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TROOPERS CLASH WITH MEXICANS

SCORE OF TENTH CAVALRY NEGROES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.

40 CARRANZISTAS SLAIN

Americans Give Account of Themselves—Enemy Uses Machine Gun.

El Paso, Tex., June 21.—American and Carranza troops fought a bloody battle today only a few hours after President Wilson's 6,000-word rebuke yesterday to Gen. Carranza had gone forward to Mexico City. With which side victory rested is not known.

The engagement took place on the Santo Domingo ranch near the Mexican town of Carrizal which is nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field headquarters in Northern Chihuahua. The number of dead, American or Mexican, was not definitely known here tonight, but nearly a score of Gen. Pershing's men are said to have been killed and the Mexicans are said to have lost more than two score. Seventeen Americans are declared by Mexican officials to have been captured and to have been hurried to Chihuahua City under adequate guard. A machine gun used by the Mexicans, is reported to have done heavy execution.

The Americans engaged are thought to have been members of a troop from the Tenth Cavalry, a negro regiment, returning from a scouting trip to Guzman. The size of the Mexican force, whose commander, Gen. Felix Gomez, was killed, is not known.

News Withheld.
News of the battle was received in Juarez early this afternoon by Gen. Francisco Gonzales, Carranza commander of the military zone of the border. For some reason Gen. Gonzales kept the story secret until late in the afternoon when an American, J. C. Huppel, returning to the border from the interior, brought to El Paso the news that he had seen scores of Mexican dead along the Mexican Central Railroad tracks at Villa Ahumada, and had been told that there had been an encounter.

Gen. Gonzales' first step after confirming the news was to issue a statement placing the blame on the American commander. He charged that the American troops fired first on the Mexicans, and that their shots were directed at a courier who had just presented to them a request that they retire.

American army officers declared absolute disbelief tonight in Gen. Gonzales' assertions. The opinion was expressed that if the Americans fired on the Mexicans they did so because it was necessary in order to insure their own safety.

Gen. Trevino's recent warning to Gen. Pershing not to send his troops east, south or west of their positions was recalled.

Woman's Club Entertains.

One of the most charming entertainments ever given by the Woman's Club was that of Saturday afternoon when Mesdames J. G. Keown, Rowan Holbrook and B. W. Napier, the program committee, were hostesses at the home of Mrs. Keown. The children of the club members were invited guests and furnished the greater part of the afternoon's program. Large bowls of pink sweet peas made fragrant the parlors and dining room which were thrown together thus affording ample space for the large number of guests present.

A greeting to the "club babies" by Mrs. Glenn was followed by musical selections by Miss Lucile Pirtle and Miss Mary Laura Pendleton. Violin solo, Miss Mariam Holbrook, vocal solo Miss Mary Austin Carson, reading by Miss Lelia Glenn; song, Master Hooker Williams; reading, Miss Amelia Pirtle.

Mrs. Pendleton conducted a photograph contest, handing to each of the club members photos of the club children taken when mere babies. Pencil and paper were passed and the ladies asked to write the name of each child according to numbers on the photographs. As some of the "babies" are now grown young men

and ladies much spirited guessing followed, as to the identity of the twenty-nine represented. At the close of the program delicious raspberry cream and cake were served.

The club children present were Misses Lelia Glenn, Lucile Pirtle, Mariam Holbrook, Mary Austin Carson, Mary Laura Pendleton, Martha Rhodes, Mabel Rhodes, Beatrice Griffin, Amelia Pirtle, Flora Rhodes, Alice Louise Woodward, Anna Morton Keown, Emily Pendleton; Masters Louis Gray Brown, Ferdinand Pirtle, Miss Jennie Taylor, Bowling Green; Misses Key and Keener Napier, Beaver Dam; Misses Mary Ellen and Isabelle Moore, Elizabethtown; Mrs. Hooker Williams and Master Hooker Williams and Mrs. Morton, city, were invited guests.

The club members present were: Mesdames Ira Bean, H. E. Brown, J. H. B. Carson, T. L. Griffin, J. S. Glenn, Rowan Holbrook, J. G. Keown, S. O. Keown, B. W. Napier, E. B. Pendleton, J. R. Pirtle, Wm. Rhodes, E. M. Woodward, Miss Mollie Duncan.

With this meeting the club adjourns for the summer vacation.

UNCLE SAM TO BUY 60,000 HORSES AND MULES

Kansas City, June 20.—Orders were received here today by Capt. C. E. Hawkins quartermaster of the United States army, to advertise for more than 60,000 horses and mules.

