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SECOND EXPEDITION HAS ENTERED MEXICO

American Troopers Following the Trail of Glen Springs Raiders

BRITISH FRONT WAVERS BENEATH GERMAN ATTACK

TEUTONS SUDDENLY SWITCH OFFENSIVE FROM VERDUN TO THE LINES IN FLANDERS HELD BY ENGLISH

ONE TRENCH IS TAKEN

Admitting the Loss of Advanced Position British Claim to Have Recovered Part of It by Counter Attack. Boy Ed Decorated.

LONDON, May 12.—The Germans have begun a storm through assaults the British at Hooge, thus continuing their offensive from the region of Verdun. According to lively results the Germans have obtained here two trenches and a length of two hundred yards. The British claim the loss of one position but claim that they have that was recaptured in a counter attack.

This offensive against the British front, apparently disposed of, forecasts that the crown prince will delivery on a great number of the first imperial field and value gives with which it hoped to be able to assume the role of forts protecting Verdun. It seems the efforts to open a great offensive have proved a failure. The Germans have Dead given up their efforts to capture the great French fortress and will concentrate their efforts against the British.

The British repulsed the attack last night in front of Hooge and recaptured one of the trenches they had lost. Some of them by the Germans during the fighting last night.

Considerable infantry fighting has as yet indicative of the preparation for Verdun but increased activity along the Flanders and other sectors from the Somme front.

Petrograd reports that the Russians have the Turks near Erzerum and that Erzerum the campaign. There is a lively discussion in reports from Constantinople and Petrograd regarding the fighting at Erzerum, each claiming to have gained the advantage.

COPENHAGEN, May 12.—The news to the Kiel Berlin, with Kiel, the Wilhelm, reported the sinking of the battleship in Skagerrak.

NEW PEACE OVERTURES.

LONDON, May 12.—The latest peace overtures made to be a German origin, which are connected with the possibility as those that have preceded, certainly to be of offer a basis for negotiations, and Lord Robert Cecil to discuss with Mr. Sonnenberg the correspondent the terms. While disclosing any knowledge of intimate conditions in any many Lord Robert outlined only an creasing capacity of some conditions on diestrie claim is being made to the rice that the central Powers are in desperate straits.

VOLUNTEER REGIMENTS BEING ORGANIZD BY TEXAS FIGHTING MEN

SAN ANTONIO, May 12.—Word quarters was received today of an order four volunteer regiments being organized in various parts of the state for service in the army should a call be made for volunteers. The West Texas Military Academy officers in charge with the entire regiment of cadet training men and teachers to organize the 14th company.

Brig. Gen. Harold Jack A. Hawk arrived today and assumed command of the Texas guardsmen. It was announced today of the mobilization camp that the Texas soldiers would have to be vaccinated with typhoid and smallpox serum and that preparations were under way to begin this work within a few days. This will be done immediately following the physical examinations so that the men may rest a few days before dropping the hard training to which they will be subjected before being sent to the border.

SERVICE IN MEXICO TESTS ARMY EQUIPMENT

USING THE RANGE FINDER IN MEXICO

Photo by American Press Association.

[Army tests not just begun pursuing Villa. The expedition into Mexico has proved results to the United States in the testing of army equipment in actual use in the field. All sorts of accessories have been tried. Some have proved their value, while others have broken down under the stress of service conditions. The picture shows a scouting party in the field in Mexico using a range finder.]

ARMY IS WITHOUT MILITARY MAPS OF RIO GRANDE VALLEY

THIS MAY GREATLY HAMPER OPERATIONS ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER

SHORT "CUTS" UNKNOWN

AUSTIN, May 12.—Lack of topographic maps of the Rio Grande valley in Mexico, in the opinion of the Texas Mexican boundary commission, is one of the chief difficulties in the way of a complete survey of the Rio Grande boundary in accordance with the treaty of 1884. The commission, composed of Colonel Jackson, of the United States army, and Ingeniero Fernando Beltran, of the Mexican army, has been in the field for some time, and expected last summer to complete the survey. Nearly all of the Mexican maps of the Rio Grande valley were prepared and special surveys undertaken so that the men may rest a few days before dropping the hard training to which they will be subjected before being sent to the border.

