

AMERICAN TROOPS IN BATTLE WITH VILLA BANDITS

STRICT CENSORSHIP ON DETAILS; CARRANZA GENERAL TELLS OF BATTLE

VILLA IN OLD HAUNTS WITH INCREASED ARMY

THREE FOREIGNERS, ONE AN AMERICAN, MURDERED BY BANDIT'S ORDER

(BULLETIN)

EL PASO, MARCH 31.—ACCORDING TO GENERAL GAVIRA'S INFORMATION, THE FIGHT OCCURRED ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 30TH AT SAN GERONIMO, BETWEEN THE SEVENTH U. S. CAVALRY AND FIVE HUNDRED SOLDIERS OF THE VILLA FORCE, THE LATTER LOSING COMMANDER FERNANDEZ AND THIRTY MEN. THE AMERICANS SUSTAINED SEVERAL WOUNDED AND TWO KILLED.

VILLA'S FORCE, ESTIMATED AT FIVE HUNDRED, WAS SEVERELY DEFEATED AT GUERRERO MARCH 29, BY COLONEL DODD, ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM PERSHING TO FUNSTON, SENT FROM SAN GERONIMO RANCH.

VILLA'S LOSS IS PLACED AT THIRTY KILLED; AMERICANS FOUR WOUNDED. AMONG THE VILLA WOUNDED WAS AN OFFICER NAMED LOPEZ, WHO PERSHING THOUGHT MIGHT BE PABLO LOPEZ WHO LED THE BAND THAT MURDERED SEVENTEEN AMERICANS AT SANTA YSABEL. FERNANDEZ IS AMONG THE VILLA DEAD.

(BULLETIN)

SAN ANTONIO TEX., MARCH 31.—NONE OF THE AMERICAN WOUNDED WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

VILLA WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE FIGHT. PERSHING SAID THAT WHAT WAS REGARDED AS CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT THAT VILLA IS SUFFERING FROM A BROKEN LEG WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED, HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS HAS NOT YET BEEN LEARNED.

(BULLETIN)

EL PASO, TEX., MARCH 31.—MEXICAN CONSUL GARCIA ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GENERAL GAVIRA, THE CARRANZA COMMANDER AT JUAREZ, THAT THE LATTER HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT THE AMERICAN TROOPS HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN A BATTLE WITH VILLA'S FORCES. STRICT CENSORSHIP OF DETAILS, GARCIA SAYS THE BATTLE IS STILL ON FROM REPORTS HE HAD RECEIVED UP TO NOON TODAY. THE BATTLE IS THOUGHT TO BE STAGED NEAR SAN ANDRES, VILLA'S OLD HEADQUARTERS. WHERE HE KNOWS EVERY NOOK AND TURN OF THE MOUNTAINS AND WOODS AND WHERE MANY OLD FRIENDS HAVE RANCHES.

Villa Crosses Great Divide. El Paso, Tex., March 31.—Villa has crossed the great continental divide and is heading southeast to his old headquarters at San Andres, according to reliable information received here today.

Villa Murders Foreigners. El Paso, Tex., March 31.—A man named Herman Blankenberg and two other foreigners were murdered yesterday at Minaca, Chihuahua, by Villa and his followers, according to private reports received here today.

Villa Divides His Forces. San Antonio, Tex., March 31.—The Mexican consulate here received a message from General Garcia at El Paso saying that General Gavira had

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WEALTHY COUPLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN POISONED



MRS. HANNAH M. PECK

EMBARGO URGED ON GASOLINE IN A HOUSE MOTION

SOARING PRICE BRINGS ON FIGHT TO CURB EXPORTATION

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 31.—Members of the house broke today with another denunciation of the interests which they say are forcing the prices of gasoline upwards. Following a conference with Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Representative Howard of Georgia introduced a resolution directing the president to place an embargo on the exportation of gasoline.

Representative Stepienson of Minnesota introduced a measure directing the federal trade commission to fix prices on gasoline and allied products.

Congress Government a Victim. In opening the session, Mr. Howland said that not only the people but also the government is suffering from the rise in the price of gasoline. He asserted that the refineries had taken advantage of the war situation to gouge the American public.

Export Has Decreased? "No one in congress in either branch desires to interfere with or impede the great prosperity with which this nation is blessed, so long as that prosperity is derived from legitimate profits, but the conditions in the price of gasoline, which has risen in the price of gasoline, which has not only reached the limit of endurance, but is becoming a national scandal.

The refineries defend their action by fixing the export and contempt of exportation, which is saying that there is an increased demand occasioned by the European war and a decreased production in crude oil. The war in Europe has not increased the exportation of gasoline, but it has decreased.

MONEY COMING BACK. Said Moss Weinberger: "The people of Guthrie and Logan county spent \$15,000 in promoting the Cimarron Valley Oil company. Already more than three times that much money has been paid back to the farmers and land owners of the county. It looks to me like that is a good investment."



