

MORE RAIDS ON BORDER POINTS BEING PLANNED

Vicinity of Brownsville Is to Get Attention From Mexican Bandits

PATROL FORCE TO BE STRENGTHENED

Scott Back in Washington to Report on Failure of Recent Conference

Lake Itasca, Mexico, May 14. —By wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 15.—Three bandits, including Julio Cardenas, the Villista leader, were killed in a skirmish with an American detachment near Rubio ranch, twenty miles east of here, today.

San Antonio, Tex., May 15.—Information indicating a plan for the resumption of raids across the international line near Brownsville, Tex., has reached army headquarters here and will, it is expected, cause a considerable strengthening of the force now patrolling that district. Gen. Funston and staff will study the proposed reorganization of the entire border patrol and it was indicated that the thirtieth infantry, coming from New York state, would be sent to Rio Grande City for service between there and Brownsville, the district so frequently raided a year ago.

Official reports from the officer commanding gave no additional details of the activities of armed bands opposite Progresso, Tex., but their presence there was in line with reports made by both agents of the department of justice and the agents of the state department.

No apparent anxiety regarding the position of the little force that entered Mexico near Boquillas was indicated at headquarters. Col. Sibley is commanding only four troops of cavalry and a machine gun company, but army men here believe that he would have no difficulty in withdrawing if menaced by a superior force.

Gen. Scott will see Secretary Lansing tomorrow and meanwhile no steps will be taken to reopen diplomatic negotiations for a formal agreement with Gen. Carranza. Secretary Baker indicated, however, that Gen. Scott thought there would be no great delay in arriving at an understanding and formulating a protocol.

Pending the ratification of an agreement, Carranza troops are being moved northward into the bandit ridden portions of Mexico. The American expeditionary force under Gen. Pershing is being withdrawn into strong groups on the line of communication where it will await the outcome of Gen. Obregon's efforts to clean up the territory to the south.

Gen. Funston has mapped out a coordinated scheme for border patrol with the 35,000 men he will soon have available for that purpose, exclusive of the 14,000 or so in Gen. Pershing's column.

SCOTT TO REPORT.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—On his return today from El Paso, Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff, had a detailed report of his protracted conferences with Gen. Obregon, Carranza war minister, to present to President Wilson, Secretary Baker and Secretary Lansing. Officials were anxious to learn precisely why the Mexican general declined to sign an agreement covering operation of American troops in Mexico, particularly in view of official notification that Gen. Carranza had approved the original draft of the protocol.

Gen. Scott's discussions with officials probably will occupy several days. Not until they are completed will diplomatic conferences be arranged with Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, on the disposition of American troops and the vexatious question of protecting the American border from Mexican bandit raids.

MEXICANS AT BORDER.

Brownsville, Tex., May 15.—A considerable number of armed Mexicans is patrolling the Rio Grande opposite Hidalgo, Tex., sixty-five miles west of here, according to a report received today at Ft. Brown. This report was given to Consul J. J. Garza by Col. A. P. Blockson, with a request that an investigation be made.

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

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT.

Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—Eight men are reported killed and a dozen injured in an explosion today at the Repauno plant of the Dupont Powder Co. near here. Among the dead are believed to be the superintendent and his assistant.

ARMY MULE NOT SUPERSEDED BY MOTOR TRUCKS

LONG EARED PACK ANIMAL INVALUABLE IN THE CHASE AFTER MEXICANS.

Field Headquarters, May 8.—By army motor truck to Columbus, N. M., May 15.—The value of the army mule which wavered momentarily when automobile trucks in the VIII chase demonstrated their adaptability for mountain transportation, has been vindicated by the results of this campaign.

In transporting supplies overland to the main bases, through a country without railroads, the automobile trucks have proven much superior to the old fashioned mule teams, the reliance whereon Geronimo was pursued through this same country. Meanwhile the mules as pack animals have gone beyond the new truck lines into country where no wheeled vehicle yet invented can move, crossing chasm and climbing through mountain forests where it has been necessary to trample paths through the brush.

These mules proved more hardy than horses in the hard bandit chases. They were better able to live off the country without loss of strength. They ate almost everything except rocks and one kind of rope. The one rope which they would not eat was the Mexican lariat, made out of horse hair.

While the animals did not actually take much leather or other foreign substance into their stomachs, they were continually chewing at harness when it was within reach, to get the slightly salty taste it possesses. The mules also nibbled at trees, dead weeds, sticks and dirt. On the mountain marches they thrived fairly well, while carrying heavy loads of food and ammunition behind the cavalry columns.