PADUCAH LAWYER LOCKS MANDATE IN SAFE

STANLEY'S AUTHORITY TO APPOINT OFFICERS IS DISPUTED.

Paducah, Ky., June 20.—Governor Stanley has appointed Sanders E. Clay, Hal S. Corbett and George C. Wallace commissioners of Paducah. Previously he had appointed Ernest Lackey mayor. These appointments were to fill vacancies caused by the ouster suit decided last week by the court of appeals.

Lackey succeeded himself, as did Wallace. None of those appointed can take office until the mandate from the state court is filed. The mandate has arrived, but John K. Hendrick, counsel for the plaintiffs in the ouster suit, placed it in his safe, saying it would not be filed at this time. Why he is holding up the document was not stated. No vacancy can exist until the mandate is filed.

The only change in the appointments announced was Hal S. Corbett instead of S. H. Winstead. The only officials in office the governor appointed were Lacey and Wallace. When the mandate is placed to record Attorney Hendrick is expected to have an injunction ready to restrain Gov. Stanley's appointees from assuming office, as he contends the governor had no power to make the appointments.

Attorney Hendrick says this power rests with Commissioner L. A. Washington, who was not connected with the ouster proceedings. But Commissioner Washington is not certain of his power. Gov. Stanley is said to have the opinions of Attorney General Logan and a number of prominent attorneys of Frankfort and was satisfied that he had the appointive power. The nestion may go to the court of appeals for a decision, which could not be had before September, as the members of the court are taking their summer vacation.

AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY TORPEDO OR MINE

London, June 20.—The officers and crew of the American steamer Seaconnet, which went ashore at the Scroby Sands Sunday, following an exterior explosion, reported at the American consulate today. They reaffirmed that the steamer sustained her damage as the result of an explosion without, but were unable to say whether a mine or submarine was responsible, although marine authorities at Yarmouth had expressed the belief from an examination of portions of metal found in the hull of the vessel that a torpedo did the damage.

The Seaconnet had on board a cargo of commercial lumber consigned to a private firm in London. She flew the American flag and had flags painted on each side of the bow.

CO. H READY FOR FOREIGN SERVICE

SIXTY-FIVE MEN PREPARED TO MARCH TO THE MEXICAN BORDER.

HARTFORD IS DECORATED

Flags Fly From Business Houses—Mr. Riley Offers Use of Commercial Hotel.

Company H, of the Kentucky National Guard, has answered the call to arms for service on the Mexican border in a most patriotic spirit. Sixty-five men have reported for duty and many recruits are expected to enlist to-day.

Captain DeWeese arrived from Louisville Tuesday to take command of the company. He is assisted by Lieut. Shown and First Sergeant Liles. Capt. DeWeese, altho suffering somewhat from a sprain, expressed enthusiasm for active service and expects the famous old H company to give a splendid account of itself on the border, if given an opportunity.

Few of the old originals of the company remain in the service but the men who have enlisted since its organization nearly ten years ago are husky looking fellows and will surely keep up the rep of the organization. Few are expected to fail on the physical examination.

The boys are camping in the Commercial Hotel building and practically all of them seem to be in high spirits. In fact, many are jubilant over the possibility of some real live service and only one or two seem to have their mind on the fair one back at home. These are expected to be converted into optimistic troopers when told of the beauty of the Mexican senorita.

Hartford Decorated.

The little city has entered into the military spirit and the soldiers of company H are encouraged by the stars and stripes waving merrily at the command of the gentle breezes from practically every business house in town.

Mr. J. C. Riley, owner of the Commercial Hotel building, is furnishing sleeping quarters for the boys in the hotel, in return for which he asks nothing. Such displays of patriotism certainly demands admiration and will go far toward brightening old Hartford's spot on the map.

The company is expecting orders to move the concentration camp, probably to Ft. Thomas, within the next few days. Recruits are invited to enlist during the interval.

DETAINED GERMAN ON MEXICAN BORDER

CHARGE MADE AGAINST BANKER OF VIOLATING AMERICAN NEUTRALITY.

El Paso, Tex., June 20.—Frederick Griese, a German banker of Mexico City, was under detention by agents of the Department of Justice here today, charged with violation of the United States neutrality laws. Griese was prevented last night from crossing into Mexico.

