insist upon the Clarke amendment approved by the senate which would give independence by 1920. T. R. Yungco, president of the Philippine chamber of commerce, saw the president with Mr. Quezon. The whole question was discussed at length and the president promised to consult with senate and house leaders.

HUNTING IRISH REBELS

British Government Finds Postoffice Department Honeycombed With Sedition.

Dublin, May 8.—The government is making a rigorous examination into all its local departments with the object of purging them of rebels. The Sinn Fein insurrection has revealed that many branches of the government service, particularly the postoffice, have been honeycombed with disloyalty. The investigation has uncovered the case of a high postoffice official who lived in a house which was used as an arsenal by the rebels. A large magazine of explosives, arms and ammunition was discovered there.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—Consideration nomination of George Rubles to federal trade commission in executive session.

HOUSE—Considered report of disagreement among army bill conference over federal volunteer army and government nitrate plant.

STREET CAR AND TAXI COLLIDE

Miss Rilla Stain Is Thrown From Cab and Nearly Loses Her Life

MALE COMPANION IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Earl Everett Is Bruised Slightly and Driver Receives Cuts

Miss Rilla Stain, 505 East McLean street, former deputy clerk of the United States court, and Earl Everett of Mt. Pleasant, narrowly escaped death Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock when a taxi cab in which they were riding collided with an east bound street car, at Court and Main streets. Miss Stain was thrown from the taxi in front of the car which came to a stop, and struck the fender. Frank Higdon, driver of the car was slightly cut by glass. The front of the street car was smashed and the front of the taxi was practically demolished.

Miss Stain and Mr. Everett started for home in a taxi from Second and Market street when it began raining. The driver went west on Second street to Court and south on Court to Main street where the accident occurred. The motorman on the street car noticed the taxi as it turned and threw on the brakes stopping the car, thus preventing a more serious accident.

Miss Stain was thrown from the taxi by the force of the collision and fell directly in front of the car. When Mr. Everett picked her up her head was lying under the fender of the street car. The lobe of Miss Stain's left ear was nearly severed and eleven stitches were taken. Her right arm at the elbow and wrist is badly bruised and swollen and she has a cut below the left knee. Mr. Everett and Mr. Higdon were slightly cut.

The left front wheel of the taxi was broken into pieces and the frame work and top of the taxi in the front was crushed. Part of the front vestibule of the car was broken and it was necessary to put a new car on the line.

Higdon, the driver, had a narrow escape as the entire front part of the car was telescoped around him and the wind shield was shattered.

Kaiser Suggests PEACE POSSIBILITY

IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADDRESSED THE POPE IN HOPES OF ENDING THE WAR.

London, May 8.—The correspondent at Rotterdam of the Exchange Telegraph Co. cabled the following today: "On the occasion of the Easter festival, Emperor William sent an autograph letter to Pope Benedict, expressing the hope that the pontiff, with the king of Spain, would be able to construct a scheme with the object of bringing together, under the olive branch emblem of the dove and olive branch, a conference of belligerents for consideration of an immediate armistice, in the fervent hope of securing an early peace without detriment to the legitimate aspirations of nationalities."

The correspondent says he obtains this information from a circular just issued by the German humanity league. The circular also says considerable significance is attached to the arrival in Rome of envoys from the kings of Bavaria and Saxony, who had proffered audiences with Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state.

VON BUELOW CALLED IN.

London, May 8.—Prince von Buelow, former German imperial chancellor, has been summoned to headquarters by Emperor William, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from The Hague. His visit, adds the dispatch, is said to be of great political significance.

RAILROADS SHOW SMALLER PROFITS

Des Moines, May 8.—Railroads of Iowa showed a small loss in earnings in 1915, compared with 1914, according to reports filed by the railroads with the Iowa railroad commission. Gross receipts of twenty-five Iowa roads last year were \$98,328,238. In 1914 the total earnings were \$89,950,215.

The net earnings of the twenty-five railroads were \$22,372,707 in 1915 and \$23,092,491 in 1914.

The official table for the state on railroad earnings will not be complete until the reports of four small lines are filed. Combined, the earnings of these four lines in 1914 were about \$100,000.

CROPS NOT UP TO USUAL MARK SAYS FEDERAL REPORT

WINTER WHEAT IN POOR CONDITION AND YIELD IS FAR FROM RECORD.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The winter wheat crop this year promises to yield 499,280,000 bushels, the department of agriculture announced today, basing its forecast on the condition of the crop May 1. The output will probably be above or below those figures, according to the change in conditions from now until time of harvest. Today's forecast compares with 655,045,000 bushels harvested last year, the greatest winter wheat crop ever gathered in this country, and with a forecast of 540,000,000 bushels made last December before the crop entered the winter from which it emerged in rather poor condition, showing a decline of 9.4 points compared with the ten year average decline of 3.5 points. On the crop's condition April 1 a forecast of 495,000,000 bushels was made by the bureau of crop estimates, assuming average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop to harvest time.

The area of winter wheat to be harvested is estimated at about 33,020,000 acres as a result of the May 1 census. The area planted last fall was 37,256,000 acres, a decrease of 4,236,000 acres from the record area of the 1915 crop and compares with a yearly average of 32,088,000 acres in the preceding five years.

The condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 82.4 per cent of a normal, compared with 78.3 on April 1 last, 92.9 on May 1 last year and 87.5, the ten year May 1 average. That condition is indicative of a yield of 15.1 bushels an acre, compared with 16.2 bushels harvested last year and 19.0 bushels in 1914.