EXPEDITION HALTS.

Marathon, Tex., May 15.—The expedition in search of the bandits who committed the Glenn Springs outrage has checked its dash into Mexico and is now awaiting reinforcements before pushing on, according to reports received here today. A message has been sent to Gen. Funston by Col. Sibley, commanding the fourteenth cavalry, it was learned here, asking for aid.

Military observers here point out that Maj. Langhorne and his flying squadron of the eighth cavalry are now perhaps 300 miles beyond their base without sufficient troops to protect their line of communication. Marathon, the base, is ninety miles distant from Boquillas over broken country. Several instances have been reported, the past few days of bandits cutting in behind the expedition without meeting armed resistance.

Supplies of every character are now being rushed from Marathon to Boquillas, there to be transferred to pack animals for Sibley's expedition. Mexican teamsters are engaged in this work under Capt. John S. Chambers of the quartermaster's department. He reports the Mexicans faithful to their trust. No supplies have failed to reach their destination. The two Mexican prisoners brought in to Marathon by Sheriff Shoemaker from Boquillas last Saturday night will be sent to Alpine for trial for murder.

WILSON HOME AGAIN.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—President and Mrs. Wilson returned early today from their week end cruise aboard the naval yacht Mayflower. The homeward trip was without special incident.

Immediately after his return to the white house the president read several dispatches on Mexico received since his departure Friday, which Gen. Bliss, acting chief of staff, thought were not important enough to send him by wireless. He had engagements with a large number of senators and representatives to discuss legislative matters and saw Gov. Dunne of Illinois.

PLAN VIGOROUS PROTEST

American Officials Preparing Draught Note Which Will Be Sent to the British Government.

Washington, D. C., 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 forward in the near future will take the position that the United States can no longer countenance seizure and detention of mails to and from the United States, particularly those concerning neutrals.

BILL NEARLY READY.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Representative Rainey of Illinois, in charge of the tariff commission bill in the house, discussed the final draft with President Wilson today and told him that he expected the ways and means committee would report it favorably within a few days. Administration leaders plan to have the bill passed before the political conventions in June.

REVOLT LEADER GOES ON TRIAL

Sir Roger Casement Faces High Treason Charge in Police Court

IRISH SOLDIER IS ALSO IN DOCKET

Numerous Lords and Ladies in Court Room Where Case Is in Progress

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 preliminary examination to determine whether he should be held for trial on the 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 due not only to the prominence of Casement and to speculation as to his fate, but also because it has been expected evidence would be produced which would lay bare a widespread plot resulting in the revolt.

Among the earliest arrivals in court were Sir Horace Plunkett of the department of agriculture in Ireland. It was understood Sir Horace was merely a spectator. Many relatives and friends of Casement, including seven handsomely gowned women, reached court early and were provided with seats well to the front.

Sir Roger maintained much of his characteristic complaisance. He smiled and nodded as he saw friends in the court room.

With Sir Roger was Daniel Bailey, an Irish soldier captured by the Germans early in the war. He went from Germany to Ireland in the submarine with Sir Roger and was taken prisoner at Tralee.

As the examination proceeded Sir Roger showed in his movements some slight indications of the nervous strain under which he was laboring. He paid strict attention to the proceedings, however, and occasionally took notes which he handed to his counsel.

ASQUITH LEAVES DUBLIN.

Dublin, May 15.—Premier Asquith, who has been in Dublin for several days, departed this morning for Belfast to confer with prominent men in the north.

FRENCH DIRIGIBLE IS LOST IN THE SEA

Paris, May 15.—The dirigible balloon which is reported from Toulon to have fallen into the sea off Sardinia belonged to the French navy. An official statement issued today says that the balloon caught fire from an unexplained cause while flying over the Mediterranean last Friday. The remains of the envelope have been towed ashore at Toulon. Four of the six persons aboard are known to have perished and their bodies have been recovered. The fate of the remaining two is unknown but it was feared that they also were lost.

WOMEN'S PARTY WILL BE FORMED

Chicago, May 15.—Early arrivals for the women's party convention, which will be held here at the same time as the republican and progressive party national conventions are in the city preparing to launch a campaign of publicity and to complete the organization work for the convention. Miss Doris Stevens of Salt Lake will head the organization work and will be assisted by a number of other western women who have already arrived.

According to an announcement of plans, the suffragists will hold thirty street meetings daily in Chicago until the date of the convention. In addition, women orators will address women's meetings, clubs, luncheons and even dances in an effort to bring the Susan B. Anthony amendment strongly before the women of the city, it is stated.