PERCY S. PECK

MRS. CLARA LOUISE WAITE

John E. Peck a wealthy man of Grand Rapids, Mich., died in the hospital at his home, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, in New York and his body was sent home for cremation. Before that his wife had died mysteriously in the same apartment and was cremated. An autopsy found arsenic in the viscera of the husband. Later, District Attorney Swann of New York county learned that Dr. Waite had bought a large quantity of arsenic. Thereupon he ordered an arrest. Percy S. Peck, the son, in Grand Rapids is pushing the case and is determined the mystery shall be cleared. Mrs. Waite is the daughter of the dead couple.

TEUTONS DELIVER FIERCE NIGHT ATTACK IN FOREST

Paris, March 31.—The Germans delivered a fierce night attack on three sides of the village of Mallencourt, says the French official statement. The French retired from the village proper, which is in ruins, but continue to hold the outskirts. The loss to the French is large. The Germans also lost heavily.

VILLA NEARLY CHOKED TO DEATH BY MEXICAN

Columbus, N. M., March 31.—It has been learned here that yesterday Villa nearly lost his life in a short battle with the Mexicans. A short distance from this place, where he had landed and set to work to establish one of his hideouts upon the river, was a Mexican force which was attacking him when the Villa officers lost his headless with the bullet of their gun.

GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT AGAINST WAITE

New York, March 31.—The grand jury today returned an indictment, charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Arthur W. Waite, accused of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

TWO BIG NAVY GUNS BLOW UP

Washington, D. C., March 31.—Explosions of two 12-inch guns on the battleships Louisiana and Michigan became known for the first time today when Secretary Daniels appointed a special board to investigate the accidents. The explosions happened at recent target practice off Guantanamo. Rear Admiral Strauss said today the ships had survived their full "life of 150 shots" and that the explosions occurred after they had been reloaded.

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STOWAWAY HOLDS UP STEAMSHIP WITH CREW OF 56

CAPTAIN IS GAGGED AND SAFE OF THE SHIP IS RIFLED

THEN ALL MEMBERS OF CREW ARE ROBBED

MID ROBBER THEN DIVERTS COURSE OF SHIP AND FINALLY LANDS IN JAIL

(BULLETIN)

LEWES, DEL., MARCH 31.—SCHILLER DECLARED LATER THAT HE WAS A SPY FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. HE GOT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO BLOW UP BOARD THE SHIP AND GLOW UP HER UP," SAID SCHILLER.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—The young stowaway who, singlehandedly captured the British steamship Matoupe, forcing the captain and crew of fifty-six, to divert the vessel and land here, is in jail.

The alleged pirate declared that his identity must remain a secret. "I prefer to be known as Schiller," he said. He denied that he was actuated by a patriotic move.

He said he was after the two thousand pounds which was in the ship's safe.

Capt. Bergner said when Schiller covered him in his cabin, the stowaway declared he had a right to blow up the vessel because it carried barbed wire, which was contraband.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—A lone German stowaway held up the captain and fifty-six members of the crew of the British steamer Matoupe, compelling them at the point of a revolver to change the course of the vessel and land him at the Delaware breaker after he had rifled the ship's safe and taken the valuables, was told here by Captain Bergner, master of the Matoupe. The stowaway, who says his name is Ernest Schiller and that he had lived in Hoboken, N. J., for the last eight months, is now locked up in the jail here awaiting the arrival of the United States district attorney from Wilmington, Del., and the British consul general from Philadelphia.

The harbor lock place outside the three-mile limit and federal authorities here say that this stowaway could have done nothing to do with the matter, Schiller they say, will be returned to the Matoupe and turned over to British officials at St. Lucia, where the vessel will stop for coal.

Captain is Bound. The Matoupe sailed from New York yesterday, for Vladivostok with a cargo consisting chiefly of barbed wire and farm implements. At a check in the evening upon entering the harbor, Captain Bergner said he was contacted by a young man with a revolver in either hand. "Hands up and not a sound," you value your life?" was the command that greeted him. The captain then was bound hand and foot and locked in his cabin, surrounded under penalty of death not to raise an alarm.

FEDERAL FARM AGENT M'PHEETERS ARRIVES

A. A. McPheeters, the new federal farm agent and demonstrator for Logan county arrived today from Hastings, Minn., and will begin his work in this county at once. He is an Oklahoma man, thoroughly conversant with conditions in this state and will endeavor to assist the farmers of the county in meeting and overcoming many of their problems as well as organize the boys and girls for club work and scientific application of the things they should know and do for success on the farm.

BURIED MONEY IN SAND

New York, March 31.—Police are searching today for seven thousand dollars said to have been buried by Emil Kase in the sands at Long Island.

