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MEXICO HELPS IN BANDIT CHASE

WILL HELP AMERICANS TO EXTERMINATE BANDITS

War Minister Obregon of Mexico is Convinced That United States Does Not Contemplate War.

WILL SEND PICKED TROOPS NORTH

U. S. Troops are Pledged to Be Withdrawn Just as Soon as Banditry in Northern Mexico is Broken.

[By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Unless the Mexican populace forces him to make a new demonstration of disapproval against the stay of the American expedition in Mexico, Carranza probably will remain silent for some time to come, according to the official view today.
Conclusion of a working arrangement by the recent Scott-Obregon conference, has eliminated for practical purposes, the necessity for much further diplomatic negotiations. While there may be sporadic efforts to have Carranza's recent withdrawal suggestions answered, it appears likely both governments will be content to play a waiting game. The United States in return for Carranzista concessions, pledged that it would withdraw its forces as soon as border banditry is broken. This task can be the better and more quickly accomplished under the working arrangement.

Asked today to estimate the length of stay of the expedition, Secretary of War Baker declared:
"I cannot make a guess on that. It depends upon a state of facts."
One complicating phase, is the reported activity of Villista leaders in aligning peons on their side by promises that Villa himself is to lead an expedition which will kill off the "gringos."
General Pershing's forces, however, are in a position to cope with a vastly superior force of Mexicans, hence this move, while perhaps dangerous, can undoubtedly be scotched.

The Man of the Hour.
[By H. D. Jacobs, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION NEAR NAMUQUIPA, May 9.—(By courier to Columbus, N. M., May 17.)—Alvaro Obregon is the man of the hour in Mexico, according to scouts returning to headquarters from the south. The name of the one-armed general is on the lips of every Mexican; he is regarded as the staunch supporter of Mexican national integrity and his popularity far exceeds that of General Carranza among the rank and file of natives.
Obregon's attitude in the El Paso conferences, regarded as entirely uncompromising, has served to heighten his popularity.
"Ask any Mexican soldier who he will repel the Mexican leader and he will reply 'Obregon,'" said an officer returned from leading a scouting expedition.

Obregon is Satisfied.
MEXICO CITY, May 17.—War Minister Obregon, in a statement to news-papers today upon his return from El Paso, declared his absolute confidence that President Wilson contemplates no war with Mexico. He has so reported to General Carranza.
Obregon said his conferences with Generals Scott and Funston had been highly satisfactory. He is satisfied, he said, that both army officers favor the withdrawal of the American troops as soon as they are convinced the danger of border raids has been eliminated. For that reason he is sending north a body of picked troops to co-operate with the American forces in patrolling the border.
Obregon was to have further conferences with General Carranza and other members of his cabinet today. His negotiations at the border were to be considered.

Chinese Slaughtered.
COLUMBUS, N. M., May 17.—Withdrawal of American forces from the San Antonio advanced base of Pershing's expedition into Mexico, was followed by the slaughter of a dozen Chinese merchants, according to reports brought into the Columbus base by truck drivers today.
Hardly had the American troops left the city, according to these truck drivers, than the place was raided by a bandit gang which had apparently been awaiting withdrawal.
The Chinese were shot and their stores looted. American commanders had not been advised that there were any bandits in the vicinity.
It had been known that the Villa

Confession Secured.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 17.—In a written confession said to have been made to Auditor Wright, of the Missouri Pacific railroad company's freight receipts, Samuel W. Van Dyne, cashier of the freight department admitted misappropriating \$76,000 of the road's money.

IOWA MANUFACTURERS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Association Opens Today.

