VILLA GAVE ORDERS TO HANG AMERICANS

British Refugee Tells of Purpose of Rebel Leader—Sent Train to Capture U. S. Subjects.

THREATEN TO KILL BROTHER

Francisco and Hippolito Villa Quarrel Because of Later's Friendship for Americans.

EL PASO, Texas, July 2.—Francisco Villa ordered all Americans hanged when captured following the crossing of the American expedition, according to a British resident of northern Mexico, who reached the border today. He sent a train to Villa Ahumada to capture Americans known to be there, the refugee said, and was so bitter toward them he threatened to kill Hippolito Villa, his brother, because of Hippolito's personal friendship for them, according to the refugee's statement. Villa and Martin Lopez quarreled after the retreat from Juarez, he said, and divided their forces.

This statement was made by Donald S. Best, a British subject who owns a large store at Villa Ahumada.

"With A. M. Tenney, an American, I left Villa Ahumada June 13 for the border after Villa had looted my store and home," Mr. Best said. "I returned to Villa Ahumada June 27, after Villa left there for San Lorenzo, and was told by my native storekeeper, the municipal president, Manuel Ochoa, and a number of townspeople that Villa sent a guard to get Tenney and me and later rode to my house in person, apparently for the same purpose. He ordered my Mexican storekeeper to stop working for me, thinking I was an American, and threatened to kill him if he continued in my employ. He said then he was going to hang all the Americans he caught and was looking for me to make the first example of this policy."

Best said Hippolito Villa was secreted in the Best home in Villa Ahumada when Villa threatened him and the leader's brother was forced to leave in a small cart for the Ojinaga district to save his life. Villa and his band looted the Best store of 5,000 pesos in cash and 5,000 pesos worth of goods and also looted his residence, he said. The Villa rebels looted the Erupcion mine and warehouse, carrying off everything portable and smashing valuable assay scales. The mine is near Villa Ahumada and owned by Americans.

The British merchant gave the first details of a break between Villa and Martin Lopez as related by Mexicans who said they were present.

"Villa's men held a meeting at Villa Ahumada, Mexican friends told me," Best said. "They voted to depose Villa in favor of Angeles, who then was at Samalayuca tearing up the railroad to prevent American troops from pursuing them south, Villa Ahumada officials told me.

Next day General Quiroga with a federal force arrived at Ojo Caliente, having come south. Villa sent Martin Lopez to engage them south of Villa Ahumada. Lopez was defeated. Villa withdrew from the town, the natives said, re-organized his demoralized forces, which had been reduced from 1,800 to 400 by deaths, wounds and desertions, and sent Lopez against the Yaquis a second time. Defeated again, Villa retired to the Santo Domingo ranch, leaving his wounded behind.

BODY OF DR. WILKINS IS STILL UNCLAIMED

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 2.—No one has claimed the body of Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, the aged physician who hanged himself in the Nassau county jail here Sunday after his conviction of first degree murder for killing his wife at their Long Beach home. County authorities said today no money was available for funeral expenses.

First of Fourth Accidents.

SAPULPA, July 2.—Fourth of July explosives claimed their first 1919 accident here yesterday afternoon when little Russell Acock, son of Russell J. Acock, 222 East Hobson, badly burned his eyes. Chances to retain his sight are good, it was learned today. According to a playmate he had picked up a "sizzler," thinking it to be a match, and was blowing upon it. It exploded.

Plot to Blow Up Elevators.

BERLIN, July 2.—A plot to blow up elevators containing American food shipments has been uncovered at Hamburg, according to the Lokal Anzeiger. Those involved, it was said, were some of the convicts released from the Hamburg jail by mobs during the recent riots there. The authorities gained knowledge of the plot through members of the seamen's union, whose aid was sought by the conspirators.

Zunts Resigns.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Resignation of James E. Zunts as chairman and member of the board of directors of the New Orleans branch of the federal reserve bank of Atlanta, was announced today. P. H. Saunders, at present director of the New Orleans branch, has been appointed chairman and L. M. Pool director to fill the vacancy in the board.

