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U. S. SOLDIERS CLASH WITH MEX AT OJO DE AGUAS

APPROXIMATELY 500 SHOTS EXCHANGED ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE.

SEVERAL BANDITS FALL

Scene of Battle is Where Small Detachment of Men Were Ambushed and Killed Two Years Ago.

By Associated Press.

MISSION, Texas, July 19—Approximately 500 shots were exchanged across the Rio Grande today at Ojo de Aguas, eight miles southwest of Mission, between a small American border patrol and a number of unidentified Mexicans. There were no American deaths, but latest reports here say two or three Mexicans were seen to fall during the engagement which started at 11 o'clock this morning and ceased at 5 o'clock when the Mexicans withdrew from the river.

Every available automobile in Mission was pressed into service to transport soldiers to the scene. Troops at McAllen and other nearby towns were hurried to Ojo de Aguas.

Ojo de Aguas is the place where a small detachment of American soldiers were ambushed by Mexican bandits during the border raids about two years ago, when several Americans were killed.

The scene is in a remote section.

Fighting started when several shots were fired at the patrol from the Mexican side. The outpost at Ojo de Aguas, hearing the Americans returning the shots, immediately sent reinforcements. The fighting continued six hours. Late today Colonel B. F. Delamater reached the scene with 100 men and a strong patrol has been thrown out along the Rio Grande as a precaution against an attempt at border raiding.

Few details of the engagement reached here tonight. From the best information there were about 100 Mexicans in the party and one report says three distinct bugle calls were heard. [illegible] led to the belief that the Americans were attacked by an organized force.

The attackers withdrew before Colonel Delamater reached Ojo de Aguas.

Report Officially Confirmed.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, July 19.—Official reports were received at army headquarters here late tonight from Colonel Delamater of the Second Texas Infantry, confirming reports from Mission, Texas, that an American patrol had been fired upon across the border near Ojo de Aguas. Colonel Daltmater said he had gone to the scene and would make a full report later.

SOLDIERS BEHIND RUSS GOVERNMENT

KRONSTADTERS APPOINT COMMITTEE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PETROGRAD.

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, July 18.—The staff of the Petrograd military district has received from all the units a declaration of readiness to support the government in its effort to restore order. The staff is convinced that the trouble may be regarded as ended.

Owing to the urgent necessity of restoring public order the provisional government has decided, in agreement with the executive of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates, to create a special commission which will be in constant touch with the commandant of the Petrograd district.

PETROGRAD, July 19.—With the repentance of the military elements concerned in the recent Maximalist demonstrations and their repudiation of the cause in which they were temporarily enlisted the dangers of further disturbances is over for the time being.

Telegrams have been received by the ministers and council of deputies from various parts of the country protesting a lack of sympathy with the Maximalist movement and giving assurance of support to the workmen's and soldiers' and peasants' organizations.

Disturbance similar to those in Petrograd also took place in Kiev. Five thousand Ukranian soldiers seized the Kiev arsenal, but according to the latest reports prompt measures taken by the general in command resulted in the restoration of order.

Gallup Miners Return to Work.

GALLUP, July 19.—There has been a steady increase in the number of men reporting for work at the mines of the Gallup American Coal company here, according to company officials. Officials said the production of the mines is being increased. Miners employed by the company recently went on strike demanding recognition of their union. Strikers were forced to leave homes on property owned by the company.

THE RISING TIDE

HOOVER DAY HERE TO BE OBSERVED

SUGGESTIONS MAY BE HAD AT MANY PLACES BY HOUSEWIVES OF AMARILLO.

By proclamation of President Wilson, seconded by a proclamation of Mayor Lon D. Merrs, this will be observed as Hoover day by Amarillo housewives.

Pledges will be found at Red Cross headquarters in the Elks' Home, at the Ladies Rest Room, at Food demonstration headquarters in the High School building and at Woodward's Store on the North Side, it was announced.

Pledge to Be Signed.

The pledge follows:

To the Food Administrator, Washington, D. C.

I am glad to join you in the service of food conservation for our nation and I hereby accept membership in the United States food administration, pledging myself to carry out the instructions and advice of the food administrator in the conduct of my household insofar as my circumstances permit.