POSSES ARREST MANY SUSPECTS AT KINGSVILLE

FOURTEEN ALLEGED MEXICAN CONSPIRATORS IN JAIL AND MANY OTHERS WILL JOIN THEM TODAY

BROKE BACKBONE OF PLOT

Federal and State Officers Confident Capture of Gen. Luis Morin and His Principal Lieutenants Will Put an End to Threatened Uprising

KINGSVILLE, May 12.—The local office of the Department of Justice has received word to provide and Rangers for an uprising of Mexicans in South Texas inspired by Villa and to night the Kingsville prison and Kingsville officers so late. Chief Fourteen Mexicans who are alleged to have been connected with the plot for a general massacre of Americans throughout this section of the state.

Throughout the day Special Agent F. Wright of the Department of Justice who is in Kingsville, directed the investigation which resulted in the arrest of Gaspar Morales, and Manuel Martinez, and the deputies made frequent trips throughout the county collecting all Mexicans who Mexicans whose names were said to have been mentioned as persons found in the possession of secreted arms. Some of the Mexicans who consist of a prisoner in the Kingsville jail.

Late reports stated were made during the day was not officially known. The officers have all the northern the will be so full by Saturday night that there will be crowding out of the wire fence. Captain Sanchez and a squad of rangers surrounded one party out for the night when Manuel Sepulveda is in company of Amber and both will probably bring in other suspects by Saturday morning. High officers are from the Rio Grande expect arrest the leaders of the offenders.

Government agent Wright said yesterday in one of the results secured that one has not other than to express satisfaction at the results that he being obtained. Emerio Vasquez, editor of the Mexican paper at Kingsville, was arrested Thursday at Kingsville was later released after an investigation of his case. Morales Morin will probably be brought to the Bexar county jail during the early part of next week.

With the arrests made at Kingsville and San Antonio of the alleged conspirators the government state that officials are confident that the so-called "uprising plot" has been stifled in the bud. Residents of extreme South Texas cities and counties also are feel assured that any delayed from the Villista operations, at this meeting are local affairs.

MODERN BLUEBEARD WORTHY PROTOTYPE OF FABLED THUG

RUMANIAN VILLAGER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STRANGLED EIGHTEEN WOMEN

THREE BODIES RECOVERED

BUCHARAGIST, Roumania, May 12.—Investigation by police officials into the case of a modern "Bluebeard," known to hundreds of the villages of Chalcia, shows that for years the man made a practice, according to the officers, of drowning women in secretive circumstances, obtaining their money under promise of marriage and then murdering them. The police have records of eighteen women with whom Bobilla was at various times associated, eight of whom are missing while two graves have been found.

In his home was discovered packages of love letters from women in all parts of the world, including the United States. In the basement of his residence seven sealed jail cabinets were found, three of which contained the bodies of strangled women, while another was full of women's wearing apparel. Three of the cabinets have not yet been opened. Bobilla is reported to have died some time ago in Valparaiso, Sicilia.

(Photograph by Coleman.)

Left to right: Second Lieutenant Ray Starbird, First Lieutenant Henry H. Craig, Captain John L. King. Photographed shortly before they left for the mobilization camp at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Officers Co. 'C Third Infantry Corpus Christi "Musketeers"

MUSKETEERS MAY BE MUSTERED OUT OF THE SERVICE

Unless Fifteen Recruits are Obtained Today Skeleton Company From Corpus Christi Will be Merged With Other Units of the National Guard

As a rule, if call for fifteen or more recruits from Corpus Christi and other points in Nueces County for Company C, Third Texas Infantry, now to camp at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, mustering was ended by Captain John L. King.

Captain King stated to a Times-Herald staff writer yesterday that unless fifteen recruits are secured by Saturday night that Company C will be mustered out of service as a company, being another day required. It is therefore up to the people of Corpus Christi to get busy today and see that the required number of men be enlisted. His order was received in Corpus Office Friday and said that they would come Saturday morning when the recruiting station is opened.