The new headquarters for the women's party on Michigan boulevard were opened today and reception of delegates will occur there from now until convention time.

HOLD MURDER SUSPECT.

Murphysboro, Ill., May 15.—Paul Ferrandelle, a wholesale grocer of St. Louis, was arrested here today to be held for investigation in connection with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Picoraro here last Wednesday. The murdered couple were found in their home choked to death. The wife of Ferrandelle was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Picoraro.

BRITONS TRYING TO TAKE TRENCHES LOST TO GERMANS

BERLIN REPORTS THAT EFFORTS OF THE ENEMY HAVE ALL BEEN REPULSED.

Berlin, May 15.—The British have been attacking the German lines near Huelin in northern France, in an effort to recapture the trenches recently taken by the Germans there, but all their attempts have been repulsed, according to today's statement by the war office.

In the Verdun region the French failed in attacks near Dead Man hill and near the Caillotte-wood.

CALM ON THE FRONT.

Paris, May 15.—The bombardment in the region of the Avocourt wood and Hill 304 in the Verdun section still continues, according to an official statement issued today by the French war office. In a small engagement west of Mt. Tetu in Champagne the French captured fifteen prisoners. Calm is reported on the rest of the front.

FIGHTING IN BALKANS.

Paris, May 15.—Heavy artillery firing along the Macedonian frontier is reported by the Havas correspondent at Saloniki, telegraphing yesterday. No infantry fighting is in progress, however.

The Bulgarian camp at Xanthi has been bombarded by French aeroplanes.

BELGIANS VICTORIOUS.

Paris, May 15.—Further successes for the Belgian expedition which has invaded German East Africa were announced in the official statement issued today by the Belgian war department at Havre.

The statement says that Col. Molter in command of the southern column, occupied Kigali, capital of the German province of Ruanda on May 8. The Belgian troops have also captured the island of Kivulvi in Lake Kivu which the Germans took by surprise at the beginning of the war.

WAR SUMMARY.

Sharper fighting is now in progress in other sectors of the western front than in the Verdun region, upon which attention has been chiefly centered for nearly three months.

Notable activity has been reported recently along the British lines in northern France and Flanders and today Paris records brisk action by the artillery on both sides in the Champagne, the scene of the main French drive in last September's offensive.

At Verdun, the play of the heavy guns has been kept up to some extent, there having been bombardments in the sectors of the Avocourt wood and Hill 304, northwest of the fortress.

Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun, is being heavily bombarded by the Germans. The Germans entered British trenches in the Ploegert wood, but were ejected while the British took some German trenches south of La Bassee canal.

The Italians vigorously attacked the Austrians on the Dobrodo plateau, west of San Martino, but they were repulsed, according to Vienna.

An address yesterday by President Poincare of France has attracted wide attention. The central powers, he said, had not offered France peace and France did not want such an offer. "We want them to ask it of us," said the president. "We do not want to submit to their conditions; we want to impose ours on them."

The only infantry engagements of importance, according to the latest reports from the war fronts, have occurred in Asiatic Turkey between the Russians and the Turks. In the region south of the Black sea and west of the Persian border the Russians are trying to reach Mesopotamia, with Bagdad and a junction with the British forces their objective.

Northwest of Erzerum, the Turks claim to have repulsed the Russians with heavy losses. The Russians advance guards to retire at some points but say the Ottoman forces desisted in their attacks after having suffered "extremely heavy" casualties.

GREEKS IN LINE?

London, May 15.—The foreign office announced today that the outstanding differences between Greece and the entente powers had been settled amicably with the result that there would be no violation of the neutrality of Greece.

BOOST FOR TELEGRAPHERS.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 15.—Three hundred telegraph operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Pittsburgh have been given an increase in wages amounting to from eight to thirty-three and one-third per cent, according to an announcement just made here. The increase to some of the men dates back to May 1 while to others it became effective today.

TODAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE—Considered nomination of George Rublee to the federal trade commission in executive session.

HOUSE—Resumed discussion on rural credits bill.

SELECT DATES FOR MEET HERE

Miss Sara A. Brown Writes of Action Taken at Big Charities Conference

OCTOBER 22 TO 24 IS TIME DECIDED UPON

Will Hold Iowa State Session in Ottumwa This Fall; Plan Booster Event

[BY SARA A. BROWN.]

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15.—The dates of October 22, 23 and 24, 1916, have been announced as the time for holding the Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction in Ottumwa.

