



VILLA AGAIN REPORTED TRAPPED

COMMUNICATION WITH GENERAL PERSHING IS AGAIN INTERRUPTED

Conflicting Reports Concerning the Situation Are Afloat, but It Is Believed Troops Are Closing In on the Bandit and His Followers

Troops Closing in on Villa. Douglas, Ariz., March 24.—General Calles, military governor of Sonora, today received a telegram from General Enriquez, military governor of Chihuahua, stating that five columns of Carranza troops were closing in on Villa and his bandits near Namiquipa and that with the aid of Americans it was believed Villa would not be able to escape.

Columbus, N. M., March 24.—No word was received today at the military base from General Pershing's expeditionary command, either by wireless or courier. A motor truck train which was expected to arrive early in the day failed to report, but it is believed it may have been delayed by the dust of a norther.

With the interruption, which it is asserted is not due to defection, in wireless a number of rumors, all apparently without foundation, became current. One had it that the American troops were engaged in battle with Villa in the vicinity of (deleted by censor) south of Casas Grandes. Another rumor was that the bandit and a small band were surrounded in the same vicinity by the American cavalry, who were rapidly closing in on him. The rumors could be neither confirmed nor denied by military authorities because of the absence of dispatches.

Garcia's Report Not Confirmed. El Paso, March 24.—No word has come to military headquarters to confirm the report that United States troops and Carranza forces have surrounded Villa and a battle is imminent. The report was received last night by Mexican Consul Garcia.

The El Oso district, where the fighting is reported, is considered by Americans who know Mexico, to be the finest pasture and farming country. Villa would be sure of food and livestock there, as well as pasture and water. The valleys are wide and flat and are cut off by ranges of well wooded hills. If Villa is driven out of this country into the Sierras, he will lack supplies such as are now obtainable in El Oso.

AID SENT VILLA BY CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES

Resolution Introduced in the Senate by Senator Lewis Branding as Traitors Those Helping Bandit.

Washington, March 24.—Senator Lewis, Democrat, declared in a resolution introduced in the senate today that American authorities had knowledge of supplies and money being furnished Villa from foreign countries and from the United States. The resolution proposed to brand Americans who give such aid as "guilty of actual treason."

At the request of Senator Borah the resolution was read twice. Senator Lewis then asked it to lie over and gave notice that he would speak upon it soon. Some border senators read telegrams from citizens, expressing apprehension for the safety of American interests along the border. Senator Stone renewed his appeal to the senators not to agitate the situation, the discussion died without action.

SIGNAL CORPS TO BE STRENGTHENED ALONG MAIN LINE

Request for Additional Men Is Sent by General Pershing and the Order Is Issued.

San Antonio, March 24.—A request from General Pershing for additional signal corps men for service along the main line of communication was received by General Funston today but no direct report came of General Pershing's operations south of Casas Grandes. Company I, of the signal corps has been sent from El Paso for service south of Columbus.

Notable Religious Conference. Cambridge, Mass., March 24.—One hundred and fifty delegates, representing colleges in all parts of New England, of New York and other states, assembled here today to attend the annual tri-seminary religious conference under the joint auspices of Andover Theological seminary, Hartford Theological seminary and Union Theological seminary.

Further Successes Near Verdun for Germans

Berlin, March 24.—(Official)—The Germans have won further successes in the vicinity of Hascourt, northeast of Verdun. Two additional trenches have been occupied. On the Russian front vicious attacks on the German lines in the northern sector continued, both northwest and south of Dvinsk. All assaults broke down.

Paris Reports Situation Unchanged. Paris, March 24.—(Official)—The situation around Verdun is unchanged. West of the Meuse the night was calm. East of the river there were intermittent bombardments.

LOST AEROPLANE IS FOUND ON THE MEXICO DESERT

Lieutenant Gorrell Had Been Without Food for 24 Hours When Located by the Americans.

Columbus, N. M., March 24.—Lieutenant Edgar S. Gorrell of the United States aero corps, who has been missing since last Sunday, was found yesterday three miles south of Ascension by a motor truck train under Lieutenant J. L. Parkinson, Twentieth infantry, according to reports made on Thursday night to military headquarters here. Lieutenant Gorrell was uninjured but was out of gasoline and had lost his way.