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Knockers Always Shout "Graft"

The knockers always say there is graft when a movement toward making an improvement for the benefit of the public, public funds involved, is being pushed.

When Owen park was purchased at a cost to the city of $11,000 the knockers shouted "graft." Now this property is a gem in possession of the city and is worth at least $100,000.

The knockers opposed the purchase of Central park by the city at a cost of $6,000 and claimed that it was a scheme of grafters. This piece of property is now one of the most valuable in the collection of the Tulsa park board and $75,000 would not touch it if it were owned by a real estate man.

Woodward park was also purchased some time ago at a low figure. But the deal was opposed by the knockers who said taxes would ruin the city. Now this property is worth no less than $47,000.

There are some people who oppose a great majority of the propositions for an expenditure of the public money. Contrary to a recent statement appearing in the Lage organs there are always some who oppose bond issues whatever their nature be. School bonds for the city and paving and sewer bonds for the various districts more or less often meet with opposition from various quarters on behalf of those who do not care to bear a share of the burden.

Where would the city of Tulsa be without its school system, it's paving, it's sanitary sewers? All these things are necessary to the successful development of a great city but at the time such improvements come up for consideration there are always some who maintain that the taxes levied will ruin and bankrupt the city or the improvement district in question.

The best things of life are only obtainable at a sacrifice. Tulsa is offered a permanent water system which will supply the best water available in the southwest. And Tulsa must have water. Five years from now, bonds or no bonds, the opponents of the measure will realize their mistake and will regret that they did not have the proper confidence in their home city.

TO PRESENT COLORS TO STATE SATURDAY

Members of Overseas Units Are Invited to Organize Escorts.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 2.—Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general, has issued an invitation to all members of returned overseas units the colors of which are to be deposited with the state, to meet at his office at the statehouse at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, to organize escorts to the colors when they are presented to the state Saturday afternoon.

The ceremonies attending the presentation of the colors, which are most impressive, will be public in nature and the general public is invited and urged to attend. The presentations will be made at the south entrance to the capitol at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Following the formal presentations Governor Robertson will make an address in acknowledgement of the honor bestowed upon the state and express the state's pride in the services of her sons.

The original colors of the 142nd infantry, those carried by the regiment prior to its overseas service, are in the custody of the state and will be presented at this time. The battle colors of all the following units are to be presented at the Saturday ceremony.

Thirty-sixth division, 131st machine gun battalion.

Ninetieth division, 344th machine gun battalion, 343rd field artillery, 357th infantry, 358th infantry and 179th infantry brigade.

Other units, the battle colors of which will be presented Saturday afternoon, are: 114th cavalry, 54th field artillery, 29th infantry and 56th infantry.

June Sets Record.

BREST, July 2.—During the month of June 137,990 American troops sailed homeward from Brest. This is the record for any month at any port on the Atlantic seaboard of France since the armistice.

Germans Leave.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 2.—A trainload of Germans, formerly interned at Fort Oglethorpe, embarked today on the transport Princess Matoika for Rotterdam, to be repatriated.

ANOTHER FAUX PAS BY THE ANTI GANG

Mayor Hubbard Nails Pipe Dream of Shell Creek Organ in Bond Campaign.

"That article in the Wednesday morning Times to the effect that Engineer Pressey was to be paid off and fired by the city administration is absolutely untrue and has no foundation in fact," said Mayor Hubbard last evening. "Mr. Pressey, the city commissioners, the water advisory commission and myself are as friendly now as ever. There has been no reason for any of us to doubt him and there have been no differences whatever. The story was made out of whole cloth and there isn't a word of truth in it.

"Mr. Pressey was employed by the city of Tulsa as hydraulic engineer in an advisory capacity. He has performed his contract to the letter and there has been no complaint on the part of the city administration. He will receive his salary for the work, as per our contract.

"The contracts for the construction of the actual work of building the water system will be let publicly and open to all bidders. It will be let to the lowest and most advantageous bidder and no one knows who that will be. To infer that we intended letting the engineering contract to Mr. Pressey without publicly advertising for bids is only ridiculous.