Agents of the Department of Justice are maintaining secrecy regarding the exact allegations against Griese, pending investigation. It is said, however, that his detention is an outcome of various reports regarding the spreading of anti-American propaganda in Mexico. He spent last night in jail, but was released today. Meantime Washington has been notified.

Marriage License.

The following marriage license issued since last report:
J. W. Cox, Beaver Dam, to Anna M. Simpson, Horton.
A. T. McConnell, Beaver Dam, to Nancy J. Thisis, Beaver Dam.

For Sale—One Jersey cow 6 years old giving about 4 gallons of milk a day. For particulars call on
JAMES W. BEAR,
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FOREIGN POWERS TO AID IN PEACE

ENTENTE POWERS THINK MEXICO BEING STIRRED BY GERMANY.

URGE MEXICO TO PEACE

Pressure Being Brought on Carranza to Prevent Open Hostilities With The United States.

Mexico City, June 21.—The American note has been received here.

Washington, June 21.—Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Gen. Carranza by representatives of European powers to prevent him from forcing a break with the United States. Indirect reports reaching the State Department today told of these efforts and said there was a possibility they would be successful.

Agents of the entente allies are understood to be active for peace, chiefly because they believe German influence has sought to inflame the Mexican government against the United States with a view of preventing this country from gathering in trade formerly controlled by Germany in Mexico, South and Central America.

It is pointed out that Carranza might avoid war by calling for an international commission to discuss the border situation, as provided for in the treaty of 1848. So far, however, no suggestion for such a step has come from Mexico.

May Be Trying to Duck.

A definite statement has been received that General Carranza is doing all in his power at this time to protect Americans in Mexico from attack by the populace. He is said to have given Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City all the aid in his power in arranging for trains to carry American refugees from the interior to Vera Cruz. In some quarters here this was construed as evidence that he is not bent upon provoking hostilities.

The State Department had no advice bearing out these hopeful indications, except that from Special Agent Rodgers announcing the progress of his efforts to get American citizens out. With the full consent of the Carranza authorities, he said, and the promise of adequate protection from possible bandit attacks, he had arranged for a special train to leave Mexico City tomorrow carrying Americans to Vera Cruz.

Safe Conduct Promised.

Mr. Rodgers added that he and his diplomatic associates in the Mexican capital had been given every assurance of safe conduct and protection on their trip to the coast, if it became necessary for them to leave. The corps of American newspaper correspondents there has decided to remain with Mr. Rodgers until such time as he may find it necessary to leave.

A dispatch from Mr. Rodgers today said one special car carrying about thirty Americans, mostly women and children, had already left Mexico City for Vera Cruz.

A number of dispatches were received from consular officers and agents throughout Mexico. They agreed that the tension everywhere was kept to a high pitch, but that no disturbances to Americans had occurred.

Expect War.

Washington today anxiously awaited word from Mexico City regarding General Carranza's attitude toward the American note sent him yesterday, for on him depended the question of war between the two republics. High officials here admitted privately they look for war, although care was taken to avoid any formal expressions or acts which might appear forerunners of a declaration of war.

The only answer required from Gen. Carranza is action suppressing outlaw treatment of Americans, and officials feared against hope that this would be done.

Unofficial versions of the note probably were published in Mexico City to-day and the official text may already be in Carranza's hands. Marching orders for national guard organizations summoned to the col-

ors under President Wilson's call are still held up at the War Department pending completion of the mobilization of the troops at State camps.

Just as soon as a sufficient number of the guardsmen have been mustered into the federal service the War Department will act on Gen. Funston's report of yesterday, stating the number of units he desired and to what points he desired them forwarded.

Only preliminary reports on the progress of the mobilization in various States had reached the War Department today. These were viewed as satisfactory.

Secretary Baker said the suggestion that the senior class at West Point Military Academy be graduated immediately for active service was under consideration, but that no decision had been reached. The cadets have completed three years of their work and could be commissioned as second lieutenants immediately if the emergency warrants such steps.

The department had no additional advices from Gen. Funston regarding the movements of Carranza troops near the border or in the vicinity of Gen. Pershing's column in Mexico.

Great interest was expressed in the probable course to be followed in case Mexicans attack the American column. It was regarded as probable that a general rapid advance would be ordered from the border to a line perhaps 100 or more miles south of the border. This line then would be fortified and held until volunteer reinforcements become available. Thus fighting would be thrown into the enemy's territory and the border protected against further bandit attacks by thorough policing of the country behind the main line.

The Mexican embassy issued a statement today, saying dispatches from Mexico City told of several American citizens, large property holders, informing the Governor Tabasco that they would remain in Mexico, even though the United States should declare war. According to the statement full protection was promised them.

