

VILLA LEADER IN CHARGE OF BANDIT GANG

Pablo Sianez Responsible For Deaths, According to American Refugees Who Reach El Paso.

ACTED ON DIRECT ORDERS OF GEN. VILLA

Shooting at Juarez Starts Another "Near" Panic—Another Refuge Train is Due This Afternoon.

International News Service:

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 19.—Mexican refugees who have fled to Juarez from the districts terrorized by the followers of Francisco Villa, declared that the Americans killed at Santa Isabel were massacred by direct order from Villa. Gen. Pablo Sianez, a Villa chieftain, notorious for his ferocity, was in command of the refugees. Sianez has refused to obey any military leader other than Villa.

Gen. Sianez, like his chief, has threatened on numerous occasions since the recognition of Carranza, to exact vengeance. He left Juarez with 70 men shortly before the border port was occupied by Carranza forces. On the night of his departure he was with difficulty restrained from shooting up a gambling house crowded with Americans.

Get the Gringos Yet. "Well, I'll get the gringos before I am through," was the threat made by Sianez as he was led from the gambling house by other Villa officers. Sianez, though only 24 years old, is known as a "killer." Only a few nights before he left the border he murdered Gen. Pablo Luna, a brother officer, in a quarrel over a woman. It is said that he has killed at least 50 other men with his own hand and in private quarrels.

Bugle calls and shooting in Juarez caused another near panic in El Paso early today. Several bullets crossed the Rio Grande and struck near the United States immigration station at the international bridge. A hurry call was sent for the police, but when the officers arrived the firing had ceased.

A telephone inquiry in Juarez brought the reply from Carranza officials that there had been no trouble but a few hours later a report reached here that five men had been killed and a number wounded.

Another refugee train from Parral is expected to reach here this afternoon. Among the passengers are said to be 16 women.

MADE PRISONERS. International News Service: DOUGLAS, Arizona, Jan. 19.—A telephone message today from Huachita brought the information that a band of Mexican bandits had captured seven enlisted men of the 7th U. S. cavalry near Doyle Wells. N. M. Doyle Wells is 14 miles from Huachita.

The telephone message stated that several cowboys had already started in pursuit of the bandits. Fifty cavalrymen were at once sent in pursuit of the bandits.

The telephone message came from a cowboy named Doolittle, who said that he had witnessed the fight between the soldiers and the Mexicans.

NO ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—After nearly two hours of heated discussion in the senate with a view of launching a fight to discharge the committee and bring the resolution to a vote on the floor.

It is improbable that the foreign relations committee will take any action within a week. It does not regularly meet except upon Wednesdays and Sen. Stone, the chairman, said after meeting today that no special call had been issued.

One Below Zero Mark Wednesday; Snow is Promised

Warmer weather than the city has had for a week came Wednesday, although the minimum was lower than on Tuesday. Early Wednesday morning the thermometer dropped to one below, two degrees colder than the preceding day.

Not long after daylight Wednesday the mercury started an upward climb and by one o'clock had reached 17 above. During the morning it stood about 20 above during the greater part of the time. It was predicted that the thermometer would go above 20 during the afternoon.

Although his prediction was not absolutely certain, Henry Swaim, government weather observer, said Wednesday afternoon that the rise in temperature probably would be accompanied by more snow.

RECREATION MAN HERE SATURDAY

Will Spend Two Days Visiting Spots of Interest—To Meet Committee.

W. B. Dickinson of New York city, middle west field secretary of the Playground and Recreation association of America, will come here Saturday to confer with the municipal recreation committee, the Chamber of Commerce and other city bodies on South Bend's facilities for holding the national convention of the association. Mr. Dickinson will remain here until Monday night.

That other cities that are holding for the national congress are not out of the race was inferred in a letter received from Mr. Dickinson by F. R. Barnes, municipal director of recreation Wednesday morning. The representative is now in Utica, N. Y., but that city is not after the convention.

Arrangements for Mr. Dickinson's coming will be made at a meeting of the municipal recreation at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the high school. In his letter received Wednesday morning he said he would ratify Mr. Barnes as to the exact time of his arrival here Saturday.

Should he get here in time, a special meeting of the recreation committee will be called to consider the convention with him.

Sunday will be spent in looking over the various points of interest in and around the city. All of the parks will be visited, the buildings at Notre Dame will be gone through and Mr. Dickinson will make a trip to Springbrook park, where it is probable the large mass meeting of the convention will be held, if the city lands the congress.