The southeastern Iowa metropolis was given the honor of entertaining the convention when the delegates appeared before the 1915 conference in Waterloo last fall armed with strong invitations from the Commercial club, the mayor and commissioners and influential business men of the city.

The occasion for a definite announcement of the dates was a gathering of Iowa's delegates to the national conference of charities and corrections now in session here. The Hawkeyes met in the Claypool hotel Saturday night and twenty-five were present from Des Moines, Iowa City, Waterloo, Sioux City, Muscatine, Keokuk, Grinnell, Davenport, Eldora and Ottumwa.

When the announcement of the dates was given the keynote was sprung for a mighty spirit of boosting to sweep the crowd with his chief aim to make this year's conference at Ottumwa the best ever held from the standpoint of membership and programs.

Dr. George Mangold, an Iowa, now director of the school of social economy of St. Louis, gave some helpful suggestions as to the details of government and programs. W. F. Kuser, superintendent of the state industrial school for boys at Eldora is the president of the Iowa association and Miss Beale McClennahan of the state university extension is the secretary.

"Carrying Our Case Work Program to the Community" was the general subject discussed at the annual meeting of the American Association of Societies for Organizing Charity.

The following papers were read and discussed: "The Cultivation of Good Will," Karl DeSchweinitz, secretary of the committee on cooperation and district work of the charity organization society, New York; "Increasing Community Interest in Case Work," Miss Mary Libbey, case work supervisor of the society for organizing charity, Philadelphia, and Bernard Roloff, of the United Charities, Chicago; "Increasing Community Interest in Case Work Through Newspaper Publicity," Miss Charlotte B. Mann, of the Federated Charities, Baltimore; "Increasing Community Interest in Case Work, Through the Service of Volunteers," Miss Mary Goodwille, of the Federated Charities, Baltimore; "Increasing Community Interest in Case Work Through Other Community Contacts," Miss Mildred Carpenter, general secretary of the Associated Charities, Stamford, Conn.

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BOY REGIMENT AT CULVER STARTS ON TRAINING COURSE

SIX HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS, SOME OF THEM FROM IOWA, BEGIN MILITARY DRILL.

Culver, Ind., May 15.—Six hundred boy soldiers started in the making at the second annual military instruction camp opened today by the Culver military academy. The embryo soldiers are high school students gathered from Indiana and adjoining states for two weeks of intensive military training. The boys will live in tents and will undergo all the conditions of regular field service with the United States army.

Iowa has a delegation of boys in camp and there are a number of students from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, making the acquaintance of life in a shelter tent.

The camp is designed, according to Col. L. R. Gignilliat, commandant, to be of especial benefit to boys whose local schools contemplate the introduction of military training during the next school year and, it is said, several students are being sent to the camp by municipalities with the object of making the boys the leaders in the work of organizing the home school for military training purposes. Two weeks spent at Culver will enable the boys to lend valuable service to their schools and also will enable them to add their part to the nation's military efficiency.

While the arrival here today will be the first military experience of many of the boys yet they will not be entirely ignorant of military affairs. To each applicant for permission to enter the camp, the Culver authorities sent a book of instructions, designed to give the boy an idea of the work he will be expected to do while at Culver. Those sufficiently interested to enter the camp, it is believed, will familiarize themselves with a large amount of instructions, which he would, otherwise, have had to learn in camp, such as nomenclature of the rifle, manual of arms, elements of squad movements, the signal code, elements of target designation and the like. This plan, the authorities believe will give more time for field work.

The course of instruction for the two weeks is designed to take up as much in detail as possible, the following phases of military instruction: Manual of arms, foot movements, squad drill, company drill, battalion drill, extended order, advance guard, outpost duty, patrolling, construction of wire entanglements, trench making, hippology, field signaling with telephone buzzer, heliograph, semaphore, wig-wag and wireless, first aid, hospital drill, care of transportation, care of wounded, camp sanitation, camp cooking, shelter, tent pitching, elements of artillery drill, manipulation of machine gun, practice, rifle practice, range, map sketching, wall scaling, and operating an automatic rifle.

There will be a number of hikes and possible an over night camp. There also will be a number of field maneuvers which will illustrate the elements of combat and fire control.

While here, the boys will be organized into companies of fifty each, with an officer of the academy in immediate command. Additional officers and non-commissioned officers will be chosen from the experienced cadets at the academy and from among the students themselves that show special aptitude for the work.

Culver authorities make it plain that the campers will have plenty of work, but add that there will be time for considerable recreation each day.