"There is no reason for any one deliberately misquoting facts and figures in the manner referred to. The city commission and the water advisory commission are perfectly capable of handling the matter without interference on the part of some one without authority and who has no acquaintance with the facts of the case, but merely desires to throw a false light on the project in order to mislead the general public.

"The water advisory commission composed of H. H. Rogers, E. W. Sinclair, Dr. S. G. Kennedy, J. E. Crosbie, A. L. Farmer, G. D. Warren, J. W. Woodford, C. B. Lynch, Alf G. Heggem, Mark Carr, C. A. Mayo and James H. McBirney, are business men well known in Tulsa and recognized as being some of the highest class taxpaying voters in the city. Their characters and integrity are beyond reproach and the very fact that these men will supervise the expenditure of every cent of the proposed $[illegible] for the new Shadow water system is assurance enough to everybody that no money will be wasted in the construction of the plant and that there will be no chances of 'graft' on the part of any contractor or of the city administration."

YANK ARMY OF OCCUPATION TO REDUCE TO REGIMENT

By The Associated Press.

PARIS, July 2.—The American army of occupation technically ceased to exist today when the removal of the units still in the Rhine land region [illegible] that would [illegible] there will remain on the Rhine only one regiment with certain auxiliary troops, totaling approximately 5,000 men.

The fourth and fifth divisions are training for Brest today, will be followed eventually by the second, third and first divisions, in the order named.

Pershing Lifts Censorship.

PARIS, July 2.—General Pershing, it was announced at military headquarters here today, has issued instructions that the military censorship be abolished immediately.

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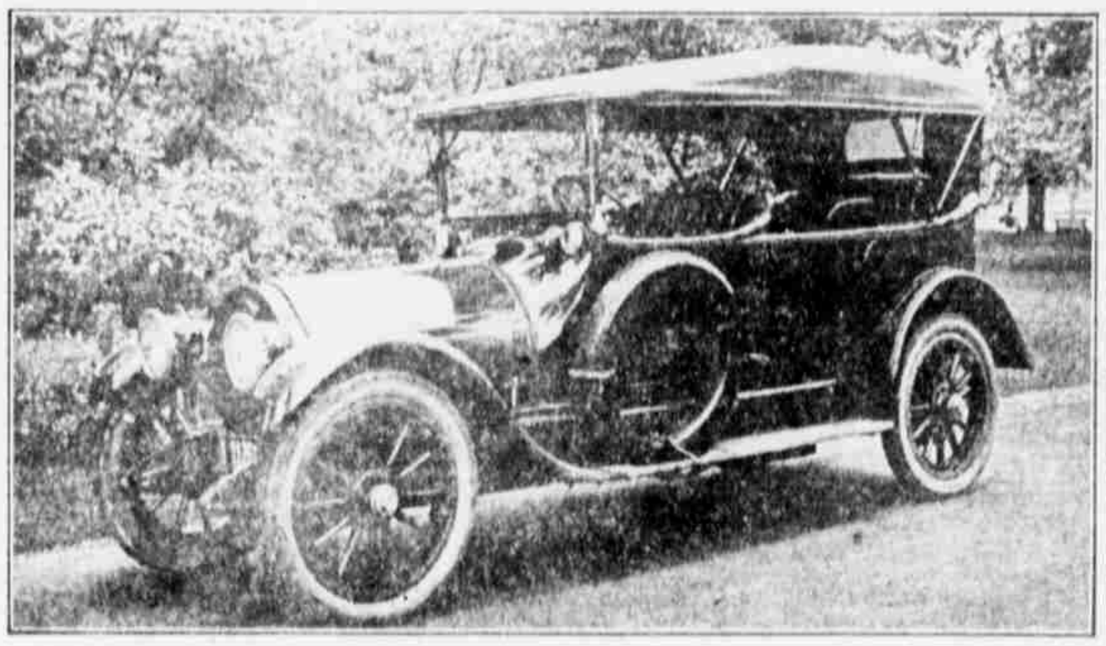

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