SHOOTING SCRAPE ON STREETS OF HARTFORD

DICK STEWART SHOOTS ANDY ALFORD—FOUR BALLS TAKE EFFECT.

What came near being a fatal shooting affray took place in Hartford late Tuesday evening, when in an altercation of some sort, the cause and particulars of which we could not learn. Mr. Alford was shot thru both arms and once in the right shoulder, the latter shot entering at about the point of shoulder blade, coming out at top of the shoulder and ranging on the outer side of shoulder blade. Physicians state that the most serious wound is the one in or near the elbow where one of the bones were broken. This would have undoubtedly been a fatal shooting had it not been for the fact that just as Stewart commenced to shoot, John Glenn unconsciously walked between Stewart and Alford and was not able to get from between them for a few moments, during which time Stewart was shooting over and around Glenn. While the wounds are necessarily very painful Mr. Alford is not thought to be in any danger, except some unforeseen trouble should arise. Stewart surrendered to Sheriff S. O. Keown.

PAINFULLY INJURED BY AUTO AT SAN FRANCISCO

Capt. W. E. Bennett of the U. S. Army, 8th Infantry, who has been in hospital for almost a year at San Francisco, Cal., happened to a very painful, tho not serious accident June 14.

Capt. Bennett was crossing a street when in some mysterious manner an automobile, from which the chauffeur had alighted to deliver a parcel, suddenly started. Capt. Bennett happened to be in the path of the wild auto, having his back toward the car, which ran over him, dislocating one of his hips and otherwise bruising him up.

Capt. Bennett had almost fully recovered from sun stroke received in the Philippines about one year ago, which makes this accident the more regrettable.

STATE TO SEEK CHANGE OF VENUE

COM'TH. ATTY. SERVES NOTICE OF INTENDED COURT MOTION.

JUSTICE DEMANDS IT

Says Attorney C. E. Smith, Who Will Ask For The Order on July Third.

Notices are now in the hands of Sheriff S. O. Keown and his deputies for service on all parties indicted in Ohio county, for alleged "possum hunting," who have been brought before the court by proper process, notifying them that Commonwealth's Attorney, C. E. Smith, will make a motion on the first day of the regular July, 1916, term of the Ohio Circuit Court to transfer all of said cases to some other county for trial. A large number of people have maintained from the beginning of prosecutions of "night riders" and "possum hunters" that a fair trial could not be had in this county. This contention has been fortified by the result of trials had at former terms of court. The fact is that only four trials have been had which resulted in the acquittal of three of those tried and the conviction of only one. This step on the part of the Commonwealth's Attorney has been taken at the urgent request of a vast number of people who have urged vigorous prosecution of the most guilty of those engaged in "possum hunter" depredation.

Notices are likewise in the hands of Sheriff Keown and his deputies for all of those sued in the five civil actions brought in the Ohio Circuit Court, that the venue of said actions be changed from Ohio county for trial. This latter motion will effect quite a large number of parties who are defendants in one or more of the civil actions now pending in the Ohio Circuit Court.

C. W. Barnes is plaintiff in one of such actions to which there are 35 defendants, Pen Maddox, administrator of Harrison Maddox, deceased, is the plaintiff in another of such actions in which there are 19 defendants, J. M. Igleheart, C. L. Brown and Tom Hefflin are each plaintiffs in other separate actions wherein there are 22 defendants, being the same parties in each action. Should Judge Slack on consideration of the motions change the venue there is no way of judging or ascertaining to what county said cases will be transferred. Should a transfer be made the docket of the Ohio Circuit Court would be clear of all prosecutions growing out of "possum hunter" depredations in Ohio county.

SQUADRON OF AEROS FOR ARMY IN MEXICO

AERO CLUB OF AMERICA PLACES OFFICERS AT UNCLE SAM'S DISPOSAL.

New York, June 20.—The aero club of America telegraphed to Secretary of War Baker that the National guard officers who have been training in the East for service as army aviators be organized as an aeroplane squadron. Thirty men have been undergoing training, but with the call for mobilization have been ordered back to their original duties with their regiments. The New York men, now included in the list have four aeroplanes and 12 of the men have progressed sufficiently to have license as expert aviators. It was stated today that the United States army has taken over the battle aeroplane presented by the Aero club to the New Mexican National guard and as the government could not accept it as a gift, the club has offered to sell it to the government for \$10,000.

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