

THIRTY VILLA MEN KILLED BY AMERICANS

Tenth Cavalry Attacks Bandits at Point Near Aguas Calientes.

BANDITS PURSUED AFTER THE BATTLE

More Troops Needed as the Bandits Scattered in Small Bands.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. San Antonio, April 4.—More than thirty of Villa's men were killed in a fight Saturday between a detachment of the Tenth cavalry and bandits at Aguas Calientes, twenty miles southeast of Bachinaba, according to a report from Gen. Pershing today.

Natives coming from Chihuahua said Brown had surprised Villa's men about noon while their horses were grazing. They said that between thirty and forty bandits were killed, but their statements lack confirmation. After the battle Brown is said to have pursued the bandits through San Antonio, Chihuahua.

News of the engagement was brought by friendly Mexicans to a point near Rubio, where another detachment of the Tenth cavalry, under Major Evans, halted yesterday. At the time Gen. Pershing sent his report to Gen. Funston he had not received the official report from Colonel Brown, but the fact that Gen. Pershing transmitted it is an indication that he credits it.

Brown caught the bandits during their retreat, and, although army officers here see in Brown's victory the weakening of the morale of Villa's troops, it is considered only an incident to the difficulty in capturing Villa. With his force apparently broken up into marauding bands, it is believed that more troops must be put into Mexico to effect the capture.

EL PASO RECEIVES NEWS OF BATTLE IN QUIET MANNER

El Paso, April 4.—The defeat of a band of Villa followers was received here quietly tonight. Confirmation that Villa himself is far to the south and approaching parallel has diverted attention here to the railroad problem.

Army officers do not believe Gen. Pershing can push much further without the aid of railroads. They say the number of men required to hold the three hundred mile line of communication is all out of proportion to the number of troops at Funston's disposal.

Three Mexicans, accused of a plot to start a revolt in Juarez in behalf of Felix Diaz have been ordered shot tomorrow. Mexican authorities say the plot originated in El Paso. The plan was for the conspirators to gain control of the barracks while the Carranza soldiers were away and hold it until their fellow conspirators from El Paso arrived.

UNITED STATES AGAIN TAKES UP TRANSPORTATION MATTER

Washington, April 4.—The United States again has renewed its representations to Gen. Carranza regarding the shipment of supplies to Gen. Pershing over the Mexican railroads. A dispatch sent to Special Agent Rodgers at Queretaro instructed him to urge Carranza to fulfill his promise. Funston has been delayed in sending shipments because Carranza has not notified his subordinates at Juarez.

News of the second fight was received here tonight from Funston.

OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN TOBACCO FRAUDS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 4.—Treasury officials said today that Carl E. Whitney, a New York lawyer, had filed charges that a number of deputy internal collectors there are involved in the tobacco frauds. Only a part of the more than 100 deputy collectors are suspected. The frauds involve hundreds of cigar and cigarette manufacturers in which the government is believed to have lost \$20,000,000 in uncollected internal revenue.

Mr. Whitney made his charges to Assistant Secretary Malburn, but declined to give the names of deputies.

Alleged Spy Brought to United States for Probe Dynamite Plots



At left, Captain Von Der Goltz, alleged German secret agent, and Detective Sergeant Burst of Scotland Yard, photographed on deck of the Finland when Von Der Goltz was brought to the United States for investigation in connection with attempts that were made to hamper the workings of the Canadian government, including an attempt to dynamite the Welland canal. After leaving the United States, Von Der Goltz is said to have been arrested in England and compelled to choose between death in the tower of London as a spy or voyaging to the United States for investigation.

KEPT A POSSE AT BAY THEN SUICIDED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Babylon, L. I., April 4.—William Dudley, a hunter and guide, lay dead today in his home where he had wounded five persons and fought a long battle with the sheriff and fourteen deputies who attempted to arrest him. Armed with rifles, shot guns and revolvers, Donley withstood siege by the county authorities from noon yesterday until early this morning. When the attackers, after a long silence forced their way into the house, they found Donley had almost blown the upper part of his head off with a shot gun. The body lay at the head of the stairs where Donley had for hours kept the besiegers at bay.

The townspeople who had been terror-stricken for more than twelve hours while the battle went on, flocked to the Donley house today to view the scene. Donley's friends believe he was driven to temporary insanity by his recent arrest for shooting ducks out of season and the imposition of a fine of \$600 which he could not pay. He accused two of his neighbors of making the complaint against him and, opening fire on them with a shot gun, wounded both. A third neighbor who intervened also was wounded. Donley then fired several shots at his wife and at the wife of a neighbor, slightly wounding the latter. For hours thereafter Donley fired at any person who came near his home. A policeman attempting to arrest him was shot in the arm and leg.

Norway Seeking To Place Blame for Sunken Ship

London, April 4.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Norwegian government has requested the German government to investigate whether German submarines were responsible for the torpedoing of the large number of Norwegian ships destroyed recently. If it is proved that German submarines were responsible, Norway will demand full compensation.

