

AVIATOR SHOT BANDIT LEADER

Reported That Renteria Was Shot and Killed By One of American Aviators

THE STORY IN ALL PROBABILITY IS NOT TRUE

Bandit Chasers Return to American Territory With Strange Stories of Expedition

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 25.—The American cavalry border patrol tonight rested in home stations between Presidio and Hester's Ranch after six days in Mexico in pursuit of the bandits who kidnapped and held for ransom two American aviators.

With reported killing of Jesus Renteria, leader of the bandits, and four other bandits; capture of nine by Mexican troops and arrests of six suspects by the Americans, Maj. J. P. Yancey declared the fourth punitive expedition into Mexico had accomplished its object of clearing bandits from the section of Mexico just below the border from the Big Bend, Texas region.

Tomorrow the troops will resume patrolling the American border communities as a safeguard against bandits from South of the Rio Grande. It will be an alert border guard, in view of reports today that the Mexican incursion had aroused the natives of Northern Mexico who have been more or less friendly with the outlaws.

Officials reports of the expedition show the remarkable accomplishment of the cavalry, some of whom marched 75 miles yesterday on their return. "I am feeling a just pride in the men and officers of my command who made the campaign," Colonel Langhorne said tonight.

An important part was played by the aviators who kept up liaison with the troops, searched the mountainsides and carried supplies, locating at least one band of bandits.

The aviators also are given credit for killing of Jesus Renteria, with machine gun bullets. The fairmen also acted as couriers for the Mexican federals under General Pruneda and General Dieguez.

Capt. Leonard F. Matlock returned to his river station at Candelaria today.

"My troops are in fine condition and are ready for more," he said over the army telephone at Candelaria.

"Mexicans in four or five places along the trail told us about reports of Jesus Renteria having been killed," he continued. "Precliano Cerando, owner of a ranch on Cucallo tanks told us Saturday 'Slim' Olivias, one of Renteria's band and another bandit passed through the ranch leading a wounded horse Wednesday, a day after our aviators reported killing a bandit.

"They told Cerando that Jesus Renteria was killed in the saddle by airplane bullets. We started after Olivias and his companion on Saturday with a patrol of seven men, in addition to Lieutenant Peterson and myself. We went within 12 miles of Coyame searching for the trail.

We continued toward Coyame after dark. We saw tiny flares of lights where a Mexican patrol was smoking cigarettes and approaching within 30 yards of the patrol. Then we returned to headquarters camp and reported the presence of Carranza patrols to Major Yancey. We learned there were about 150 more Carranza troops in Coyame. After a conference a decision was reached to withdraw as the bandit trail had not been found. We started on the march out at 10 o'clock Sunday morning."

Buy Fencing Wire.

Clemson College, Aug. 23.—An opportunity to apply the principle of collective buying in the purchasing of wire fencing from the War Department is offered South Carolina farmers, and the Extension Service is urging farmers who need barbed wire to pool their orders through county agents or otherwise and bid for some of the material.

A letter from Senator Dial to Acting Director Watkins gives the following information:

"The department has for sale, at Columbus, Ohio, 1920 tons of black and red barbed wire and 1464 tons of galvanized barbed wire, standard commercial type, 12 gauge wire with four 13 gauge half-inch barbs spaced three inches apart. Minimum sales quantity is two tons. Bids will be opened at 10 a. m. September 3 in the office of the Chief, Surplus Property Division, Munitions Building, Washington. Bids to be f. o. b. Columbus, Ohio. A certified check, bond or postal money order equal to 10 per cent. of amount involved must accompany each bid."

This proper growth of the livestock industry calls for the building of many miles of wire fencing, and this is doubtless a good chance to reduce considerably the high cost of fencing.

Rice and Bouquet Found.

Marfa, Texas, Aug. 25.—Aviators George K. Rice and L. L. Bouquet, missing since early yesterday when they left for Mexico, were located last night at Terlingga, Texas. They were lost in the storm and made a forced landing. They were uninjured.

Greenville, Aug. 25.—Preparations were being made today by the Southern Public Utilities Company to resume the operation of street cars here within the next few days, regardless of whether the strike of car men is adjusted by that time. Local officials of the company announced that they have enough applications for positions to man the cars.

MANY NATIONS TO BE HEARD

Report on Treaty Delayed Two Weeks By Decision to Hear Many Representatives

SENATE DEMOCRATS ARE GREATLY AROUSED

List of Witnesses Includes Members of Numerous European Peoples and American Negro

Washington, Aug. 25.—Extending the scope of its public inquiry regarding the peace treaty, the Senate foreign relations committee announced tonight a schedule of hearings that promise to occupy most of its time for the next two weeks and to lead into the intricacies of political and territorial problems in several parts of the world.

The disputed questions to be touched upon in the eight-day schedule include the disposition of Fiume, of the Aland Islands and of the German colonies in Africa and the claim of Ireland for independence. On the list of witnesses are representatives of the Italians, Jugo-Slavs, Hungarian-Americans, Greeks, Irish, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Estonians, Letts and American negroes.