Monday he will confer with the directors and special committees of the Chamber of Commerce. This organization will be asked to support the convention as much as possible. He will also take the matter up with Mayor Keller and may see several councilmen about the convention.

SCHOOL WORK IS HINDERED BY GRIP

Several Teachers Ill and Substitutes Cannot be Secured.

That the grip epidemic is affecting children and adults alike is shown by the fact that from 15 to 25 percent of the pupils in the grade schools have the disease and the school system is being crippled by teachers who are ill from it. According to Supt. L. J. Montgomery, nearly 25 percent of the students at our city and Parley schools are out of their classes on account of grip.

The epidemic is worse in Parley school than any other in the city. With a quarter of the pupils out of school, four teachers are unable to take charge of their rooms. Two of the Franklin school teachers are unable to teach and there is one instructor at Muesel who is ill.

For the same reason that these instructors are unable to teach, it is impossible to fill their places with substitutes. All of the available extra teachers are now being used, while two others that have been doing this work are suffering from grip.

ARREST CAUSES SUIT

The humiliation of riding at an early hour in the police patrol is such that Frank Van Platz asks \$10,000 damages against Sannel Blatz for malicious prosecution, according to the former's complaint filed in circuit court Wednesday.

WANTS NATION TO MAKE ALL WAR SUPPLIES

Sen. Cummins of Iowa Declares War on War Profits With Attack on Munition Makers.

SHOWS HOW BUSINESS HAS BEEN GROWING

Favors Appointment of Committee to Consider Feasibility of Government Manufacture.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—"I, for one, am not willing that Americanism shall be defined and standardized by millionaire munition makers, or by the brokers, bankers or backers who share their bloodstained profits."

With these words Sen. Cummins of Iowa, formally declared war on war profits today in the senate and demanded that the government get ready to manufacture its own munitions.

Up to October 26, 1915, 174 munitions manufacturing concerns had been organized in the United States since the outbreak of the war, he declared. The increased value of stocks of principal war munitions manufacturing companies amounted to approximately \$422,000,000, he estimated. Ammunitions and firearms exports for the first 15 months of the war were valued at \$161,000,000, he stated.

Shows War Contracts. He furnished the senate with this table of war contracts of large concerns:

- American Car and Foundry, \$35,000,000. American Locomotive, \$66,000,000. American Steel Foundries, \$15,000,000. Baldwin Locomotive Works, \$100,000,000. Crucible Steel of America, \$10,600,000. General Electric, \$68,000,000. New York Air Brake, \$20,000,000. Westinghouse Air Brake, \$20,000,000. Westinghouse Mfg. Co., \$100,000,000. Bethlehem Steel Co., 111,000 shells per day, together with field guns and other like arms. Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., 25,000 tons of steel rounds.

"This does not include," said Sen. Cummins, "the contracts of the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., for shrapnel shells, or the DuPont Powder Co., for explosives, or the Electric Storage Battery Co., or the General Motors Co., or the Lackawanna Steel Co., or the Tennessee Copper Co., all of which are immense concerns and have been largely engaged in the same general business."

Wants Investigation. Sen. Cummins urged support for his resolution directing the president to appoint a commission of five senators to investigate the feasibility of government manufacture of all war munitions. He explained that he was strongly in favor of adequate preparedness, but declared that it ought to be made impossible for any one to make money out of war.

"The men who die and the women who mourn in war have the God-given right to a public sentiment untouched and unmodified by those coffers are filled with the bloody gold of traffic in war," declared Sen. Cummins. "I agree that war may come, but if it comes it must be the result of calm, dispassionate, and loyal purpose to meet the awful scourge because there is no other way of defending our civilization, our institutions and our honor."

GERM'N LOSSES ARE LISTED AT 2,535,768

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The total German casualties in the war up to date are 2,535,768, it was announced today in the house of commons by H. J. Tennant, under-secretary of state for war. Of this number, Mr. Tennant said, 588,985 Germans were killed.

The Germans lost 1,666,549 in wounded and 556,153 in prisoners and missing. Of the prisoners 2,089 have died of wounds and sickness since they fell into the hands of the allies.

ICE COMPANY INCORPORATES. Associated Press Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 19.—The Pure Artificial Ice Co. of Gary was incorporated Tuesday with a capital stock of \$15,000. The company will make ice manufacturing devices and artificial ice. The directors are J. W. Albright, Edward G. Elbe and Charles M. Baker.

BRITISH POET HERE ON LECTURE TOUR



JOHN MASEFIELD.