MARSHALLTOWN, May 17.—J. W. Hill of Des Moines called the fourteenth annual convention of the Iowa State Manufacturers' association to order in its two days session here today. Delegates are present from every city in the state and factory leaders from all parts of the country are scheduled for addresses. It promises to be the greatest awakening meeting toward an era of manufacturing in Iowa to supplement the agricultural and trading interests, ever held.
Secretary G. A. Wrightman before the meeting started intimated that the important issues to come before the convention are: The proposed increase in Iowa passenger fares, the new fire insurance law, workmen's compensation fund for Iowa, and the eight-hour day for women, the bulk sales law, and much new constructive legislation.
Hon. E. M. Hurley, Washington, D.

C. chairman of the Federal Trade commission, is an honored guest of the association during the meeting. Vice-President A. M. Schoyer of the Pennsylvania Railroad company has an important address on "The Carrying Industry."
Mayor I. S. Millard of Marshalltown welcomed the visitors and gave them the keys to the city. E. L. Northey of Waterloo responded for the visitors. This was followed by the president's address and the report of officers and standing committees. C. M. Howell of Kansas City spoke on "Inter-Insurance," following which there was an insurance conference.
This afternoon "Cost Finding" will be discussed by E. E. Sheasgreen of Chicago and the highway commission will make a report which will bring out good roads discussion. "Sales and Advertising" is the subject of a paper by Frank Armstrong of Des Moines. Dr. W. Norris Jr. of Marshalltown, the good roads booster, is to be toastmaster at the banquet tonight.
There will be an executive session tomorrow and the election of officers. Several towns are making a fight for the next annual meeting. Des Moines has an auto train of boosters on hand bidding for the meeting.

TURKEY

LONDON, May 17.—Twenty thousand Turkish troops have been withdrawn from the British front east of Kut-el-Amara, presumably to meet the Russian advance on Bagdad, according to despatches received here today.
The Turks are recruiting all native tribesmen capable of bearing arms and moving them northward to the defense of Mosul.
Prolongation of the Tigris flood has made it possible for the Turks to strip their lines around Kut-el-Amara without fear of an immediate British advance.
In diplomatic circles here it is believed that the Russians, after massing formidable forces, are striking swiftly against the Turks, acting on the theory that the war will come to an end within a few months. With Turkish territory more than twice as large as all European Turkey, in their possession, it is pointed out, the Slavs will be in a position to bargain for the return of Russian territory held by the Austro-Germans during peace negotiations, if the battle lines on the Riga-Bukowina front remain unchanged.

FRANCE

PARIS, May 17.—German attempts to drive forward their line north of Verdun, near Dead Man's hill, by a grenade assault, failed completely, the war office reported today. A similar attempt by the Germans was defeated on the east bank of the Meuse, northeast of Thiaumont. The artillery on both sides was very active on the right bank of the Meuse last night.
During the night two raiding French air squadrons flew over the German lines. One squadron dropped seventy shells on bivouacs and railways and the other dropped 130 shells on the sheds at the Metz station.
Near Vic-sur-Aisne, a F4 night flyer brought down a German airman.
Note to England.
WASHINGTON, May 17.—The president's note to Great Britain, offering a strong protest against mail seizures, is practically completed and will probably be sent this week. It was officially stated today.
The president, it is understood, is very anxious the communication be forwarded before next week and so advised the state department.

TIDE TURNED AGAINST GERMANY

Adventure at Verdun Has Been Costly and is Closing in on Them
300,000 SOLD
LOST
There Can be no Offensive Against Riga on Account of Lack of Men to Take Part in the Attack.

LONDON, May 17.—Three hundred thousand German soldiers have been killed or put out of action at Verdun, the Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reported. The German losses have been so severe, he said, as to preclude any idea of a German offensive against Riga in which region German sea and land forces are said to be concentrating.
"The tide has definitely turned and from west to east the long evaded destiny of the Germans is closing in upon them," the dispatch said.
"At no moment in the battle of Verdun have they dared to bring thither any unit from before the British front. Other parts of the German front have been stripped of all superfluous strength and the force in Russia is similarly crippled to feed this adventure. Since last September at least twenty-two divisions have been transferred from the east to the west front.
"There is thus left in Russia a mere curtain of German troops, while Bulgaria and Turkey are being left to shift for themselves."
Volunteer Balloonist Killed.
PARIS, May 17.—Jose Garcia Calderon, son of ex-President Calderon of Peru and a volunteer observation balloonist with the French army was killed in a spectacular manner near the French lines.
Calderon's gas bag was caught in a violent storm and broke loose from its moorings. It tipped sideways and began rushing along in the teeth of the gale. Calderon cut loose, but the sides of his parachute were flattened by the wind and he was dashed to death.