Under the arrangement the time to be devoted to work on amendments to the treaty this week will be reduced from three days to two. Thursday having been set aside to hear the negro delegation on the question of the African colonies.

Chairman Lodge, announcing the decision, after consultation with other members, said the hearings seemed essential to an intelligent judgment on the manifold provisions of the treaty.

Democratic members, however, who said there had been an understanding that the committee would complete its report to the senate this week, charged again that the treaty was being needlessly held up by the committee majority.

It was generally agreed that if the plan were carried out the treaty probably would not come out of committee before the end of next week.

Late today President Wilson drove to the capitol and conferred with Senator Swanson, of Virginia, a Democratic member of the committee, and it was assumed they discussed the committee situation and the new turn of events.

It was reported that the president desired to see also Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the Democratic leader, but found he was not in town.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES

The Chamber of Commerce reports that offers of rooms and boarding places to accommodate teachers in the city schools are not coming in as fast as the demand will be. The time is near at hand when rooms and board must be available for our teachers. Several public spirited ladies have offered to help out by renting rooms. You are performing a public duty when you help to locate our teachers, and to help furnish rooms and board for every new comer.

Yesterday there were two visitors to Sumter who wish to locate a small but important enterprise—one that is susceptible of great expansion, and which would use up a lot of oak, poplar, and gum. But getting a place in which to do business was the rub.

These gentlemen left the matter open, and in the hands of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Any persons having a vacant building, with moderate sized lot, for rent, building not less than 40x60 but 40x75 feet preferred, near a railroad or on a railroad, where trackage can be secured, will please notify the Chamber of Commerce immediately, by next Saturday at the latest.

TOBACCO MARKET

On Tuesday the Moore Bros. warehouse sold 64,780 pounds of tobacco for a total of \$11,171.09 or an average price of nearly twenty cents. This warehouse will close on the 29th of August, because the buyers have been called to the Eastern markets. Mr. Moore has issued a statement in which he guarantees a good price for any tobacco left in Sumter, if the owner will ship it to him at the "Star Brick Warehouse," Durham, N. C.

The Banner warehouse sold on Tuesday 25,104 pounds for \$5,017.22 or an average of nearly twenty cents per pound. The Banner house will also close on Friday the 29th of August. It seems as if the tobacco season is nearly over in Sumter so far as the warehouses are concerned. The buyers being called to the Eastern markets seems to be the cause of the sudden closing of the local market.

Marriage Licenses.

White: W. B. F. McCoy, Sumter and Carrie Lee Josey, Sumter.
Colored: John Thompson, Rimini and Daisy Gregg, Sumter.
Dick Lee Slater, Bishopville and Susie Hannibal, Bishopville.
Rees Prince, Sumter and Sallie Butler, Sumter.
Jessie Wilson, Sumter and Rosina Shadler, Sumter.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Samuel T. Ansell told the senate committee that Secretary Baker, Gen. March, Gen. Crowder and other general officers had placed obstacles in his way when he tried to obtain clearance for soldiers given harsh sentences.

COTTON SITUATION

President Wanamaker Is Confident That State Will Be Organized With Great Membership

Columbia, Aug. 24.—"The people of South Carolina are aroused as they have not been since the days of 1876 and I feel that the success of our campaign for membership is assured," declared J. Skottowe Wannamaker, of St. Matthews, president of the South Carolina Cotton Association here today. The membership drive begins Tuesday morning in every county in South Carolina and continues through Friday.

"The meetings which were held in counties all over the State last week," continued Mr. Wannamaker "remind me forcibly of that year of liberation for South Carolina. The attendance at these meetings was large and the enthusiasm manifested was as great as any friend of the American Cotton Association could have asked for. The interests of all classes of people in the cotton belt are involved equally in the success of the movement for a fair price for cotton. The fact that this movement is not a class movement lends it far greater influence for the entire section. Were the farmers alone organizing to hold their cotton for higher prices, some persons might suppose their own interest would be hurt or would not be affected at all. But the fact that all business interests alike are rallying into one organization indicates that the welfare of the cotton States is the objective of the movement and the people understand this. Whatever legitimately benefits the farmer will benefit all people of the region alike.

"The organization of South Carolina is now a certainty. The number of members of the cotton association expected on this State will probably be expected. This will lend great impetus to the organization of the other States which will follow immediately. Plans are already well under way for the other States."

Andrew S. Manning, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce in calling on the business men of Columbia to support the organization today issued this statement:

"The American Cotton Association is to be actually a big vital factor in

our commercial life. It will mean millions of dollars more money for the South, actual cash, and we must give it our attention.

HOG PRICES ARE ON THE DECLINE

Drop of One Dollar Per Hundred Pounds Noted—General Protest Helps

Chicago, Aug. 27.—A drop of \$1 a hundred pounds on the average for hogs with lower prices for beef cattle at the stock yards today was ascribed to several reasons, including the general protest against the high cost of living. Market men said the tendency was for still lower hog prices, particularly after the fall marketing, and they professed to see a break in high living costs. The public has curtailed its buying of pork and beef recently while live stock receipts are large. The eastern market failed to act as an emergency outlet and the packers virtually withdrew their buyers from the pens today, leaving thousands of hogs and cattle without buyers. Speculators were hit hard.