NEW YORK.—John Masefield, noted British poet, who started life as sailor and bartender, and became a poet and playwright, is here for a lecture tour in New England and the middle west. He returned only recently from Gallipoli, where he went with the British forces as a Red Cross agent, having raised money to fit out a picket boat and barge, used for the conveyance of wounded soldiers and sailors.

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LOVE TANGLE IN DR. MOHR'S HOME

International News Service: PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 19.—"Emily Burger will never live to marry my husband."

That was one of the jealous outbursts of Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Mohr before the murder of her husband, for procuring which she is on trial, according to George W. Rooks, who was the state's star witness today.

Rooks, now the brother-in-law of Miss Emily Burger, was engaged to marry the girl until three years ago, when she killed him.

Under cross examination Rooks denied that he ever made love to Mrs. Mohr or threatened to "put a couple of bullets through Dr. Mohr's," but he admitted that he was jealous of the physician's attentions to Miss Burger and that he often conferred with Mrs. Mohr about the affair. He said he was anxious both to win back Miss Burger and to help Mrs. Mohr out of her domestic difficulties.

Atty. Fitzgerald's cross examination revealed the defense contention of an alleged love puzzle that laid the proverbial "human triangle" in the shade. As the defense lays out the case, Rooks was engaged to Miss Burger. She quit him for Mohr. Mrs. Mohr loved her husband and wanted to win him back and Rooks offering to help her, made love to her himself. Meantime, Mohr was attentive to Miss Florence Ormsby, his housekeeper, and Miss Burger and Miss Ormsby were not on speaking terms, because of their rivalry for the doctor's favor.

Latest in the News World

International News Service: LONDON, Jan. 19.—Official announcement was made today at the French embassy that peace negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken off.

KAISER IN EAST. International News Service: BERLIN, Jan. 19. (via wireless Sayville).—Emperor William has gone to the Balkan theater of war. A historic meeting between the kaiser and King Ferdinand has just taken place in Nish, the "war capital" of Serbia.

SERBS ESCAPE. International News Service: ATHENS, Jan. 19.—Three divisions of the Serbian troops who escaped into Albania were landed at Salonika on Monday.

LOSE ZEPPES. International News Service: AMSTERDAM, Jan. 19.—The loss of three German Zeppelins in Belgium is reported by the Echo de Belge. One of the dirigibles, being compelled by bad weather to land at Namur, became fouled in telegraph wires and two members of the crew were killed. Two others were wrecked when they fell while fleeing from the fire of the French guns.

TRAINS SEVERAL DAYS OVERDUE ARRIVE TODAY

Twelve Held Up by Floods in California Continue Their Journeys—More Rain is Promised For Region.

QUANTITIES OF SILT CARRIED INTO PORT

Six Persons Drowned While Property Loss is Said to be Greatest in Many Years. Fear For Lowlands.

International News Service:

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 19.—Twelve overdue overland trains on the Santa Fe railroad and three Salt Lake route limited trains that have been marooned by heavy rains in the mountains, will reach Los Angeles today. Some of the trains were due here three days ago. The Southern Pacific railway officials here announced that their main line to Colton, which would release the trains, would be opened at 10 o'clock this morning. Frederick W. Vanderbilt is a passenger on one of the stalled trains from the east.

The flood situation was still menacing today in southern California, and a large section of Arizona. With six persons drowned and enormous property loss inflicted, more rain was promised in the flooded region.

The most serious situation existed near Anaheim, where the Santa Ana river is out of its banks. It is between Fullerton and Anaheim that three persons fleeing the flood in a buggy were swept from the state highway and drowned.

In Arizona the Gila river was spreading over a wide area south of Phoenix. The Salt river in Arizona also was rising rapidly and threatening to do considerable damage.

Lowlands May Suffer. Although the storm abated today the flood waters from the numerous mountain streams had not reached the lowlands along the coast and it was feared that these sections would suffer further damage.

Flood waters were carrying great quantities of silt into San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles, today, and C. H. Matson, acting traffic manager of the harbor commission, said conditions were worse than two years ago, when more than 3,000,000 yards of silt was washed into the harbor by storm waters.

A number of southern California cities faced a food shortage and strenuous efforts were being made to resume traffic in that section.

Railroad officials said that the damage from the storm was the most severe in many years. It has been years since the railroads and telegraph companies have faced such a stress of weather conditions as have prevailed for the past 10 days.

STEAMER IS DAMAGED

News-Times Special Service: GRAESSEND, England, Jan. 19.—The Holland-American liner Rydam has arrived here damaged by an accident which killed three stokers. Four others were injured. All the passengers are safe. The nature of the accident was not disclosed. The Rydam sailed from New York for Rotterdam on Jan. 5.