ENGLAND

LONDON, May 17.—British destroyers and monitors engaged German destroyers in a short fight off the Belgian coast yesterday, the admiralty announced this afternoon. The Germans withdrew. The British suffered no losses.
STEAMER BLOWN UP.
GREAT ARMOUTH, England, May 17.—The Dutch steamer Batavier V, bound from London to Rotterdam, was blown up Tuesday with the loss of four lives.
One Vote for Charlie.
PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Charlie Chaplin, famous movie comedian, was in the Pennsylvania primaries. It was discovered today. Some republican voter ignored Brumbaugh, Ford and T. R. and wrote Chaplin's name as his choice for the next president of the United States.

AUSTRIA

BERLIN (via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J. May 17.—Eleven persons including three women, perished in the sinking of the Austrian passenger steamer Dubrovnik in the Adriatic by an enemy submarine, May 9, according to a note handed to ministers of neutral powers by the Austrian government.
The submarine fired two torpedoes without warning, the note stated. The first torpedo hit the ship on the starboard side and she immediately began to sink. Passengers rushed to lifeboats, but a second torpedo crushed the boat on the starboard side, making it possible to rescue only sixteen persons in the remaining boat.
The Austrian note declares the statement of the official Italian news agency that the Dubrovnik was a munitions transport is a pure invention since her capacity was only 480 tons and she was unable to carry troops or ammunition.
The firing of the second torpedo against the sinking steamer and life boats which were afloat, must be designated as intentional murder, the note said.

GERMANY

BERLIN, May 17.—A French attack on the southern slope of Hill 304 northwest of Verdun, broke down under German artillery fire, it was officially announced this afternoon. Heavy artillery actions occurred last night on both banks of the Meuse.
More Ballots Required.
SARATOGA, N. Y., May 17.—Formal announcement that none of the fifty or more candidates received the necessary two-thirds majority on the first ballot for bishops, was made when the Methodist Episcopal general conference reconvened today. Dr. Thomas Nicholson of New York was in the lead, but failed to get the required number of votes. Another ballot was immediately ordered.

MAY HANG SIR ROGER BY A SILKEN CORD

Two Irishmen Charged With High Treason, are Held for Trial After Preliminary Hearing.

TESTIMONY WAS ALL ONE SIDED

As Member of the Nobility, Casement May Choose His Own Rope in Case He is Sentenced to Hang.

[By Wilbur S. Forrest, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
LONDON, May 17.—Maps found in the possession of Sir Roger Casement support the contention that the plans for the Irish rebellion originated in the German war office, Lieutenant Colonel Gordon, of the British war office intelligence department testified today.
A large crowd surrounded Bow street police court when the preliminary hearing of Sir Roger and Daniel Bailey, on charges of high treason, was resumed today, though the crown planned to call but few witnesses. Casement, more calm than on the preceding days of the trial, listened intently while the British intelligence officer testified.
Gordon said he had examined maps of Ireland carried by Casement when he landed from a German submarine and that none of them was printed in Great Britain. They gave certain details to landscape that showed they had been made under the direction of the German war office, and thus supported the belief that the German government played an important part in the scheme for the rebellion.
Second Lieutenant Briery of the war office, testified to the previous good record of Bailey. Casement's confederate, while serving in an Irish regiment.
Constable Carter, cross-examined by counsel for Daniel Bailey, said that when Bailey was arrested he declared he had important information to give the police. The purpose of his testimony was to show that Bailey knew nothing of Casement's plans to lead a rebellion until he reached the Irish coast and was willing to aid the government as soon as he had an opportunity.
Sergeant Bustwick, of the Irish constabulary, testified that Bailey, after his arrest, informed the officers at the barracks of the plans to land an expedition from the German auxiliary A. U.
Bustwick said that Bailey, before giving him news of the expedition,

