

# TEXAS MILITIAMEN ARE QUITTERS

## MEXICANS RECOVER NERVE AS AMERICANS WITHDRAW

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## BUT THEY KEEP FAR IN THE REAR

### Peons are Being Aroused by Stories That Villa Has Recovered and Ready to Enter the Field Again.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 22.—Four bands of Mexican bandits are moving north in the wake of the withdrawing American troops, committing depredations and spreading terror in the villages. This report was brought to the Columbus base today. It is believed here that the Mexicans who fired on thirteen troopers of the Seventh cavalry, wounding one, were members of one of these bands.

These bandits are moving in bands of from fifty to seventy and have kept far enough behind the retiring Americans to avoid a clash. Many inhabitants of the region around San Antonio, Mexico, are fleeing north in the wake of the American troops.

General Pershing has sent back cavalry detachments to attack and disperse these bands.

Stories that the American troops are withdrawing because Villa had recovered and was recruiting an army to fight the American troops, have been circulated among the Mexican peons and are believed responsible for the new outbreak of banditry.

Several road-repairing machines have been received here and are being sent south along the Pershing lines of communication to repair the roads which have been well-nigh impassable.

**Situation Unchanged Today.**  
[By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Secretary of War Baker revealed today that he has been officially advised of the refusal of 116 Texas militiamen to be sworn in for border duty. The department is carefully considering the subject, he said.

Under the Dick law, these men may be court-martialed and fined, though they cannot be forced into service. Baker declined to indicate his attitude in the matter until he has more complete details. As far as his messages go, merely the fact of the refusal was established.

Mexico City dispatches quoting General Obregon as saying the situation is acute because American forces penetrated Mexico below the Big Bend, brought the statement from Baker that as far as he knew the question of the crossing had not been discussed in the recent Scott-Obregon conferences.

## HAD PLENTY OF WARNING OF IRISH REVOLUTION

### Testimony Shows That Officials Were Told of the Alarming Situation.

LONDON, May 22.—Viscount Middleton, former secretary of war, today accused Augustine Birrell, former chief secretary for Ireland, of lax dealing with the Irish rebels, in testimony before the royal commission, investigating the rebellion.

"I notified the Irish government that the Sinn Feiners were becoming very active and declared I thought the government program inadequate to cope with them," said Middleton. "I particularly urged the disarming of the volunteers."

"Mr. Birrell said the whole Sinn Fein movement was laughable and should not be taken seriously."

Middleton's statement that he had warned Premier Asquith of the seriousness of the situation in Ireland, was one of the sensations of today's testimony. He declared that he placed all the facts before the prime minister on January 26.

Asquith evidently called the matter to the attention of Birrell. A month later Birrell wrote Middleton: "To proclaim the volunteers illegal and put them down by force would be reckless and foolish and certainly promote disaster."

In so far as has been revealed, the only discussion of the Big Bend situation was Obregon's agreement to dispatch a force of Caranistas to the district south of the Bend to aid in rounding up border raiders.

In as much as Colonel Sibley has announced his intention of withdrawing the second expedition, it is thought the situation in the Big Bend may not become an acute issue, though if Obregon is correctly quoted, official feel there is a possibility of further diplomatic difficulty with Carranza.

Administration men characterized the Mexican situation today as virtually unchanged. Border raid reports they said have been exaggerated.

Carranza's attitude, as reported by Consul Rogers is still friendly.

**Attack by Snipers.**  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 22.—Official news of the snipers' attack on an American cavalry detachment Friday night was wired to headquarters today by General Pershing. Pershing reported one man, Private Strong, as missing in a brush with bandits, and searching parties have been dispatched to find him. There were no American casualties. Strong is believed to have lost his way.

Reported that Chico Gano, a bandit leader, is operating near Cerro Blanco, today, caused General Funston to send a squadron there. Gano has not struck at any of the settlements yet, but Funston wants to be ready if the bandit "starts anything."

The Sixth cavalry today drew positions along the border and in the upper Big Bend region. Two troops went to Marathon, three to Marfa and two to Alpine.

**Another Note Coming.**  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Private advices from Mexico City today said another note from General Carranza to the state department on the presence of American troops in Mexico was despatched this morning. It has not yet been received by the Mexican embassy. Mexico City advices to the state department from Consul Rodman and official dispatches to the Mexican embassy cause the belief any communication with Carranza will be in friendly terms.