Name .....

Address .....

Number in Household .....

Do you employ a cook? .....

Occupation of Breadwinner .....

Will you take part in authorized neighborhood movements for food conservation? .....

There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home.

Directions.

Mail your pledge card to the Food Administrator, Washington, D. C., and you will receive FREE your first instructions and a household tag to be hung in your window.

Upon receipt of ten cents with your pledge card and a return addressed envelope, the official button of the Administration, and if desired, the shield insignia of the Food Administration will also be sent you.

Mayor Merr's Plea.

In the conclusion of his proclamation, Mayor Lon D. Merrs says:

"I entreat all men who have the good of their country at heart to join in assisting the progress of this movement. Yet it is absolutely necessary for the women of the town to see that the pledge cards are distributed and the signatures obtained and that the pledge is lived up to that this movement prove t obe effective."

J. Ogden Armour advises housewives as follows in the July Ladies Home Journal:

"Here are four important things that you must do as your share toward winning this world-wide war and restoring peace:

"First—Eliminate Waste.

"Second—Purchase on the basis of need, not whim.

"Third—Lessen the amount of food eaten.

"Fourth—Reduce your standard of living.

"These are four general rules which, if followed, will conserve the nation's food supplies and keep hunger from our door."

RUTHLESS SUB WAR SANCTIONED BY KAISER'S NEW CHANCELLOR

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

COPENHAGEN, July 19.—Dr. Michaelis, the new imperial German chancellor, in his address to the reichstag Thursday afternoon declared his adhesion to the German submarine campaign, asserting it to be a lawful measure, justifiably adopted and adapted for shortening the war.

Dr. Michaelis opened his reichstag speech with a high party tribute to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the retiring imperial chancellor, whose work he said history would appreciate.

The chancellor declared that the war was forced upon unwilling Germany by the Russian mobilization and that the submarine war was also forced upon Germany by Great Britain's illegal blockade, starvation war.

FRENCH PUPILS WEAR GAS MASKS

EUROPEANS GO TO EXTREMES TO INSURE EDUCATION OF FUTURE GENERATION.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Schools in eyes, with pupils and teachers wearing gas masks, are extremes to which war ridden France has gone to ensure for every child "that heritage in which alone is the prophecy of an enduring nation," says an official report to the regents of the University of the state of New York by John L. Findley, president of the university and state commissioner of education, who recently returned from France.

President Finley especially sought the advice of France in meeting like conditions here. This advice summed up, is he said:

"Do not let the smoke of the hour, however heavily they fall upon the men and women of the day, permit neglect of the defenses of tomorrow. Sacrifice everything to bequeath the spirit that has made the institutions which we would preserve and enlarge in our children."

Mr. Finley urged the United States to take time to prepare against exhaustion of technical skill and professional equipment.

Except to make place for physical training in our schools, which is not yet generally prescribed or enforced, President Finley said there is little change in the French curriculum. France, after an unsuccessful experiment 15 years ago, withdrew military training from her public schools.

Mystery Shrouds Shooting.

By Associated Press.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 19.—Although, according to authorities, George Simpkins, Tompkins, of Philadelphia, today confessed that he killed his business associate, Edmund L. Humphries, Philadelphia coal operator, Mrs. Humphries and their son, near Carrolltown last Sunday, there still is much mystery as to the motive for the triple shooting. It has not been said whether Tompkins in his confession assigned a cause for the crime. His attorney has stated, however, the man did not put his confession in writing.

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ABE MARTIN

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THE WATHER

Amarillo and [illegible] erally fair.

At 7 a. m.	[illegible]
Highest	[illegible]
One Year Ago.	
Highest	[illegible]

[illegible]ity: Friday gen[illegible]

At 7 p. m.	86
Lowest	63
One Year Ago.	
Lowest	68

DRAFT LOTTERY PLANS ARE CHANGED AT ELEVENTH HOUR BY GEN. CROWDER

NO CHANGE MADE IN SETTING FOR HISTORIC EVENT

APPROXIMATELY TEN HOURS WILL BE SPENT IN COMPLETING DRAWING.