asked that he be guaranteed protection and freedom. Inspector Britten of the constabulary responded that he could guarantee protection, but not freedom.
Britten followed Bustwick in the witness box, corroborating his story about the circumstances under which Bailey confessed. Bailey also gave the police information about the plans of the Sinn Feiners, Britten said. He told how the rebel leader planned to seize Dublin castle and hold it until the arrival of supplies of ammunition from the A. U., hoping then to gather enough recruits to hold Ireland against any army England would dare to send.
Committed for Trial.
[By Wilbur S. Forrest, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
LONDON, May 17.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Bailey were committed for trial on charges of high treason by Sir John Dickinson, presiding magistrate, at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing this afternoon.
Both Sir Roger and his soldier confederate will now go on trial for their lives in the high court of justice. If convicted, they probably will be sentenced to death. Casement being given the privilege accorded his rank of being hanged with a silken cord.
The magistrate's decision was announced after the crown, at a brief session today, had completed the frame work of its case against the two accused men. Counsel for Casement and Bailey, during the three days of the preliminary hearing, contented themselves chiefly with cross-examining witnesses for the crown, reserving their actual defense for the trial later.
The nature of Casement's defense is still a mystery. Counsel for Bailey will attempt to show that the former Irish soldier knew nothing of the character of the undertaking upon which he embarked on a German U boat and speedily informed British authorities of the plan to foment a rebellion when he landed on the Irish coast.

Slow Progress is Being Made to Secure Jury in Orpet Case

COURT ROOM, WAUKEGAN, ILL., May 17.—As the trial of William H. Orpet entered its third day today, with little prospect of getting a jury before the end of the week, the parents of the young Wisconsin university student charged with the murder of Marian Lambert, announced that the fight to prove his innocent "is just beginning."
E. O. Orpet, senior, chief gardener of the McCormick estate, told the United Press today that he fears he has already impoverished himself to pay for counsel to defend the youth, but that he will toll from morning until night to earn money to carry the case to the highest courts if Orpet is found guilty.
"The trial has cost us a lot of money already," the elder Orpet said. "And it will cost a lot more. Why we haven't even started to compute the cost of hiring attorneys. It will take our last cent, I'm afraid."
With Mrs. Orpet, the father talked over prospects of gaining freedom for their son. They are confident of his acquittal, but are taking every precaution to pave the way for an appeal.
The first two panels of talesmen summoned for service in the Orpet trial were practically exhausted today with only four tentative jurors in the box. Judge Chas. H. Donnelly asked bailiffs to summon a new panel and to search their records for available men far from the scene of the crime in Helms woods at Lake Forest.
Most of the men already questioned have expressed a prejudice one way or another.
The jurors tentatively accepted are:
Carl Schreck, a single man, of Lib-

ertyville.
Len Barthell, married, the father of a sixteen year old daughter, foreman of an ice house and residing in Antioch.
Chas. Steinkamp, father of seven children and a retired merchant of Waukegan.
C. B. Small, father of five girls and three boys, a farmer of Ela.
The defense attorney, Jas. H. Wilkerson, chief of counsel of Orpet's corps of legal talent, announced he will peremptorily challenge Small some time today.
If Orpet is freed he will leave college and go to work at once to help pay the costs of his defense, his parents said today. The elder Orpet, it is rumored, has borrowed a large amount from his employer, Cyrus H. McCormick, multi-millionaire harvester manufacturer.
Young Orpet's counsel, it was reported today, have definitely determined that he shall take the stand in his own defense. He was the sole witness to Marian Lambert's death. So far he has made one statement concerning it, declaring the girl lay dying when he returned to her after their last tryst at Helms woods. The defense will produce witnesses, teachers at the Lake Forest high school to show that Marian took unusual interest in a chemistry lecture on cyanide poison a few days before her death. She was then plotting suicide, they will contend.
Judge Donnelly took official cognizance today of the fact that Lake county citizens are using more than one subterfuge to avoid jury service in the trial. In a short speech to a new venire of one hundred men which were in the court room when the doors opened, he asked every