ROBBERS WRECK SALOON.

Streator, Ill., May 15.—Robbers entered the addition of Anderson and Trupp after the watchman had made his last round before daybreak today and demolished the safe with a charge of dynamite.

They obtained \$1,600 and escaped leaving the building a wreck. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the robbers and a posse in automobiles took up the chase.

BURNED AT THE STAKE

Fifteen Thousand People Look on as Colored Murderer is Eaten Alive by the Flames.

Waco, Tex., May 15.—With 15,000 persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, a colored boy, who confessed to the crime of lacy frying, seven miles south of here last Monday afternoon, was taken from the fifth district court room shortly before noon today and burned on the public square.

SWALLOWS FROG WHILE DRINKING

Kansas City, Mo., May 15.—A small but lively frog was today expelled from the stomach of John Arnold by physicians at the Kansas City, Kan., emergency hospital. Arnold's story was that he swallowed the frog in drinking from the surface of a spring near the outskirts of the city. Arnold was rushed to a hospital where a powerful emetic was administered and the frog, about one-half an inch in diameter, was cast up, lively and unharmed.

HUNTER BEGINS STATE CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

Action Against Hatchett on Arson Charge Is the First One Called

CORNELL STILL ON EMERY & CO. MATTER

Begins Fourth Week But Hopes to Finish in a Few Days Now

The case of the state vs. Abraham Hatchett, charged with setting fire to his dwelling on the south side several weeks ago, was called for trial this afternoon before District Judge Francis M. Hunter as the first action of the regular criminal assignment for this term.

Hatchett lived just outside the city limits and the township clerk, H. E. Evans and Fire Chief Sloan brought the attention of the matter to the office of the state fire marshal at Des Moines. A representative from there was sent here and the indictment grew out of the preliminary hearing held in the justice court. The house and the barn on the place were discovered to be on fire at the same time and investigation showed an oil soaked lap robe under one of the beds.

This morning the court approved several final reports in estates and dismissed the case of the state vs. W. P. Deming and May Osborne, charged with a statutory offense. The dismissal motion was made by County Attorney E. K. Daugherty upon the recommendation of the prosecutor, Mrs. Deming of Des Moines. The two were arrested in a local hotel one night last winter.

Judge Cornell began his fourth week today, on the Emery cases. The case against the Wabash Railway Co. is being heard now and it involves claims for damages alleged to have been received by six cars of strawberries which were being shipped from Arkansas and Texas to the Ottumwa market.

Application for the confirmation of a sale of property in the estate of Marie S. Major has been made to the court. The will of A. M. Lukens was probated and J. A. Lukens appointed administrator under bonds of \$5,000. A foreclosure suit, entitled L. Wheeler vs. Oscar R. Jepson et al. has been filed with the clerk and a divorce case, Stella Johnson vs. Benjamin Johnson has also been listed on the records for trial.

CONTRACTOR'S HOME WRECKED BY BOMB

Chicago, May 15.—The home of Patrick Dignan, a contractor, was partly wrecked by a bomb early this morning, the porch being blown off, windows broken and plaster knocked from the walls. The bomb, thought by the police to have been made of dynamite, was placed under the porch at the front of the house.

Persons living in the house were badly bruised and thrown from their beds but none was seriously injured. The police believe the bomb was thrown as the result of labor troubles. Windows in buildings in adjoining blocks were broken by the force of the explosion.

Dignan was recently acquitted of the murder of George Hammond, business agent of the excavators' and asphalt teamsters' union. Dignan shot and killed Hammond in 1914 after they had quarreled and when the latter was about to shoot the contractor, according to the defense. Dignan alleged that Hammond had attempted to extort money from him and had called strikes on him when he had failed to pay the business agent. This led to the fight in which Hammond was killed.

RAILROAD GUILTY OF VIOLATING LAW

Chicago, May 15.—The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway was found guilty of violation of the interstate commerce law on sixteen counts in a sealed verdict opened in Judge Landis' court room today. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$80,000.

The government charged that instead of charging the rate on paper boxes shipped by a Joliet firm the railroad accepted a lower rate which applied to strawboard. A motion for a new trial was made by attorneys for the railroad and Judge Landis postponed hearing of the argument indefinitely.

TO WATCH CROP REPORTS.

Chicago, May 15.—Officials of the Chicago board of trade propose hereafter to exercise a complete control over so-called crop reports, it was announced today by J. P. Griffin, president.

"Developments for several years past would indicate that many of these reports are incompetent or worse," said the announcement.