STRIKES PROMOTED AGAINST MUNITIONS

SIX MEN IN ENGLAND MAY BE TRIED FOR HIGH TREASON

London, March 31.—Christopher Addison, British minister under secretary for munitions revealed in the house of commons today a grave condition of strike promotion and a deliberate, organized policy of holding up munitions of war, which Sir Edward Carson said, would justify the men in court being charged with high treason. James Henry Thomas, labor member of parliament for Derby, denounced as a responsible trades union leader, that the men should be put on trial.

The announcement by Mr. Addison which brought out those opinions and that the leaders of a body calling itself the Little Workers' committee, which had been attempting to found strikes among munitions workers on the Clyde, had been removed from the office by the military authorities. Dr. Addison said the committee had in particular attempted to stop work in factories where large guns were being made, and in five cases had succeeded. The strikes have no relation to industrial conditions he said.

The object of the committee was to compel the government to repeal the munitions of war and military services acts and to withdraw all limitations upon increases of pay, strikes and freedom of action without government control.

TRACK MEET TO BE STAGED AT FAIR GROUNDS

The Logan county track meet and athletic contest will come off at the Christian Yeller Fair Grounds tomorrow beginning promptly at 1 o'clock and an afternoon of race entertainment will be provided. Over 100 entries for the different events have been made in advance amounting to sixty-five different events and there will be several thousand spectators from these events looking their favorite as well as that many more teachers, parents and patrons. Admission to the ground and grand stand will be free in all and children in the grand stand will be free.

BERLIN STILL IGNORANT OF CAUSE OF SUSSEX LOSS

Berlin, March 31.—Important information which has developed in connection with the explosion which damaged the Sussex beyond the newspaper reports from abroad.

CHAMBER TO PROTECT MERCHANTS FROM GRAFTS

The Chamber of Commerce has a special committee at work preparing a special finance budget to be applied during the coming year. The plan will be to have a special committee of merchants from all forms of advertising taken, including the Chamber of Commerce, under the arrangement proposed the chamber of commerce will play an all-around part in the protection of merchants.

NISSLEY VICE PRESIDENT S. S. CONVENTION

Toledo, March 31.—The state state convention closed here with the election of officers. It was a great meeting. Held was selected for the next place of meeting. The new officers are: President, J. M. Hall, Tulsa; Vice president, J. E. Nisley, of Muskogee; B. E. Pemberton of Kingfisher; H. B. Swartz, Fosterfield; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Buffalo; D. J. Dillingham, Wagonville; Rev. Henderson, Okmulgee; D. L. Mann, Holdenville; K. B. Hickman, Durant; E. M. Perry, Enid.

Recording secretary, J. S. Peter, Muskogee. Treasurer, Andrew Kingkade, Oklahoma City.

23 MILLIONS FOR OPERATING IN OLD MEXICO

UNITED STATES FIND WAR IN SOUTHERN REPUBLIC COMES HIGH

VERA CRUZ EXPEDITION COST 15 MILLION

CONGRESS APPROPRIATES THE BALANCE FOR PERSHING'S VILLA CAMPAIGN

Washington, March 31.—The immediate provision of additional appropriations of high power, thousands of horses and more than fifty motor trucks for use in the Mexican expedition and for services along the border was made possible by the Senate late Thursday, concurring in the House action passing the \$1 million dollar appropriation emergency appropriation bill.

No Discussion in Senate. The Senate, much distracted by outside reports received from the border, promptly passed the bill without discussion, and only a short explanation from the finance committee as to what the money was to be used for. As \$5 million dollars was appropriated for defraying the expenses at the Vera Cruz occupation, the total appropriations for supporting American expeditions into Mexico, although not all the money has been spent, is now \$15 million dollars, and there has been no intervention.

Not a question was asked in the Senate of the inadequacy of the army's air service, not through fault of the senator, but lack of efficient machinery. It is expected, however, that this phase of the army will be made into a separate branch during the debate on the army reorganization bill, which opens tomorrow.

Aeroplanes Come First. The expenditures authorized in the emergency bill cover from water down to aeroplanes, among the big items being:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes 21 aeroplanes, 1000 horses, 200 motor trucks, 20000000 for the 25,000000th of the expedition, 10000000 for the 25,000000th of the expedition, 10000000 for the 25,000000th of the expedition.

EL RENO CITIZENS WIN FIGHT FOR PACKING PLANT

United States Marshal John Q. Powell has sent a deed to the Land Office for citizens of El Reno who are now the sole owners of the plant. The packing plant was built in 1909 but was never operated to any extent. The property became involved in litigation lasting five years and judgments were taken in several states before the case was settled in favor of El Reno citizens. The property consists of fifteen acres of land, building and machinery.

THE WEATHER

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB I used to long for many friends. Till I evolved a system of being friendly with myself. And then I never missed 'em.

New Orleans, La., March 31.—Tonight fair, colder, freezing temperature probable. Saturday fair.