Lieutenant Gorrell had been alone for 48 hours in the middle of a sand-swept, uninhabited plateau on the borders of Lake Frederico, formerly used for a watering place for stock, but suffered only slightly from exposure. His plane was intact. With the receipt of Thursday's report, all of the eight army aviators who left Sunday to fly to Casas Grandes have been accounted for.

The flyer said that shortly after the start, he lost sight of the other planes and missed his way. After flying for miles over the surrounding country in an effort to determine his whereabouts, he was forced to alight on the plateau because of a leaking fuel tank. The gasoline oozed away and he was unable to find the leak in the darkness.

There were no signs of human habitation and no vegetation on the height except burned clumps of bunch grass. He finally made his way to a recently abandoned American camping place on the wagon trail, about six miles southeast. There he placed a note telling of his whereabouts and condition on a stick, which he drove firmly in the ground near the trail.

Being unwilling to leave his plane unprotected, he made his way back to the lake, with the realization that if he attempted to find a village, he probably would wander in the hills at the risk of encountering bandits or wild animals. He said he was confident that his note would be found before the three days' rations with which he was supplied gave out. When he was rescued he had been without food for 24 hours and said that he was about determined to attempt to find his way to succor.

Aboard the trucks which reached him were several barrels of gasoline, and with the aid of some tools obtained from the truck men, Lieutenant Gorrell soldered his tank and started again on a flight which he predicted would end in Casas Grandes in an hour. He left the earth with a wave of the hand to the soldiers on the truck train as he shouted: "I'll get there this time, boys."

Give the Manufacturer the Facts

Mr. Dealer, when a manufacturer enthruses about his advertising plans to you, give him the facts.

Say to him—"I don't know all about advertising, but I do know that the goods on my shelves that are advertised in the local newspapers are the goods that make new customers for me."

"And, by the way, these newspaper advertised goods are not on the shelves. They are out in the show window and over there on the counter."

MURDER CHARGE WILL BE PLACED AGAINST DENTIST

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite of New York Is Accused of Poisoning His Father-in-Law.

New York, March 24.—Soon after Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, accused of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a wealthy drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich., had denied the charge, District Attorney Swann announced he had obtained a voucher from a druggist signed with Waite's name for the purchase of poison on March 3, three days before Peck's death.

New York, March 24.—In a stupor from self-administered drugs, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, a dentist and well known as a tennis player, was in the custody of detectives today and will be charged with the murder here on March 13 of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich., as soon as he can be taken into court. With the arrest of Dr. Waite, the district attorney's office believes it has uncovered what will prove one of the most remarkable cases in many years.

Mr. Peck, who is reputed to have left an estate valued at about \$1,500,000, and his wife, died within six weeks while visiting their daughter and her husband at their Riverside Drive apartment here. By the will of Mr. Peck, his estate was equally divided between Mrs. Waite and Percy Peck, of Grand Rapids, his son. Mrs. Waite now is seriously ill at Grand Rapids. District Attorney Swann said Thursday he had learned she had been instructed by Waite to make a will in his favor.

When detectives went to the Waite apartment Thursday, they found the young dentist in bed, apparently in great pain. Dr. A. A. Moore, the physician who attended Peck while he was here, declared Waite was suffering from overdoses of narcotics.

SUBMARINE D-1 IS OUT OF COMMISSION

New York, March 24.—Submarine D-1 is temporarily out of commission here with some plates dented, and one armature shaft cracked. Repairs will not be completed before several weeks. The D-1 was recently rammed by a tug boat and then the cracked shaft was discovered. Five submarines are now undergoing repairs here.

FOURTH GERMAN WAR LOAN GREAT SUCCESS

Berlin, March 24.—(By wireless)—Dr. Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, told the reichstag today that the fourth German war loan had been a brilliant success. The subscriptions reached more than 10,000,000 marks.

Land Opening in Nebraska. Alliance, Neb., March 24.—Fourteen thousand acres of choice land in the valley of the North Platte were opened to homestead settlement today by order of the department of the interior at Washington. The land is adapted for general farming, livestock raising and dairying, and is so situated as to be capable of irrigation from the North Platte irrigation project. Many entries have been recorded at the land office here. When all the entries have been filed there will be a public drawing which will insure an equal chance for all applicants.