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**Lynch Was Guilty.**  
LONDON, May 22.—Jeremiah C. Lynch, of New York, the American citizen, sentenced to ten years imprisonment for participation in the Dublin rebellion was at Liberty Hall, Dublin headquarters, during the revolt, wearing the uniform of a rebel officer.

Middleton said he told Sir Matthew Nathan, under secretary for Ireland, in April that the situation was so bad even the life of John Redmond, Irish leader, was endangered.

Middleton said he warned Lord Wimbourne, lord lieutenant of Ireland, only six days before the outbreak, that grave results would follow if no action was taken. Others, he said, gave similar warnings.

A war office representative virtually gave the lie to Augustine Birrell, former chief secretary for Ireland, who testified that he had made several requests for additional troops for Ireland. Adjutant General Macready, of the war office, in a letter read before the commission, said that so far as he knew, Birrell had never requested the war office to send troops for the purpose of anticipating the rebellion and overawing the Sinn Feiners.

Birrell then resumed the witness box, repeating his earlier statements that he had had several interviews with the authorities in which he expressed the desire for more troops.

The chief witnesses against him, by whose testimony the state hopes to exact the capital penalty, were to be his wife, who has sought to divorce him and his studio companion, the pretty Mrs. Margaret Horton.

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## ENGLAND

LONDON, May 22.—For the first time since the beginning of the war, Russian and English land forces are now fighting side by side—in the Garden of Eden region of Mesopotamia.

News of the bold dash of the Russian cavalry squadron into the British camp east of Kut-El-Amara caused more astonishment in London than the reports of the arrival of the first Russian contingents in France. Advance rumors of the coming of the Russians to Marseilles had reached here, but last night's bulletin from the war office was the first intimation that any Slav force was within 150 miles of the British forces.

Military critics today warned the general public against excessive optimism as the result of General Lake's brief announcement. They pointed out that it is highly improbable that the main body of Russians can affect a junction with the British for an advance on Bagdad for several weeks and that in all probability the Slavs will advance on Bagdad from the north instead of joining the British near Kut-El-Amara.

The only previous instance in which Russian and English forces have joined hands in this war occurred near Salonika a few months ago. A landing party from the Russian cruiser Askold co-operated with British, French and Italian marines in occupying a Greek fort.

## ITALY

ROME, May 22.—The Austrians lost 20,000 in killed, wounded and missing in the first three days of their offensive in the Tyrol Alps, according to Berne dispatches today. Their losses for the last four days are believed to have been almost equally as large. The hospitals at Trent are reported filled with Austrian wounded. Hospital trains are now proceeding to Bolzano and smaller towns, where the barracks have been transformed into hospitals.

**LINER IS SUNK.**  
ROME, May 22.—The Italian liner Saint Andrea has been sunk by an Austrian submarine.

**Mrs. Castle Is Back.**  
NEW YORK, May 22.—"Vernon looks just lively in his uniform," was the word brought back from England by Mrs. Vernon Castle, who with her pet monkey, arrived on the St. Louis. Vernon is a British aviator.

**Five Cents for a Kiss.**  
NEW YORK, May 22.—Plain juries may value kisses up into the thousands, but John D. Rockefeller paid just five cents for an osculatory caress—and said the kiss came from his four-year old grandson Winthrop.

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## FRANCE

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West of Dead Man's hill, the Germans made repeated attempts to widen the gains made in Saturday's fighting. Each German assault met with an eruption of fire from the French guns that threw the enemy back with severe losses.

The French, by a successful counter-attack, regained a part of the ground lost Saturday in this region. The fighting extended westward to the Avocourt wood where grenade combats continued throughout last night, the French occupying several blockhouses.

On the east bank of the Meuse, the French carried out a successful attack against German positions near Vaux village, capturing a trench.

The Germans suffered heavy losses last night in unsuccessful attempts to recapture the important quarter captured by the French earlier in the day.

The Germans attempted unsuccessfully to attack French lines in the Champagne, using gas. A shift in the wind rolled the gas clouds back upon the German lines.

Since Saturday night, aviators on both sides have been very active. Three German planes have been shot down in air fights and six German captive balloons brought down by gun fire in the region of Verdun. German aviators bombed Dunkirk this morning. French planes in several raids Saturday night and early Sunday, bombarded railway stations at Metz, Avricourt and Roye and munition depots and camps at Blachez, Chapelotte and Jimetz. Two French dirigibles attacked the railway stations and lines at Briulles and Dun.

