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AMERICAN SOLDIERS FOUGHT WITH GREAT BRAVERY

Trapped by Mexicans and Slaughtered

FEW MEN LEFT TO TELL TALE

Tenth Cavalry Troops, Composed of Negroes, Thought to Have been Engaged. Size of Mexican Force Under Gen. Gomez Unknown. Great Bravery Shown.

El Paso, Texas, June 21.—American and Carranza troops fought a sanguinary battle today on the Santo Domingo ranch, near the town of Carrizal, and tonight it had not been learned with which side rested the victory.

The number of dead, American or Mexican, was not definitely known here 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 10. 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 scene of the fight was just nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field headquarters in northern Chihuahua, and the clash occurred only a few hours after President Wilson's 6,000 word note warning Carranza that the "gravest consequences" would follow an attack upon American troops had gone forward.

TENTH CAVALRY ENGAGED.

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.

Great Bravery Shown.

San Antonio, Tex., June 21.—"Great courage and thorough fighting qualities" is the proud characterization Gen. Pershing gives the heroes of the Carrizal fight in a message he sent to Gen. Funston tonight.

A new chapter is added to the narrative of the encounter with the men of Gomez's army by this last message, based on a report sent by Major John E. Jenkins, in command of the squadron of the Eleventh Cavalry first sent to the relief of the survivors of the fight.

Jenkins' courier reached Colonia Dublan late this afternoon, and brought the word from the major that he had come up on five soldiers of Troop C and one of Troop K, who had escaped from the bloody field and made their way to the San Luis ranch, where Jenkins found them. The major wrote the report of the fight and started the courier back with it and proceeded on his way towards Carrizal.

Major Robert L. Howze is a day's march behind him, proceeding also to Carrizal with his squadron as a supporting force, and Gen. Pershing has sent after them another detachment with supplies.

Uneasiness Dispelled.

The arrival of the courier dispelled at field headquarters, and herealso, all uneasiness concerning the two squadrons of the relief expedition.

Major Jenkins obtained these new features of the desperate and hopeless fight of less than 60 troopers against thousands of the Mexican enemy.

Immediately upon the return of Gomez to his own line and the treacherous opening of the machine gun fire, without the Americans having made any advance movement, Capt. Boyd gave the order to dismount and form a line of skirmishers. The horse-riders rode rapidly to the rear, each with his four horses. Hence of the 84 men and officers of the two troops, less than 60 faced the overwhelming numbers of the enemy.

Officers Led Men.

Capt. Boyd took his position at the left of the line and Capt. Morey stood at the other end of the line. Led by these two captains and Lieut. Henry Adair, the troopers advanced by rushes towards an irrigating ditch which the Mexican infantry had occupied. From this trench came the

GIVES CARRANZA COUPLE OF DAYS

If No Definite Reply Is Received by Thursday Afternoon United States Will Make Move.

Washington, June 27.—There were clear indications today that if American cavalrymen captured by Mexican troops at Carrizal were not released within 48 hours action would be taken by the United States.

The impression prevailed in official circles that President Wilson wouldn't wait beyond Thursday at latest and possibly not beyond tomorrow afternoon for a definite reply from the Carranza government to the note demanding the immediate release of prisoners and a declaration of intention.

Special Agent Rodgers, at Mexico City, reported that he had delivered the note to the Mexican foreign office yesterday morning. He didn't indicate how it had been received or when a reply might be expected.

While the diplomatic aspect of the crisis awaited Carranza's action the war department drove forward efforts to hasten the mobilization of the militia on the border.

It is certain no aggressive military operations can be undertaken until a substantial number of state troops are available to back up Funston's regulars, who unquestionably would lead any movement.

President Wilson's first step should he decide to force the issue would probably be to lay the whole situation before a joint session of congress. It is believed he informed members of foreign relations committees of this at the Sunday conference.

blasting machine gun fire and an ineffective rifle fire.

As the troopers advanced by rushes, at the end of each throwing themselves prone and firing with deadly effect at any enemy who showed himself, there was suddenly launched from the flank a wild mounter charge of an enemy far outnumbering the trapped Americans. The skirmishers wheeled by squads and met this charge with a rifle fire that stopped it and turned it back in confusion. Then the rushes were resumed.

Boyd Falls.

Two hundred and fifty yards was the distance to the ditch from the first position of the line of skirmishers. Capt. Boyd was wounded twice, once in the arm and once in the shoulder, and as his brave men, himself abreast, leaped into the ditch triumphantly he fell from a third, a mortal wound.