FRENCH DRIVE TEUTONS TO THE WOODS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, April 4.—The German attack against the French first line of trenches south of Douaumont and northeast of Verdun was repulsed and the Germans retreated in disorder toward Chaffeur Wood. In the same sector, north of Caillette Wood, the French continued their advance, while the German assault on the town of Haucourt, northwest of Verdun, failed. The German attack on the French trenches near Seppois, in the Vosges mountains, was stopped. Artillery action in the Dvinsk region on the Russian front has increased, but there are no changes of positions.

Austrians occupied Border Ridge between Lobbiaalta and Mount Fumo, formerly held by the Italians. The fourth Zeppelin raid in four days was made on England Monday. Berlin says the Yarmouth fortifications were attacked. No casualties were reported here, and no damage done.

Russia's new war minister, General Chouvaieff, says a re-organization of some departments of the Russian army is necessary and more equipment is needed. Austria, like Germany, has informed Holland that no Austrian submarine sank the Tubantia.

LARGER ARMY MEASURE IS ATTACKED

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 4.—The fate of the federal volunteer plan of the senate army bill is in doubt tonight. Before the senate recessed, Chairman Chamberlain asked that the vote be deferred until tomorrow, because many senators were absent. Senators Lee, of Maryland, and Lewis, of Illinois, and other senators opposed the federal volunteer provisions of the measure.

Vardaman said that if the Baltimore bill is passed, the "present occupant of the office" will not be there.

"I don't know who is going to succeed him," said Vardaman, "but if we have a man who is color blind on the race question we could have organized under this volunteer section a regiment composed entirely of negroes."

He said he was not willing for the senate to adopt such a proposal without calling attention to that phase.

Federalization of the national guard was also attacked. Senators Lodge and Weeks, of Massachusetts, defended the federal volunteers, but attacked the national guard feature.

SHOULD PAVE FOUR OF MAIN COUNTY ROADS

Government Engineer Tells Board of Count's Needs.

TWO NEW BRIDGES' ALSO REQUIRED

Says \$1,000,000 Bond Issue Can Easily Pay For All of the Work.

Appearing before the county commissioners last night just before his departure for Washington and after he had concluded his survey of the roads of Escambia county, Government Highway Engineer George Burrell told the board that he had concluded his work, planned for a permanent road system that would be second to none in the south, had selected those highways which he considered of the most importance for improvement and had recommended the erection of two steel and concrete bridges, one at Ferry Pass and the other at Nunez Ferry. This report, said the engineer, had been forwarded to Washington that the various items might be checked and verified and that it will soon be returned to the board.

He said that in this report he had recommended the paving of one hundred miles of modern concrete surfaced roads, with concrete and steel culverts. These roads are from Pensacola to Atmore, Pensacola to Nunez Ferry and Pensacola to Ferry Pass, with concrete and steel bridges across the rivers at the two latter places and that the proposed million dollar bond issue would more than cover the cost of this work.

Mr. Burrell said his report, in addition to fully covering the above, will also take in the necessary trunk lines and the upkeep of same in order to make a complete and feasible system of roadway second to none in the south. The engineer said he was unbiased in his selections of roads to be improved and only viewed it from the standpoint of the greatest good to the greatest number.

After the department of agriculture completes the checking of figures contained in the report it will be submitted to the board and made public.

OTHER BUSINESS. The board recommended to the governor the appointment of J. A. Clark as inspector of timber.

The notary public bonds of John G. Welsh, M. O. Ortell, John P. Stokes and B. R. Coleman were approved.

C. E. Deason, representing the Rotary club, requested the board to have County Surveyor Lee survey the proposed road from the head of the lagoon to the gulf beach. The board decided that inasmuch as the right of way had not been deeded to the county it were not authorized to employ a surveyor to do the work.

W. L. Chance and C. C. Driver of Bogue appeared and entered a protest against Commissioner Baggett working county employes and prisoners in the construction of the road from Hudson's ferry to Chumuckla Springs, as well as furnishing material for bridges on that road, saying the people of McDavid had guaranteed to supply all necessary material as well as stump the right of way. They claimed this had not been done and that Commissioner Baggett is using the county's money for material and labor.

Commissioner Baggett stated that McDavid people had stumped the road in accordance with their agreement, but the lumber furnished could not be used and contended the McDavid people had completed their part of the contract.

The board decided to defer action until next Tuesday.

British Would Salvage "L-15" In Thames River

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, April 4.—The British aeronautical institute has asked the government's permission to undertake at its own expense the salvage of the Zeppelin L-15 which is lying in shallow water off the mouth of the Thames. The institute believes the Zeppelin can be saved, rebuilt and launched against the enemy within three months.

Walton County Leads In Tick Eradication Work; Decides to Levy a Tax

DeFuniak, April 4.—The Walton county commissioners today agreed to levy a one-half mill tax in next levy for tick eradication. This is the first county in West Florida to take this official action.