PHYSICAL TASK INCREASED

Under the New Process It Will be Necessary to Draw One at a Time At Least 10,263 Numbers.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The stage setting for the great lottery has not been changed. It will take place in the public hearing room of the senate office building. The invited guests who will sit with Secretary Baker of the war department and watch the proceedings will be members of the senate and house military committees. The only other persons present, according to plans, will be a limited number of newspaper correspondents, photographers to take both still views and motion pictures of the historic event and the officials of General Crowder's office who will conduct the drawing.

Instead of a process of requiring not more than an hour and involving one set of numbers from one to one thousand and another from 0 to 10, it would be necessary to draw one at a time at least 10,263 numbers. Probably to make certain that every registrant in the largest district is placed, 10,500 drawings will be made. It will require at least [illegible] hours, and often [illegible] hours and [illegible] take twelve. The process will begin at 9:30 a. m.

The numbers will be publicly announced for telegraphing to the newspapers over the country as fast as they are drawn. General Crowder at first considered a plan under which they would have been held in confidence for publication everywhere Saturday morning, but that suggestion was abandoned late tonight.

Nine Actors in Drawing.

In the drawing itself there will be nine actors. The principals will be a blindfolded man who constantly stirs the 10,000 black capsules in the great glass bowl in which they have been placed. Another blindfolded man who draws the capsules from the bowl one at a time and two announcers, one standing at each side of the bowl and to whom the capsules will be handed in turn as they are drawn.

The announcers will hiss the capsules as they receive them, release the tiny slip of paper on which a number will be stamped and call the number to three tally clerks. The slip then will be handed to an official in front of the men who will verify the announcers' report, and

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SIMPLE ERROR CAUSES TROUBLE FOR CROWDER

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The error which caused the sudden change in lottery plans was the failure of local boards, particularly in New Jersey, to shuffle the registration cards from various region precincts before they began placing on them the serial numbers required by the registrations. The result in these sections might have been under the original plan, to take the entire quota of one of these districts from a single registration precinct.

TERRIFIC DRIVE ON RUSS LINES BEGUN BY HUNS

GERMANS DEFEAT SLAVS OVER WIDE FRONT NEAR ZLOCHOFF.

FRENCH REPULSE COUNTER

British Forces Operating in East Against Turks Have Made Twelve Mile Advance Up The Euphrates.

By Associated Press.

The war situation of Thursday is summarized by the Associated Press as follows:

Having brought up heavy reinforcements all along the line the Germans and Austro-Hungarians in Eastern Galicia have started what apparently is a tremendous offensive against the Russians. From Brody, near the northeastern border of Galicia, southward to below Kalusz the operations are in full swing, but particulars of the battles are not available.

Germans Defeat Slavs.

The latest German official communications announces that the Germans have defeated the Russians over a wide front near Zlochoff, which lies on the Tarnopol-Lemberg railway line about 40 miles distant from the capital.

To the north, in Volhynia and still further north on various sectors to the Baltic sea, especially around Smorgon and Dvinsk, heavy artillery duels are being fought. Near Lutsk the Germans report the capture of many Russian prisoners.

Apparently the Germans are intent on breaking the French line in the region between Soissons and Rheims, having delivered another big assault from northeast of Craonne to the east of Hurtebise. Into the fray were thrown picked troops, who were mown down everywhere and all attacks, like others that had preceded it, failed. Near St. Quentin the Germans delivered attacks on a front of about half a mile. Here they suc-

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DATE OF DRAWING NOT EFFECTED BY ERROR DISCOVERY

SERIVCE LIABILITY OF REGISTRANTS WILL BE DECIDED TODAY.

PLAN ELIMINATES TROUBLE

Adjutant General of New Jersey Advises Officials of Mistake That Would Have Resulted In Chaos.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Plans for the drawing which will be held tomorrow to fix the order of military liability for nearly 10,000,000 registered men throughout the country were materially changed late today and the intricate method of double drawing worked out by officials to lessen the physical task was abandoned.

Crowder Explains Change.

Following is Provost Marshal General Crowder's explanation of the sudden change in the drawing plan which it had taken was to work out in detail and which was made public only a few hours before it was discarded.