**MEDAL FOR QUEEN.**  
PARIS, May 22.—President Poincaré personally presented a French medal to Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, on a visit to the Flanders front, it was announced today. The queen responded that she was proud to wear the same decoration awarded French officers.

President Poincaré later visited Dunkirk, leaving \$200 for victims of the recent air raids.

**THE ONLY PEACE.**  
PARIS, May 22.—"Peace can only come through a decisive victory," Premier Briand told a delegation from the Russian duma today.

"The allies can regard the future with confidence," said the French prime minister. "Peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue, but can come only through a decisive allied victory, which alone can and will restore recognition of international law and right."

**King May Try for Peace.**  
LONDON, May 22.—King Alfonso may initiate peace negotiations in the near future, the Exchange Telegraph company stated today. The Spanish ruler plans to first sound out peace sentiment in each of the belligerent countries. If the results are satisfactory, he will send two Spanish statesmen to belligerent capitals to work out plans for a truce.

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## AUSTRIA

VIENNA, May 22.—Masing in heavy force on the southern Tyrol front, Italians are making desperate, but unsuccessful, attempts to stem the Austrian invasion of Italy.

Throughout Saturday, the Italian commanders hurled their Alpine forces at the Austrian crown prince's lines in desperate counter attacks. Each onslaught was repulsed. An official statement from the Austrian war office reports the capture of several more Italian positions and the taking of 3,000 prisoners. About 16,000 Italians, including many officers, have been captured since the Austrians began their offensive a week ago.

The Italian attacks were of great violence in the Astico valley, where the Austrians for the first time since the beginning of the war have obtained a foothold on Italian soil. It is believed here that King Victor Emanuel, now at the Italian front, has ordered Austrians cleared from Italian territory by Tuesday at any cost. Tuesday is the first anniversary of the beginning of the Austro-Italian war.

"The fighting in southern Tyrol, on the Lavarone plateau, increased in violence as the result of enemy attacks," said the official statement. "We now hold the summit of Armentara ridge. On the Lavarone plateau we penetrated the first hostile positions."

"The troops of the Arch Duke Charles Francis Joseph (the crown prince) added to their successes. They captured the Cima Del Laghi and the Cima Di Nesole. The enemy was driven from Borgola pass toward the south. We captured three more twenty-eight centimeter howitzers."

"We advanced toward Monte Pasubio and occupied Anghonbi. In Saturday's fighting we took 2,300 Italians, including eighty-four officers, twenty-five cannon and eight machine guns."

## GERMANY

BERLIN, May 22.—French troops obtained a footing in the quarry south of Haudromont on the east bank of the Meuse, after three attacks, the war office admitted this afternoon.

**They Look Alike.**  
CHICAGO, May 22.—The physical resemblance of the "Matters baby" to Mrs. Dollie Ledgerwood Matters, on trial for conspiracy in connection with the alleged faking of a spurious heir on the estate of her husband, will be the chief point of the defense, it was announced today. The climax of the defense which got under way today will be reached when the baby and Mrs. Matters are compared. A motion will be made by Mrs. Matters' lawyers to have Margaret Ryan, known as "Jessie Bryan," brought into the courtroom so that the jury may decide whether there is any likeness between her and the child which she claims is hers.

Harry Edwards, a private detective, one of the defendants, took the stand today, following the close of the state's case.

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### "Republican Committee" Getting Busy for Roosevelt Who Will be Urged to Make a Campaign Trip.

CHICAGO, May 22.—The progressive national committee turned loose a broadside of publicity today while Chairman Hill of the republican national committee was enroute to Chicago to get in on the play. Secretary Oscar King Davis, of the progressive committee, issued a statement declaring that "the republicans have only one week in which to nominate Colonel Roosevelt and four years to regret not having done so."

James B. Reynolds, secretary of the republican national committee, declared today that the double representation from Texas districts with the exception of two, would be contested.

"Except in those districts large enough to send two delegates, Texas will not be allowed more than one delegate," said Reynolds. He did not say which two districts would be allowed to send two delegates. Contest of delegates in two Texas districts was also announced. Reynolds said one of the contests would be in the San Antonio district, but refrained from mentioning the other.

The Hughes presidential boom received impetus today with the announcement by Reynolds that Frank Hitchcock, Hughes supporter, would arrive here tonight.

Joseph Keeling, Indiana, manager of the Fairbanks candidacy, today compared the present situation with the time Benjamin Harrison was a candidate for president. "Never was there so many candidates as now," said Keeling. He said the war was responsible for bringing out so many.