SAYS SHE SENT PLAN A POLICY FOR CONTROL OF FLOODS POISONED CANDY

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Harrisburg, Va., April 4.—After confessing, according to the police, that she sent boxes of poisoned "April fool" candy to the Kyger sisters, Mrs. Margaret Sipe, aged 55, was placed in jail at Gettysburg today.

Mrs. Sipe is alleged to have admitted a strong dislike for the sisters because of the attentions of her son, and to have said, "the devil made her put poison in the candy and send it to them."

Boxes of the candy were received through the mail by Lilly Kyger and her sister, Mrs. Hattie Baugher, of Basic City. These two and a younger sister, Cora, became ill from eating the candy and are now out of danger.

The woman's daughter, Lessie Sipe, told the police she wrote the "April fool" notes enclosed in the boxes, at her mother's request, but did not suspect the candy was poisoned.

TWO HUNDRED GUARDSMEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION MAY 21

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. New York, April 4.—Major General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the New York national guard, announced a plan tonight to concentrate ten thousand guardsmen in Greater New York along the south shore of Long Island for maneuvers on May 21.

He said he considered Long Island the most vulnerable spot on the Atlantic coast. The concentration would be made, he said, in private automobiles and those who have been advocating preparedness are asked to donate automobiles.

Austria Fights to Guarantee Her Ally Square Deal

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, April 4.—Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier is quoted from Buda Pest, according to the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Amsterdam as stating in an interview that Austria-Hungary is not fighting to secure new territory but merely is united with Germany in a struggle until a fair and satisfactory conclusion is reached.

"That is all we want," he is reported to have said. The premier denied that Austria is "sick of the war," but admitted that the war was long, hard, and painful for all.

Commander of Army Aviation Service Named

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, April 4.—Lieutenant B. Q. Jones, of General Scriven's office has been ordered to the Curtiss testing grounds at Newport News, Va. to supervise tests of the eight new biplanes recently ordered for Mexican service.

Lieutenant Colonel George O. Squier, recalled from his post as military attache at London, will be assigned to command the army aviation school at San Diego, it was officially announced today. Army officers expect that he later will be placed in command of the entire aviation service.

TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION DIPPING VAT

Myrtle Grove Will Be Scene of Meeting and Speaking Today.

BIG CROWD WILL GO FROM PENSACOLA

J. L. Godfrey, of Louisville, and W. A. McRae, of Tallahassee, Among Speakers.

Today will be a big day at Myrtle Grove. The people of that enterprising section have prepared to celebrate the completion of the first community dipping vat, and they have invited all Escambia county to come and join with them in properly celebrating the event. The indications are that many will accept and a banner crowd is expected to be on hand for the speaking. Among those who will speak are J. L. Godfrey, of Louisville, connected with the L. & N. agricultural staff, who will talk of tick eradication and the dipping vat as the only method of ridding the county of the tick, and W. A. McRae, of Tallahassee, commissioner of agriculture of Florida, who has promised to come over for the occasion and make a short address on the value of the community dipping vat and the money to be made by farmers through cattle raising.

About fifteen or twenty owners of automobiles have promised their cars for the parade that is to pass through the streets, but the committee in charge of the celebration want about forty. They will meet at the corner of Palafox and Government streets and, headed by a brass band on an automobile truck, will pass through the principal streets of the city and then proceed to Myrtle Grove.

A practical demonstration of the dipping vat, which has just been completed there, will be made, and lunches will be available for all who go from Pensacola.

One of the reasons for the gathering is the decision to properly organize Escambia county to fight the cattle tick. An association will be formed during the day, officers elected and plans mapped out for a campaign in this county.

Swiss Frontier Will Be Worked Night and Day

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Berne, Switzerland, April 4.—The Swiss government is considering the marking of the frontier with signs visible at a long distance by daylight and illuminated at night so as to avoid such mistakes as German aviators recently made in bombarding a Swiss village. Negotiations on the subject have begun with Germany.

Texas River, on Recent Rampage, Now Subsiding

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Dallas, April 4.—The crest of the flood in the Trinity river passed Dallas last night and today the river was falling. The highest point reached was 39.8 feet. There was some loss of live stock in the lowlands by persons who did not heed the local weather bureau's warning. Otherwise there was little damage.

EXPLORERS SUFFERED FROM COLD AND HUNGER

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, April 4.—The account of the steel bound rudder, weighing six tons, was bent over to starboard and twisted like a corkscrew.

On one occasion, J. R. Stenhouse, first officer of the Aurora, wrote in his diary:

"I am afraid the ship's back will break if the pressure continues. We have poured a carboy of sulphuric acid on the ice stern in the hopes of retarding the ice and relieving the pressure on the stern post."

During May of last year there was a long spell of fine weather. On moonlight nights the crew played football on the ice.