Captain King reached the city late last night from San Antonio and immediately went to the city hall, instructing the Home Guards, stating that they can do a great deal of good, and to return additional mobilization today.

"It would seem sad for Corpus Christi to say that we cannot get fifteen men young men to join our state militia and help keep our company in service" said Captain King last night. "Now, we are mobilization at Fort Sam Houston and Austin, the two companies are with 100 men and the other with 65. In other Texas cities that are companies of infantry, our recruiting station detachment will be located at the Commercial Club rooms and we want the people to take an act the enlistments."

Those who enlist today will be immediately furnished with equipment and transportation to San Antonio. The majority of the enlistments will probably be kept at San Antonio for a week longer, drilling, after which they will be distributed along the Texas border from Brownsville to El Paso.

Upon the return of the city without exception have had their employers promise that they will be Musketeers. Most will find their jobs open for them on their return. "Two of our clerks have joined the company. Both will get their jobs when they return" said A. F. Weir of the Sun Pharmacy last night.

D. K. Locke of the Corpus Christi Hotel and Light Company has already given permission to three of his men to join the Musketeers and says that when they return their places will be open for them. "This also applies to any of the men who enlist yesterday" said Mr. Locke.

Other business men of the city have expressed similar sentiments.

BOISE IS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

TREMOR STRIKES TERROR TO HEARTS OF CITIZENS WHO RUSH INTO THE STREETS

BOISE, Idaho, May 12.—An earthquake shock lasting three seconds was felt here tonight. The disturbance was felt in the centre of an area of 100 a mile, that struck terror to the people of the city, who rushed from their houses into the streets.

Tonight's tremor was the second within a fortnight. There was no serious damage to property, however, and nobody is reported to have been hurt.

METHODISTS MAY RELAX RULES OF DISCIPLINE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT BAN AGAINST CARDS AND DANCING BE LIFTED

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 12.—Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who dance and play cards and attend the theatre, no longer will be liable to expulsion, if recommendations made by the sub-committee of the general conference, which has been considering the question of amusements is accepted. The recommendation was made today following a vote of ten to eight by the sub-committee.

WASHINGTON MARKING TIME WHILE WAITING FOR CARRANZA TO DISCLOSE HIS INTENTIONS

FIRST CHIEF'S AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEXICO CITY AND UNTIL THEY ARRIVE NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE RESUMED

NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING TROOPS

President Wilson Apparently Determined Not to Yield to Carranza's Pleading That American Expedition be Taken Out of Mexico—Cabinet Discusses Gen. Scott's Report, But Declines to Make it Public.

MARATHON, Texas, May 12.—Reports reaching here tonight indicate that Major George Langhorne and his troops have again dashed across the Rio Grande from Boquilla in an effort to surprise the bandits who are holding Jessie Deemers for ransom. It was reported here that Col. Sibley, in command of the Big Bend expeditionary forces, had ordered Major Langhorne to invade Mexico, as it was believed that today's negotiations for the exchange of prisoners between Langhorne and the bandits had fallen through.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The failure of the military conference at El Paso to reach a definite agreement has brought no change in the policy toward Mexico of the Washington administration. President Wilson and the cabinet today discussed Gen. Scott's report, announcing that the questions at issue had been referred by the conferees to their respective governments. The text of Gen. Scott's report has not been made public. The indications are, however, that he arrived at something in the nature of a "gentlemen's agreement" with the Mexican minister of war, though it possibly had no more definite form than the statement of what steps the Mexicans proposed to take to patrol the border.

Withdrawal Not Being Considered.

Pending new orders from the president it was made plain that Gen. Pershing's expedition will remain in Mexico watching developments below the line. Neither Secretary Lansing nor Ambassador Arredondo took any steps during the day toward renewing diplomatic discussion of the points that arose at the military conference. Arredondo is awaiting instructions from Carranza.