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**Smoking Out Hughes.**  
NEW YORK, May 22.—The fire which is expected to "smoke out" Justice Hughes, was fanned into flames here today when headquarters were formally opened by former Taft supporters now booming Colonel Roosevelt as the republican nominee. So far as the Roosevelt "republican committee" can tell, not a single progressive is among their ranks—the membership is composed solely of dyed-in-the-wool republicans.

Coincidental with announcement or organization of this committee, came word that every one of the candidates—receptive and otherwise—for the republican nomination will shortly be sent a formal letter signed by leaders of the delegations of several states demanding to know whether use of the addressee's name is with his approval and whether if nominated he will accept.

The newly organized "Roosevelt republican committee" has opened headquarters in the Biltmore hotel and will shortly move to Chicago. A delegation has an appointment this evening with the colonel at Oyster Bay. Its membership covers prominent republicans in thirty states and George Von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, under Roosevelt and Taft is chairman.

There was an increasing belief today that Colonel Roosevelt would be persuaded by his supporters into making a very brief "whirlwind" trip through the middle west. He is scheduled to speak at Kansas City on May 30, having accepted an invitation by G. A. R. and Spanish war veterans.

To date Colonel Roosevelt has not definitely stated whether or not he will be in Chicago for the bull moose gathering.

## EXPECT TO SECURE JURY IN ORPET CASE THIS WEEK

### Marian Lambert's Chum Will Ridicule the Charge of Suicide.

COURT ROOM, WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 22.—Marian Lambert, for whose murder Wm. H. Orpet is on trial, had no thought of suicide on the day she met Orpet in Helms woods, Josephine Davis, Marian's closest chum, who was a principal witness for the state at the trial, declared today.

"Marian knew that her worries over her physical condition were at an end," Miss Davis said, "and she realized that her love for Orpet had grown cold. She had determined to forget her romance with Will. She was not even jealous of Will's reported engagement to Celestia Youker."

Farmers, their wives and families, came into the city from a distance of the land whose trial is recorded as the most sensational in the county's history. Orpet was up early and was apparently rested and ready for another week's monotony.

The deposition made by David James, deaf mute of Lake Forest who says he saw Marian Lambert and Orpet in Helms woods together a short time before the girl died, bobbed up again today as important. A double interpretation has been put on James' statement that he saw Orpet and the girl in an embrace in the woods. The state claims that the embrace was in reality a struggle and that Orpet cast the girl from him, first forcing her to take the poison. The defense asserts what James saw was the girl's final effort to bring him back to her through her loving caresses and that failing in this, she took the poison which she brought to the woods' trysting place.

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## Quick Action on Jury Selection At Trial of Accused Poisoner

NEW YORK, May 22.—The jury which will try Dr. Arthur Warren Waite on the charge of murdering his millionaire father-in-law John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, was completed early this afternoon in the record breaking time of two hours and fifty-four minutes.

**Doctor Is Calm.**  
NEW YORK, May 22.—His jaunty main gone, with the two women with whom he played arrayed against him, Arthur Warren Waite, dentist and dilettante lover and linguist, and by his own confession, arch poisoner, went on trial today. The laws accusing him were pointed at him for the murder by arsenic poisoning of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire of Grand Rapids, Mich.

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The court adjourned upon completion of the jury until two o'clock when District Attorney Swann opened for the prosecution. But fifty-seven talesmen were examined. Seven were challenged peremptorily, the others excused because of conscientious scruples against capital punishment, defective hearing and personal prejudice.

The men who will try the accused doctor are: Robert Neill, mechanical engineer; foreman; Peter Hebel, cheese merchant; Thaddeus S. Barlow, superintendent; Paul D. Case, assistant secretary; George A. Heime, capitalist; James H. Bettes, sales manager; Edwin M. Friedlander, broker; Thomas Widdcombe, certified accountant; James M. Jeffairs, manager; Stephen A. Douglas, electrical engineer; Hugh F. Donnelly, real estate dealer; Joseph H. Trant, writer.

Friedlander is a bachelor. The others are married and most of them have children. Zariow and Case are about Waite's own age, 27. The others are well into middle life, many of them snowy haired.

Orpet spent Sunday in his cell, reading several of his college books. A new panel of one hundred veniremen was on hand bright and early. The rain of the past two days has made farm work impossible, so the crowd in the court room was greater

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