PAY INCREASED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Sec'y of the Navy Daniels today announced that an increase of five percent in wages had been granted to master mechanics employed in all of the government's navy yards throughout the country.

NOT CONNECTED. International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Collector of Customs Cobb at El Paso notified the state department today that so far as he has been able to learn, there was no evidence connecting either Hernandez or Col. Baca-Valles, who were executed with the massacre of Americans at Santa Ysabel.

TROOPS TO STAY. International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Asst. Sec'y of War, today urged Pres't Wilson not to withdraw the federal troops from the Arizona border. He was assured that the administration has no intention of doing so at present.

BOAT IS SUNK. International News Service: GRIMSBY, England, Jan. 19.—The fishing boat Foamcrest and Sunshine have been sunk in the North sea by German submarines.

Needs of Navy Are Pointed Out in Fletcher's Report

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Upon motion of Sen. Tillman, chairman of the naval affairs committee, the senate today made public the report of Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, showing the 15 chief weaknesses of the United States navy.

As given in Admiral Fletcher's report, the weaknesses are: A—Shortage of officers. B—Shortage of men. C—Lack of fast armored ships and fast light cruisers. D—Limitation of mobility and seagoing qualities of submarines. E—Lack of aircraft. F—Lack of radio direction finder.

G—Too frequent overhauling of battleships. H—Necessity of maintaining full complement in active ships of the fleet. I—Need of additional mining and sweeping vessels. J—Desirability of mobilizing ships in reserve annually with the active fleet. K—Necessity of naval target practice at long ranges. L—Necessity for increased facilities at fleet rendezvous. M—Provision for division commanders for mining division and auxiliary division. N—Provision for more speed in design of fighting craft intended to operate with the fleet. O—Need of anti-aircraft guns.

HOLD EXPLOSION NOT DUE TO PLOT

Blast at Hopewell Said to be Accident—Foreign Agents Discouraged.

International News Service: HOPEWELL, Va., Jan. 19.—One man was killed and several others were injured by an explosion in a nitrate house No. 4 at the DuPont Powder Co.'s plant here today.

The dead man is Thomas A. Meehan of Savanah, Ga. The explosion which was said to be entirely accidental, was followed by fire.

Workmen in the building where the blast took place were forced to flee for their lives from acid gas which flooded the structure.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Officials of the department of justice in charge of the investigation and prosecution of the bomb plot conspirators believe that the backbone of the epidemic of munition plant dynamiting and general incendiarism due to activities of foreign agents, has been broken.

Chief Bielaski of the federal bureau of investigation, said today that the foreign agents apparently are discouraged by their lack of success in carrying out the most pretentious of their plots. Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren, in general charge of prosecution, declared that he believes that operators of the big munition plants at this time have weeded out the dangerous characters among the men who were hastily employed to handle rush war orders and have broken in those whose inexperience enhanced danger of accidents.

The department has not relaxed its vigilance, however, those officials are expected as the result of cases on which the department has been working for some weeks, but no new outrages has been reported.

RUSSIANS ARE CHECKED

Compelled to Cease Operations in East Turkey Claims. International News Service: CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 19.—The Russian offensive in the Caucasus has been completely checked, the Turkish war office announced today in the following official statement:

"In the Caucasus the Russians have been compelled to cease operations on the whole front."

Petrograd dispatches on Sunday and it was officially announced that the Russians were advancing on a 100-mile front in the Caucasus.

ELLIOTT ENTERS RACE

Another aspirant for the office of county treasurer made official announcement Wednesday. G. A. Elliott filed his declaration as a candidate on the republican ticket subject to the republican primaries of March 7.

AMERICA'S TRADE WILL NOT SUFFER

Acting Secretary of Commerce Believes Blockade Will Not Interfere With Exports.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Great Britain's plan to tighten her blockade against Germany may create a new problem to perplex American diplomacy, but the added restriction imposed probably will not have the effect of reducing to any great extent the trade of the United States with neutrals, according to the view expressed today by Acting Sec'y of Commerce Edwin F. Sweet.

"England's action brings us face to face with another situation—the possible dangers of which to American trade cannot be definitely foretold at this early stage, but it is inconceivable that the nation's commerce shall suffer greater hardships through the stoppage of shipments to and from Germany," the secretary said.

"The expected declaration would first be felt most seriously by Norway and Sweden. Shipments to these countries will most likely be subjected to more rigid inspection, and trade with those nations may be slightly impeded. England suspects that a great deal of the goods destined to these two nations finally gets through to Germany."