The Mexicans were driven from the ditch and several machine guns were captured. Troop C continued on through the little town of Carrizal pursuing the enemy and led by Lieut. Adair.

Troop K, captained by Morey, was flanked at the ditch by the reformed Mexican cavalry, and forced to retire to an adobe house. Capt. Morey was wounded in the shoulder, and part of his men were cut off.

Only a Few Reach Shelter.

The survivors found by Jenkins think that not more than ten or twelve reached the shelter of the house with Morey. The abode was at once surrounded by the Mexicans and firing became continuous, the beleaguered troopers holding off the enemy with consummate bravery.

The survivors at San Luis ranch are men who were swept back by the onrushing tide of Mexicans, and to escape capture or certain death managed to catch stampeded horses and get away. Their stories end with Morey's brave band fighting for their lives and Adair leading his troopers in that reckless, hopeless charge afoot through the town and into the enemy's ranks.

These six survivors found by Major Jenkins brings the total of survivors now known to have escaped capture to 33—27 of whom are back with the main column.

Mrs. Katherine Campbell Knight Dead. Mrs. Katherine Campbell Knight, wife of Mr. William Knight, died at her home Saturday and was buried at Rabun the following day. Mr. J. H. Wolff conducted the exercises. The deceased was about sixty-five years old and is survived by one son, Mr. Dunk Knight and her husband.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR ENLISTMENT IN TRAYNHAM GUARDS.

To the Loyal and Patriotic Citizens of Laurens County:

In order to maintain the past record and reputation of Laurens County in being ever ready to pledge her support to a good cause, we take this method of calling upon the loyal and patriotic young men of Laurens County to enlist in Traynham Guards, Company D, First S. C. Regiment.

In order for Laurens County to have a representative company, going to Mexico, it is necessary that the enlistment be raised to 150 men, war strength, therefore, we must have 75 more men for immediate service in this company, or else lose our individuality and, as a representative company from Laurens County by being merged into some other company.

JOIN NOW!

Lieut. Joe F. Smith,

Q'm's. W. H. Dial, Jr.

Sergt. J. R. Eichelberger,

See Lieut. D. R. Simpson for enlistment.

SOLDIERS GIVEN BIG SEND-OFF

Vast Gathering of Friends, Relatives and Well-Wishers Thursday Evening

Thursday evening before the departure of the Traynham Guards for the mobilization camp at Columbia, a vast throng of men, women and children gathered in front of the court house to bid the soldiers farewell and Godspeed. Not in many a long day has such a large crowd gathered for any purpose at night in this city, the evident desire being to express thorough appreciation of the courage and sacrifices the men are showing in going to the front. Although an air of lightheartedness and good cheer prevailed, there was a strain of seriousness running through the exercises that lent it impressiveness and solemnity. R. E. Babb, Esq., presided over the exercises, which had been arranged largely by the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

At seven o'clock the ladies served a substantial and refreshing supper, before which Rev. J. R. T. Hajor made a short prayer. While the boys were giving due attention to this part of the program the crowd was gathering for the celebration which was to follow.

When the supper was finished Mr. Babb introduced Col. H. Y. Simpson, commander of the Sons of Veterans who made an eloquent address in which he held up for emulation the example of Palmetto soldiers in the Revolution, the Mexican war of 1846 and the Confederate war of the Sixties, in which the ancestors of the members of this company made enviable records for gallantry and courage. Col. Simpson assured the men of the deep sense of appreciation with which the people of the county and country saw them depart for the front, at the same time adjuring them to maintain the ideals of South Carolina soldiers and to show their loyalty to their country by their conduct in battle. In closing his address he asked them to live clean lives and to fight against the temptations of army life, so that they could return to their homes and their families with records unblemished by any stain upon their life or character.

Col. Simpson was followed by Hon. C. A. Power, who made a stirring appeal to the young soldiers to fight for their country as the Confederate soldiers fought for the Stars and Bars from '61 to '65. "Love of honor, love

of home and the love of country are the three dominating emotions in the breast of man" said Mr. Power and "the last of these is the strongest". He praised the spirit with which the soldiers enlisted and encouraged them to stand up like patriots for the protection of the honor and integrity of their country.