Movements of Carranza troops from the south toward the Big Bend country is assumed here to be directed against the bandits who raided Glen Springs, while United States troops are pressing them from the north. The war department has no information that Major Langhorne has crossed into Mexico, but it is assumed that he has done so if he found a "hot trail." It is understood that fifteen hundred Carranza troops are moving from Piedras Negras toward the Boquilla country. There has been nothing more than suspicion, it was stated tonight, on which to base fears that Carranza garrisons in northern Mexico may turn on Gen. Pershing's forces.

Reconcentration of Pershing's Forces.

While Gen. Pershing now is concentrating his forces along a shorter line, it was stated positively that he would hurry south again immediately if he received definite information that Villa or any considerable number of his followers had gathered at a point within striking distance.

Gen. Pershing, it was stated, kept on going as long as he had a "hot" trail to follow. For days there has been no mention of Villa's name in official dispatches and officials here and at the border do not know his whereabouts or whether he is dead or alive. It was this situation, it was indicated, as well as the increasing danger of clashes with the Mexican population, as the scattered chase moved southward, which led Gen. Funston to suggest a redisposition of forces in view of what had been accomplished in chasing the bandits. The most advanced post of the expedition is in the region of San Antonio, Mexico, 216 miles south of the border.

The concentration now in progress was made necessary in part by the approach of the rainy season and the increased difficulties that are to be expected in carrying to the front the vast quantities of supplies needed by the troops. The quartermaster's department estimates this traffic at 90,000 pounds a day, exclusive of forage, which is handled by rail to American merchants in Mexico. Further withdrawal northward also was necessary to bring Pershing's advance bases closer to the railroads. It was indicated at the state department that efforts to obtain permission to use the railroads might be renewed at once through Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City without awaiting the resumption of negotiations for a general understanding with Ambassador Arredondo.

EL PASO, Texas, May 12.—Gen. Funston returned to San Antonio tonight. Gen. Scott left for Washington late this afternoon.

BAILES' MURDERERS ESCAPE.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, May 12.—Army officers who led soldiers in pursuit of the men who killed Curtis Bailes, a farmer near Mercedes, Thursday night, believe the murderers escaped into Mexico. Their trail was followed to the river near Progresso.

A number of suspects have been arrested and are being detained at Mercedes, among them being three men arrested yesterday who were making their way in a wagon toward Los Indios.

BISHOP FORMS HOME GUARDS.

BISHOP, May 12.—Bishop today joined in the procession of South Texas towns organizing Home Guard and Rifle Clubs. Fifty-three men organized the Bishop Home Guards, electing Joe Lozas as their captain. The Bishop Rifle Club was formed with thirty-five members, W. W. Vivian being elected president.

SEA GIVES UP ITS DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 12.—Another boat from the sunken steamer Roanoke containing a body, supposed to be Second Officer Dennis was picked up at sea tonight. No others were found, and hope that the remainder of the vessel's crew of nearly fifty would be found alive has been abandoned.

FRANK B. SECHRIST is a charter member of the **Corpus Christi Rotary Club.**

Rotary Classification: Machinery.

MR. SECHRIST is general manager of the Corpus Christi Branch of the San Antonio Machine and Supply Company, the largest and most important concern of its kind in this section of the state.

When the branch was established here, some five years ago, he was placed in charge and he has been on the job every day since the appointment. How old he is, when he came to Corpus Christi and why and many other things about him and seventy-three other Rotarians are to appear in Rotary Edition, Caller-Herald Sunday, May 28.

A copy of the edition is to be mailed to every Rotary officer in the United States, Canada and the British Isles.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Fair; moderate to fresh southerly winds.

At The Theatres.

Amera—Eighteenth installment of "Graft," also Dick Carvana and Paramount travel pictures.

Lyric—Art Acord in a three act feature "Curley Corbett" and three special comedies.

Ideal—Five reels including an installment of the serial "The Iron Claw."

Today's Local Calendar.

May Festival, Artesian Park this afternoon starting at 4 o'clock.

Meeting of farmers and union men at Labor Temple this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.