Live stock men say export business has been depressed by the foreign exchange situation and that this coupled with receipt of hogs that accumulated on farms during the railroad shoppens' strike and the prospect of a strong run of hogs, helped to cause the weak market.

While the average drop for hogs was at \$1, the difference between today's lowest point and yesterday's highest point was full \$1.50, live stock authorities said, while the average drop for beef cattle today ranged from 50 to 75 cents a hundred pounds. Sheep also sold lower.

TO GIVE RECEPTION TO SOLDIERS

Central Committee Decides to Have William Howe Day November 11th

At a meeting at Chamber of Commerce yesterday of the original central committee in charge of the first celebration and reception tendered the returned soldiers, sailors,

and heroes of every branch of the service, in the great world war, held last April, yesterday's meeting having been called by the directors of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that Sumter county will, on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, have another big celebration in honor of our Sumter county boys who have returned to their homes since the first celebration, and who will return between this and the 11th of November, and that the boys first returning and honored by the first reception will be also included in the 11th of November reception. This reception, like the first, to be in honor of and in sincere gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of Sumter county to every man in every branch of any and all service, whether these who wore the uniform of their country served at home or abroad.

A committee representing the heroes of the world war Messrs Geo. D. Levy, J. P. Brunson, Irving Richardson, J. S. Chandler, and Jack Forbes, officers who served in active service, were present by invitation to express their views as to the kind of reception and entertainment they thought their comrades would like.

Each of these gentlemen expressed the opinion that no matter what the citizens of Sumter county see fit to do will meet with the appreciative and unanimous approval of every man so honored, and these five world war heroes voted as a unit to participate and said that they felt certain that every man from Sumter county whom the citizens seek to honor will gladly participate in anything that Sumter county sees fit to do.

Messrs R. I. Manning, Neill O'Donnell, A. C. Phelps, George Warren, Mrs. Horace Harby, E. I. Reardon, expressed the opinion that nothing is too good for "our boys" who fought or served in the great world war. That those who have returned or will return since the first big reception, together with all who were here for the first reception shall be shown in appropriate and grateful manner by Sumter county just how much we love, admire, and appreciate them and what these heroes did for civilization and democracy.

It was decided that the same general committee in charge of the first reception and entertainment should have charge of the 11th of November reception and entertainment,

with full authority to arrange such program as this committee sees fit. That the seven bank presidents of Sumter who served as the finance committee to raise funds for the carrying out of the first reception be requested to serve for the raising of money for the second reception. That Major A. C. Phelps, chairman of the memorial committee of soldiers and sailors of the world war of the Chamber of Commerce, be requested to secure the names of every man who served from this county in any capacity during the world war, together with the names of the heroes who gave up their lives, or were wounded in order that a permanent record may be kept, and that this list be read on the 11th of November during the second celebration.

In connection with the first celebration and second celebration to be held, it should be emphasized that neither are being put on by the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, or by the city of Sumter, but by all of the white citizens of Sumter county as a Sumter county affair. The Chamber of Commerce took the lead in the first celebration, as it has done this time for the second celebration, to organize the citizens to do honor to the veterans of the great world war.

This commercial organization through its president, and board of directors called the first meeting of Sumter county citizens, as it called yesterday meeting, but it does not claim or profess that the Chamber of Commerce is putting on the second celebration, in fact this second celebration, like the first will be a Sumter county celebration of all the white citizens of Sumter county. With the central or general committee fully organized for a second Sumter county celebration, the Chamber of Commerce drops out of the proposition, as an organization, and the general committee will have its own chairman, secretary, treasurer, and subcommittees to carry out the program independent of any one organization, and in the spirit of an entire Sumter county celebration.

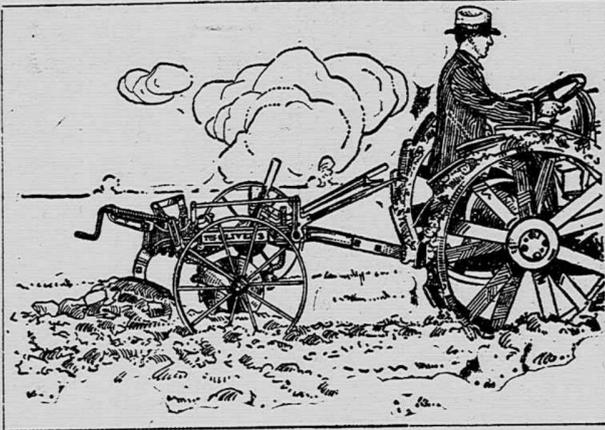
This explanation is made in order that the people of the entire county will know that this second celebration, like the first, is their affair, and not a city of Sumter matter. But that the white citizens of this county are given full opportunity to come in and cooperate in every possible manner in doing honor to the Sumter county heroes who served their country with such honor and valor.

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