Following the address of Mr. Power, Miss Julia Irby, on the part of the Daughters of the Revolution, and Mrs. J. S. Bennett, on the part of the Daughters of the Confederacy, spoke a few words of good cheer and encouragement to the departing company. After they had spoken, Capt. W. R. Richey, Jr., formerly commander of the company, replied to the addresses in behalf of Capt. Lee, his officers and men. Capt. Richey made an eloquent speech in which he assured the assembled people of the company's appreciation and of their determination to uphold the honor and traditions of the county.

As a sort of aftermath to the program Rev. J. R. T. Hajor presented to the company a handsome victrola as a gift from the citizens of the town. Rev. Hajor told several witty anecdotes which put the company and auditors in a happy mood for the closing. Following his short talk, the company gave a rousing cheer as its expression of thanks and appreciation.

Friday morning again a large crowd assembled at the railroad station to bid the boys good-bye. There were many affecting scenes as the young soldiers parted from their loved ones, but they went away with that dauntless and cheerful expression characteristic of this state's soldiers. The crowd that waited behind was far more affected by the seriousness of the case than the men themselves, for if there were any evidences of reluctance to go none came to the surface.

Reports from the camp are that the Laurens company is getting into shape and all of the members are well. It is not known when they will depart for the front, but it will hardly be for a week or ten days yet. The company is in serious need of more men if it is to keep its identity and not be merged with another company to bring it up to war strength. About fifteen men have been recruited since the company's departure, but about 75 more are needed.

Recital Friday Evening.

Many music lovers of the city enjoyed a splendid musicale by Miss Clara Cox being assisted by Mrs. Lucas, who is a musician of note. Piano solos by Miss Cox and duets by Miss Cox and Mrs. Lucas, selections being taken from the compositions of the master composers, combined to make an evening of rare charm. Miss Cox, though quite youthful, displayed admirable technique and gave indications of talent out of the ordinary. After the musical selections delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Sullivan Entertains.

Miss Josie Sullivan entertained last Thursday afternoon at her home on West Main street in honor of Mrs. R. V. Irby, a recent bride, and Miss Pauline Whitley, her guest. She was assisted by Mrs. Jas. F. Harney and Misses Sadie Sullivan and Donie Counts. After a number of games of Forty Two and Bridge were played, a delicious ice course was served.

Mr. R. S. Owens, Esq., of the Abbeville bar, was here on business for a while Monday.

BLEASE AND COOPER FAVORITES SATURDAY

Words Pass Between Manning and Blease

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT ONE TIME

Gov. Manning and Ex-Gov. Blease Principals in a Little Tilt over the Record of Gov. Manning in Regard to the Appointment of a Magistrate.

(News and Courier.) Anderson, June 24.—When Governor Manning jumped to his feet today while former Governor Blease was speaking, just as the latter had said that he had promised to be partial to his friends in appointments, and had done so, while Governor Manning had promised to be governor of all the people, and had not kept his promise, such a din broke out from several thousand throats, and what was passed was not audible at the press table. Governor Manning stood facing former Governor Blease, gesticulating and talking rapidly, while the voters out in front and around the stand were yelling and shouting for Blease. The county chairman was on his feet promptly and made several attempts to quiet the crowd. The former governor was seen to smile and take a drink of water and motion his friends to be seated. The governor returned to his seat, the pandemonium ceased and Mr. Blease finished his speech.

It was decidedly a Blease crowd, with Cooper a strong second favorite. The Laurens man began his speech under difficulties, for about one-third of the audience began to leave as soon as Mr. Blease finished. However, Solicitor Cooper made his voice heard in all parts of the grove, and soon he had his audience following him closely. In his appeal to do away with factionalism he met with applause, and when he finished his speech he was generously and generally cheered.

Patriotic Spirit.

The meeting was held in Buena Vista Park, three thousand people being present. C. E. Tolly, county chairman, presided. The patriotic spirit of Anderson, was strongly in evidence today. The stand from which the speakers addressed the people was decorated, the red, white and blue intertwined with Old Glory. A note of fervent loyalty ran through the prayer of the Rev. W. H. Frazier, the audience standing with bowed heads while the Divine blessing was being invoked.

John E. Swearingen, unopposed for re-election as State Superintendent of Education, started the speaking.

W. T. Throver, James Cansler, Albert S. Fant, W. H. Kelly and G. McDuffie Hampton presented their claims for railroad commissioner.

It was shortly after 12 o'clock when the candidates for Governor began to speak, Governor Richard I. Manning leading off.

The Governor began by referring to the imminence of war with Mexico and said he knew South Carolina would do her part, as she had in the past. He congratulated Anderson on leading the counties of the State in responding to the call for troops, more than three hundred men from Anderson having mobilized for the front.