The large reduction in acreage sown last fall was attributed partly to unfavorable weather for seeding, tangled condition of much corn land which otherwise would have been sown to wheat, some fear of the Hessian fly and to large supplies of wheat on hand.

A wet, cold fall, causing poor seed beds and poor start for wintering resulted in a low condition this spring. Much of the crop was sown late and the Hessian fly was reported present and active in many sections of the southern part of the winter wheat belt. Climatic conditions were harder on late sown, the winter covering was lighter than usual and the injury from freezing and thawing greater than in previous years.

Other details of the May report show: Rye—Condition 88.7 per cent of normal compared with 87.8 on April 1 last, 93.3 on May 1 last year and 90.6 the ten year May 1 average. Meadow hay—Condition 88.7 per cent of a normal, compared with 89.8 on May 1 last year and 83.3 the ten year May 1 average.

Hay—Stocks of hay on farms May 1 are estimated at 11,049,000 tons, or 13.0 per cent of last year's crop, against 8,468,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent on May 1 last year, and 8,109,000 tons or 12.1 per cent the five year May 1 average.

Pastures—Condition 85.2 per cent of a normal, against 87.2 on May 1 last year and 85.9 the ten year May 1 average.

Spring plowing was 70.4 per cent completed up to May 1, compared with 78.3 on May 1 last year and 68.6 the ten year May 1 average.

Spring planting was 56.7 per cent completed up to May 1 compared with 65.3 on May 1 last year and 55.9 the ten year May 1 average.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE CHILDREN

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 8.—A service for the burial of children and their reception into the church is proposed in a revised ritual of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was submitted today for action by the general conference in session here. Previously only a ceremony for adults has existed. The report was offered by a special committee appointed in 1912 and is the third proposal recently made for a change in the form of services provided by John Wesley when he instituted the church in 1739. The argument was advanced during discussion today that a modification of the wording is necessary to consistency of usage and greater clearness and brevity. Opposition was based on the ground that the language of the present ritual had been made sacred by continued use.

The suggested form provides that service for baptism of infants and for ordination shall be greatly shortened. The burial service would be modified by the insertion of additional scriptural selections giving fuller expression of the Christian hope as found in the new testament. In the marriage ceremony it is provided that when the ring is used the words "and with all my worldly goods I thee endow," shall be omitted, for the reason the committee reported, that the ceremony itself implies common ownership of property.

LOSES HIS LIFE WHEN HE FALLS FROM TRESTLE

R. Freeburg, Truck Driver for Hardsocg, Drowns in River Sand Pit

WANTED TO INSPECT SOME OF MACHINERY

He and Companion Went Out Over Water to Look at New Equipment

Roland Freeburg, employed as truck driver for the Hardsocg Manufacturing Co., was drowned at 9 o'clock this morning in the new sand pit of the Wapello Sand & Construction Co., near the old Millward round house at the foot of the street.

Freeburg and Orville Harsch, also drives for Hardsocg, were at sand company's plant to get a cost for hauling sand to the new site. After they had ascended to the business there they went over to the machinery which is used in the river at that point to get the water into transferable condition.

On their way back young Freeburg lost his balance and fell into the water from a trestle which leads from mainland to the machinery. There is about eight or nine feet water at that point and Freeburg came up twice before finally disappearing from sight. A man in a boat was within ten feet of him and was going down the last time he could not reach him.

The place where Freeburg fell about forty feet from shore. Harsch says that the young man appeared to be trying to swim up instead of down. Before going Freeburg told his companion that he could swim. The spot where he down is about thirty feet from shore.

Young Freeburg was the son of and Mrs. Thomas Freeburg, who on Golf avenue, just east of the main street, and facing the Country Club to the south. His parents survive. His father, H. H. Freeburg, president of the Hardsocg Manufacturing Co., for whom he was working, is his uncle.

The body was found at 11:30 a. m. by A. Albertson a short distance where it disappeared. Commissioner of Public Safety Fritz Ehrmann, Fred H. Carter and A. J. Goss, take the body from the river and a pulmotor was used for forty-five minutes but to no avail. A physician called but life was extinct.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday from the residence with interment in the Agency cemetery.

FEW WORKMEN AT REOPENED PLANT

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 8.—Employees of the Westinghouse companies to open their plants in the Turtle Creek valley, where a strike for the eleventh day has been in progress for several weeks, were only partly successful today. Four thousand of the 40,000 employed during the day by the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., at Wheeling, entered the shops while two companies of infantry guarded all trances. No strike was declared against the company but the plant was closed by the management and marching strikers attempted to break out the force.

The gates of the electric company East Pittsburgh also were thrown under military guard and some of men went to work but the number was not large.

ARMY OPPONENTS TO VISIT WILSON

Washington, D. C., May 8.—A committee from an antimilitarist organization had an engagement today present to President Wilson arguments against big army and navy programs and to ask him to declare against militarism. That the preparedness propaganda "is a dangerous expression of class and national aggression" is the belief of thousands who attended meetings arranged by the organization speakers declared, in New York, St. Paul, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

BIG RIVER FALLING.

Davenport, May 8.—The Mississippi river at Davenport is falling, relieving the strain on dikes surrounding the trial plants and farm lands. No other damage is expected. The river was 15.5 today, nearly half a foot since Saturday.

BIG STRIKE IN SPAIN.

Valladolid, Spain, May 8.—A general strike on all the Spanish railroads was voted here today at a meeting representatives of the employees on the lines in the country. The government has taken measures to prevent disturbances and to insure that the lines will not be paralyzed.