man to be honest with himself, the state and the defendant when he answered questions.
"Jury service is a duty every man owes to his state and fellow man. You must not lie to escape such service."
Orpet was in court with his mother. He sat at his counsel's table and made notes on the examination.
The number of jurors tentatively accepted slipped back to three during the first hour this morning, although two new ones occupied chairs in the box. B. Small, whom the judge forced the defense to accept last night unless Attorney Wilkerson cared to peremptorily challenge him, was excused when Wilkerson made a second objection.
Juror Carl Schreck, the youngest man in the box, was peremptorily challenged by Orpet's counsel.
H. H. Hols, Libertyville, was tendered the state by the defense shortly before noon.
A strange analogy developed during the examination of prospective juror Peter Bock, of Libertyville today. Fifteen years ago the Bocks had a daughter fifteen years old. She was easily one of the most popular girls in her village. Her school boy sweethearts numbered a dozen, but out of these there was one of whom she was particularly fond.
True love in her case, as in Marian Lambert's, did not run smooth. Her father and mother objected to the boy's suit, even forbade him coming to their home. One morning they found their little daughter dying. Denied the love she wanted, she had taken poison.
Neither the state, defense nor the judge insisted that Bock remain on the jury.

REPUBLICANS OF IOWA IN CONVENTION TODAY

Just Like an Old Time Love Feast With Cummins Boom in Full Force.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, May 17.—This is Cummins day in Iowa. The 1,000 delegates and many more visitors to the first republican state convention here are making elaborate plans for the campaign at the republican national convention at Chicago which they expect will land the presidential nomination for Iowa's senior senator and place him in the presidential chair March 4.
Howard J. Clark of Des Moines was temporary chairman, being introduced by State Chairman Charles A. Rawson, who received such an ovation that he was red in the face when he called the convention to order. Clark delivered the keynote address, an answer to the Meredith speech at Clinton a week ago. Ora Williams, Des Moines newspaper man, was temporary secretary.
The convention is more of an old time republican love feast than anything seen for a long time, with progressives and standpatters seated side by side.
The delegates to the republican national convention selected at the primaries last month were entertained at dinner by J. T. Adams of Dubuque, national committeeman and Charles A. Rawson, state chairman and perfected their organization for the Chicago campaign.

Keynote of Address.
CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, May 17.—Howard J. Clark, temporary chairman of the republican state convention, here today took "Americanism" as the keynote of his address and boosted Senator A. B. Cummins as the most available, best fitted and typical candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency. Thousands of visitors and delegates are here today, part of them to give the Cummins boom an official send-off, the rest to attend the circus.
Clark spoke of Cummins' seven year fight for the presidential preference primary in Iowa and said it was fitting that he should be the man to lead the movement for popular self government at this time. Clark said the great central west has taken an active part in developing the principles of republicanism in the past and will continue to uphold the ideals of the people.
The foreign policy of the Wilson administration was severely criticized, especially in regard to Mexico. Clark said:
"One of the fundamental principles of government and especially of a democracy, is that it should not interfere with the internal affairs of another nation. With this in mind, what answer can the present administration give to its conduct in Mexican affairs? If it be conceded that Mexico has a government at all, then the policy of the administration is the worst violation of the principles announced known in history. On the other hand, if no government existed at all in Mexico, our conduct is shameful and should have no defense for we have permitted our own people

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