"Advices received by long distance telephone this afternoon indicate that in certain areas the boards, in numbering registration cards, have kept the cards seggregated by election districts and that serial numbers have been assigned to the whole group for a board while the cards were thus segregated. If the drawing is conducted as originally planned, in groups of 1,000 the result will be that considerable proportion of certain election districts will be brought up for early [illegible]

"To force 10,500 numbers [illegible] will result in drafting persons from one locality within the jurisdiction of a board if any person is drawn from another locality within the same jurisdiction.

"For this reason it has been decided to abandon the drawing by thousands and to draw 10,500 numbers, which is in excess of the highest number of cards under the jurisdiction of any board.

"The only change in the plan will be that there will be one drawing instead of two.

New Plan Is Simple.

"The advantage will be greater simplicity. The disadvantage will be that the drawing will require ten hours to complete."

Army Officer Saw Mistake.

The telephone message referred to by General Crowder in his statement came from the adjutant general of New Jersey. When that officer learned through publication, of the system of double drawing announced earlier in the day, he saw that a great injustice would be done in his state because of the way in which the local boards had given serial numbers to

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CATALONIANS CALL SPANISH LAW BODY

AUTHORITIES THREATEN TO OFFER OPPOSITION TO MEETING.

By Associated Press.

BARCELONA, [illegible] 19.—"Short [illegible] prohibiting the gathering of crowds [illegible] meeting of representatives [illegible] Catalonian delegates [illegible] which the government declared to be illegal, was prohibited to be held. This action complicates about very acute [illegible] situation on the local parliamentary [illegible] Catalonia.

The city is quiet, but there [illegible] disturbances prevailing. It is stated that the authorities will offer opposition to the gathering of members [illegible] there is an attempt to hold the meeting in a public place. It is a case of trying to find a place [illegible] to assemble.

Court Photos Declared Harmless.

By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, July 19.—Fred Robertson, U. S. District Attorney for Kansas, and associates tonight were bending every effort to reveal which of the alleged secret court plaster plot, believed to have been started in Kansas to spread an epidemic of disease over the state, was part of an organized system of German conversation. Of the three men arrested, two have been released, their wares being declared harmless by the government chemists. The third man, giving the name of John Lyng, still is held in jail.

MISSION CHEERED BY COLORADOANS

BELGIANS MAKE WHIRLWIND VISIT TO SEVERAL SPOTS OF INTEREST.

By Associated Press.

PUEBLO, July 19.—The Belgian war mission was cheered through Colorado today. It was almost the same day since the mission started its Thanksgiving tour of the country July 1. Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo were visited and each welcomed the guests with characteristic western hospitality.

Large crowds assembled on the streets in Denver in the morning and the railroad station was filled with well wishers when the Belgians left there at noon. Colorado Springs had been disappointed because the train only called for a short visit there, but in the hour and a half allotted to that city the visitors moved at top speed. Baron Moncheur addressed a large audience from the city steps of a public building and the mission was taken for a drive through the environs and stopping for a minute at the home of Spencer Penrose.

At Pueblo, the party was driven through the plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, which suspended work during the visit. The Belgians were greeted by a deafening welcome from a hundred steam whistles which blew continuously while they were at the plant of the Fuel company. In the evening they had dinner in a park, where there was speaking.

At 8 tonight the mission left for Topeka, Kansas.

SPEEDY VESSELS AVOID U-BOATS

ALLIES WILL LOSE WAR UNLESS FAST BOATS ARE BUILT.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Danger from submarine is virtually non-existent, if the vessels attacked can attain a speed of 16 knots an hour, according to charts displayed at a ship building conference held here today under the auspices of the chamber of commerce of the state of New York. The figures were shown to lend emphasis to a demand that the ship construction controversy be settled immediately.

"If the present rate of sinkings is maintained without the full force of our industrial efforts, there can be only one conclusion, and that is that we shall lose the war," declared E. H. Gutteridge, president of the chamber, in outlining the seriousness of the submarine campaign.

The conference was not concerned, he said, as to whether ships were built of wood or steel, but its chief concern was as to the speed.

Leadville Mediators Powerless.

By Associated Press.

DENVER, July 19.—Federal mediators who have been trying to avert a strike of miners in the Leadville district tonight telegraphed President Wilson saying they felt they were powerless to prevent the strike.