Law Enforcement Policy.

The Governor told of his law-enforcement policy. He reviewed legislation passed during his administration favorable to farmers and cotton mill employees and mentioning the board of conciliation, recalled that during the strike at the Brogan Mill last fall the operatives asked him to arbitrate, which he was willing to do if both sides consented, but the mill owners, he said, refused, saying they had nothing to arbitrate. He referred to his refusal to order out the militia during the strike. The governor reviewed the reorganization and remodeling of the State Hospital for the Insane. The Governor was asked about appointing negroes as notaries public. He replied that there are none in office now; that he named notaries public in South Carolina on recommendation of the legislators and some negroes got in, but he found they were not conducting themselves well and he has revoked all of their commissions and refused to commission any more. The governor was presented with a basket of flowers.

Blease Spoke.

Former Governor Cole L. Blease said

CANDIDATES SPEAK HERE ON FRIDAY

Duncan Expected to Lead for Governor

CHAIRMAN BABB WILL PRESIDE

It is Thought that the Candidates for Minor Offices will Speak First, Followed by the Candidates for Governor, Duncan First Speaker.

The candidates for state offices are expected to be in Laurens Friday for their regular engagement for this county. Although the program of the day has not been definitely decided upon, it is thought that the candidates for minor offices will speak first and the candidates for governor last. In all probability John T. Duncan will be the first speaker, followed consecutively by Richard I. Manning, Coleman L. Blease, R. A. Cooper and J. M. DesChamps. As the last named candidate makes a very entertaining speech, it is thought that the crowd will hold together until the very last.

The speaking, as usual, will be held at Holmes Spring. R. E. Babb, Esq., county chairman, will preside. The speaking will start at 10 o'clock a. m. Since it is not definitely decided which of the candidates will speak first, attendants on the meeting should be present at the opening hour.

when the campaign began there were negroes holding office and by his campaign he had drummed them out and congratulated the present governor "on at last recognizing that negroes are not as good as white men." Mr. Blease rapped on the new offices which have been created during the present administration, denouncing among others the board of conciliation, the tax commission and others. He said if Governor Manning hadn't sent "Smoke" Thompson to Anderson last fall there would have been no trouble at Brogan Mill; that the sheriff had the situation in hand and everything was getting along all right until "Smoke" Thompson came up. He assailed the last legislature and said "If your legislatures are no better than the last one was, you would be better off without any." He charged the governor with turning all the Bleasites out of office and said sarcastically "and yet he says he is governor of all the people."

In comparing his administration with that of Governor Manning, Mr. Blease said "The difference between Mr. Manning's administration and mine is that I said I would not appoint anybody but Bleasites, and did it, and Mr. Manning said he would not regard factions, and did not keep his promise."

Yelling and Cheering.

The crowd was yelling and cheering Mr. Blease when he made this statement and Governor Manning arose from where he was seated on the stand and walked up to the speaker, but what passed between them was not audible to the press stand, because of the uproar among the crowd. Chairman Tolly was on his feet quieting the crowd, and finally succeeded. The governor returned to his seat. Blease smiled, took a sip of water and intimated his speech, in which he scored the Manning administration. The former governor said he was going to be elected on the first ballot. He was presented with two baskets of flowers and received many cheers.

Enough of Factionalism.

"We have had enough of factionalism in South Carolina. Have you thought of it?" R. A. Cooper asked the audience of Anderson voters today and they answered with cheers. His statement seemed to meet with the hearty approval of his audience. Mr. Cooper urged that the neighborhood school be built up and stressed law enforcement.

John Madison DesChamps, fourth speaker for the office of Governor, delivered one of the most unusual addresses heard in a political campaign in this state in some time. He departed from his business address to denounce in no uncertain terms the factionalism which he had perceived.

"My friends," said he, "we have been told that factionalism in South Carolina was dead; not only dead, but buried. If there be a man here who has believed that, never again should he doubt the doctrine of the Resurrection. Today you have shown that no longer have we democracy in this state. The Independents, the men who now can rule. They are a minority; we are a minority. More than one hundred years ago factionalism started in South Carolina; since that time three factions have been added, one succeeding the other. Man flies at the throat of man.

Makes Prediction.

"I take an oath as to this. If it proves false you may hang me in effigy, you may send me back to my home in shame. Either I shall be the next Governor, or with the Independents (Continued on Page Four.)