NO PROSPECT OF CALLING OUT THE NATIONAL GUARD

Cabinet Considers Situation but Decides Regular Army Can Handle Situation for the Present.

Washington, March 24.—The question of calling out the National Guard for border duty to release regulars for Mexican service was discussed today at the cabinet meeting. It was decided there was no prospect of such action at this time.

The cabinet was told that there was sentiment in congress to protect the constantly lengthening line of communications of the American punitive expedition by sending more regulars into Mexico and placing guardsmen along the border. General Funston, however, has not asked for additional troops, it was said, and war department officials did not believe the mobilization of state troops was now necessary.

After the cabinet meeting officials showed that they feared the mobilization of guardsmen would have a disquieting effect in Mexico. They expressed confidence that the American troops in Mexico were in no danger. Should large bodies of Carranza troops go over to Villa, however, the question of calling out the guard would be considered.

MAY INCREASE TARIFF ON SUGAR AND LEVY A PRODUCTION TAX

Washington, March 24.—The senate finance committee today gave serious consideration to the proposal not only to repeal the free sugar clause of the tariff, but to increase the present tariff by half a cent a pound and levy a production tax of one cent a pound on all sugar produced in the United States to raise emergency revenue.

ARMY INCREASE BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, March 24.—The Hay army increase bill, providing for a regular army peace strength of 140,000 fighting men, instead of the present 100,000, passed the house late yesterday by a vote of 402 to 2. It goes to the senate for immediate consideration virtually as drafted by the house committee.

All provision for fixation of nitrogen was stricken out, 224 to 150, confirming the action previously taken in committee of the whole. The negative votes were cast by Representatives Britten, Republican of Illinois, and London, Socialist, of New York.

MORAN IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL WIN

New York, March 24.—Confidence reigns in the fighting camps of Jess Willard and Frank Moran, who meet tomorrow night. So confident is Moran of defeating Willard on points or a knockout that he has engaged quarters at a local hotel for a reception to be held after the bout. Willie Lewis, his chief trainer, claims Moran has never been in such superb physical condition for any previous bout.

GENERAL HERRERA AND CHIHUAHUA GARRISON HAVE NOT REVOLTED

Report That They Had Joined Villa Is Denied by American Consul Letcher—Washington Officials Are Greatly Relieved on Receiving the News

Washington, March 24.—American Consul Letcher, of Chihuahua, reported that there is no truth in the reported revolt by General Luis Herrera and the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua. Letcher's dispatch reported that Herrera, in command of the defacto troops there, was "loyal to Carranza." The report is regarded as removing one of the most menacing features of the Mexican situation. Although General Funston and General Bell, on the border, received reports, confirming the revolt, which they believe to be true, Letcher's dispatch is taken by officials here as confirming the statements of Carranza officials that no such revolt has occurred.

Major General Funston telegraphed the war department: "General Herrera, in a telegram to General Gavira, strongly denies all reports that he has gone over to Villa. General Gutierrez, governor of Chihuahua, in a letter to Gavira, also denies that Herrera has gone over to Villa."

Report Started by Radicals. Douglas, March 24.—Governor Enriquez today telegraphed that reports concerning the revolt of Herrera were false and were started in an effort by radicals to cause trouble between the Carranza government and the United States.

SHACKLETON RETURNS FROM THE ANTARCTIC DANISH AND BRITISH STEAMERS ARE SUNK

Sydney, N. S. W., March 24.—Lieutenant Sir Ernest H. Shackleton has returned from his antarctic expedition. News of the achievements of his expedition is withheld for the present.

London, March 24.—The Danish steamship Christiansund has been sunk. The crew was saved. The British steamship Fullmar has been sunk. Eighteen of the crew were rescued.

NEW GERMAN NAVY HEAD SEEKS U. S. FRIENDSHIP; WILL SAVE AMERICANS



Admiral von Capelle, successor of Admiral von Tirpitz as German minister of marine, is known to be desirous of retaining the friendship of the United States. For this reason it is understood he will respect the rules of international law insisted upon by President Wilson, and will not sink without notice merchant vessels carrying American citizens.