"It is utterly impossible to disprove these in the absence of records, but it is unfair for Great Britain to assume that the greatly increased purchases made in America by Norway and Sweden are being reshipped to the capital powers."

"The Scandinavian countries formerly traded in markets now cut off and were compelled to come to us for goods. It is true that Sweden bought \$55,000,000 more from the United States in 1915 than she did in 1914, and that Norway's purchases jumped from approximately \$13,000,000 to about \$40,000,000. Denmark's trade increased by about \$50,000,000 and Holland's by about \$40,000,000. But must be remembered that the nations had to come to us for supplies they formerly got from Germany, which now needs all its goods for its own markets."

COMPROMISE MAY BE REACHED TONIGHT

Hearing on Light Rates For Two Cities is Again Postponed.

International News Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—Hoping to effect a compromise on rates by tonight, attorneys for the cities of South Bend and Elkhart and the Indiana and Michigan Electric Co., obtained another day's postponement of the hearing before the public service commission. It is understood an agreement has been reached on the stipulations of the plants and the rate probably will be decided by tonight.

This is the third postponement that has been granted the parties in the hope that a settlement of the case might be made before it went before the commission.

MEXICANS MAY STRIKE

International News Service: MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19.—Labor leaders have notified the Carranza officials here that a general strike will be called tomorrow unless the employers pay their workers 15 percent of their wages in gold.

Owing to this threat Gen. Pablo Gonzales today had the city placarded with notices to working men cautioning them against engaging in unwarranted strikes. Several I. W. W. agitators have recently been actively at work here, spreading dissatisfaction and interfering with the reconstruction efforts of the Carranza officials.

FOUND SURET. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lathrop, who for 20 years had firmly declared that she would find Ponce De Leon's fountain of youth in a pickle jar, is dead at the age of 102.

SITUATION IS DISCUSSED BY WAR COUNCIL

Important Session is Held at London—Three Big Features Get Attention of Allied Body.

PREMIER BRIAND OF FRANCE IS PRESENT

Greek Government Said to Have Sent Demand That Troops be Withdrawn From Territory.

International News Service: LONDON, Jan. 19.—Three big features which now stand prominently in the war situation were discussed here today at an allied council of war. They are:

1—England's determination to increase the effectiveness of the blockade against Germany.

2—The diplomatic situation in Greece and the general plan of campaign in the Balkans.

3—The surrender of Montenegro and its political effect.

One of the leading figures at the council was Premier Aristide Briand of France, who arrived in London last night from Paris.

Alarming reports concerning Greece have been received here during the past 24 hours from Swiss sources. According to one of these a revolution is threatened in Greece. Agents of both the allies and the central powers have been very active in Greece, especially in Athens.

The strength of former Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, who favors the entrance of Greece into the war on the side of the allies, is said to be growing daily.

The capitulation of Montenegro has aroused intense resentment in England, France, Italy and Russia.

Newspapers suggest that King Nicholas be suitably punished when the opportunity comes.

International News Service: VIENNA, Jan. 19. (via Berlin and Amsterdam).—A Sofia dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse announces that the Greek government on Tuesday sent a note to the diplomatic representatives of the entente allies demanding the evacuation of Greek territory occupied by Anglo-French troops.

International News Service: PARIS, Jan. 19.—Charges that Montenegro had been guilty of treachery to the entente allies were denounced as "baseless untrue" at the Montenegro hearing here today. The legation confirmed the Vienna announcement that the Montenegrin army had capitulated, but issued an official statement saying that "Montenegro surrendered only because the munitions of the army were exhausted."

According to advices from Geneva the forces that fell into the hands of the Austro-Hungarian troops as a result of the surrender numbered 25,000 infantry and 1,700 artillerymen. Gen. Koozev, the Austrian commander, had demanded that the Serbs fighting with the Montenegrins also surrender, but most of the Serbs succeeded in escaping across the Albanian border, the Geneva dispatches state.

International News Service: MILAN, Italy, Jan. 19.—Fearing assassination, King Constantine of Greece, has doubled the strength of his body guard and seldom appears in public, according to private advices from Athens.

Adherents of the king declare that emissaries of the entente powers are active throughout Greece and are spending gold lavishly to stir up revolutionary outbreaks.

It is further charged that England and France plan to take advantage of the turbulence arising from anti-government uprisings to seize the capital and establish a military dictatorship so that they can use Greek military resources for their own ends.

International News Service: ROME, Jan. 19.—That King Nicholas of Montenegro had effected an agreement with the Austrian government a month ago was the assertion made today by Serbian officers who arrived here.