

ATTACK ON AMERICA!

Startling Expose of U. S. Lack of Defense

By

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WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S HAPPENED

VAN HASSEK, Mexican military dictator, directs air and land attacks on unprepared America.

GENERAL HAGUE is chief of staff of the U. S. army.

GENERAL MOLE, division commander in Texas. Mobilization is incomplete and the country is panic-stricken.

CHAPTER XV General Mole sat in the hot shelter of his command post which had been dug by engineers into the reverse slope of a ridge.

Planes soared overhead. American combat planes covering his position against air attack. From time to time an observation plane dashed low with a dropped message reporting progress of the Van Hassek's approach.

All his artillery had been dug in and camouflaged. Here he had an immense, hastily organized staff of infantry supporting strong points. Machine guns had been placed for the maximum of destructive effect.

There was a greenish hue to the general's lean, cadaverous face, brought by the stress of the last few days. His eyes were blood shot and his body black with dirt.

"I wanted a few words with you before we go into action, gentlemen," he began in a calm voice.

"Therefore, it becomes my decision. Let me frankly say that the army is on the spot, that the people wouldn't understand the simple wisdom of our falling back without a fight."

"It's our hard luck that the people of this great country, whose army we are, think of us only in the terms of our valorous traditions. They don't understand that our army has been scattered to the four winds of little cities and big, to give this town and that the benefit of our trade. They don't know that their congress has refused us modern equipment to fight with, nor even the training opportunities we need to fight efficiently with old weapons.

"All right, we'll go through! We'll hold! We'll give the country a new tradition to remember! We'll fight Van Hassek with one regiment to four or five! If we're attacked this afternoon we'll fight until night. We'll hold through tomorrow. Then I'll make my further decision. When the time comes I'll give the order for withdrawal which must be by night."

"General Mole paused again to look about among them and then spoke in slow, biting words. "Gentlemen, a final word! We'll show the country what our mettle is. We'll show the enemy what they can expect to meet once our armies are mobilized and organized and trained. Remember this, if we lost every last man in the second division, our losses would still be only a fraction of what the godd old second took in France, even if nobody remembers that fact but the second's survivors!"

"His voice rose to a furious intensity and his clenched hand rose above his head. "A new Alamo to remember, gentlemen! That's what we'll give the country—a new Alamo to remember! But that thought in to the teeth of your men. That's all!"

As the commanders scattered toward their station wagons and military sedans, the bright sky fostered into a hideous hiss of sound. It came crashing in out of the distance. The car could trace its course as it settled inward the earth.

ground trembled under the impact of high explosives. A seizer of enemy bullet earth shot skyward, the air filled with the mighty detonation.

The departing commanders gave an anxious look at the spot of dirt, but changed neither gait nor posture. General Mole calmly touched a match to the stub of his cigar and gave several vindictive puffs.

"Well, there's the first shot," he muttered. "Sounded to me like a long-range baby—probably from twenty or thirty miles."

An observation plane rumbled in the information. Van Hassek's heavy artillery had set up north of the Nueces. Mole offered no comment. There was nothing he could do about it until the enemy came within range of his howitzers. His own 160-millimeter cannons, good for fifteen miles, had yet to be moved, mounted, tested and delivered to the army.

As for his airplanes, there was no taking further risks over Van Hassek's moving columns. It didn't matter that the air service had sent in the crack combat groups from all three of its powerful wings. Nor that American pilots and gunners had proved themselves this morning much more than a match for the Van Hassek airmen.

The American squadrons had paid a heavy price for their swoops against Van Hassek's invaders. Into one anti-aircraft battery after another the Americans had fallen. Heavy caliber anti-aircraft machine guns, 40-millimeter, 88-millimeter guns, that reached long miles into the sky, had taken a toll of a score of planes. The American fighting planes had been reduced to missions of opportunity. Unable to attack on enemy groups and squadrons that ventured beyond the protecting muzzles of their anti-aircraft guns.

The first big shell fell in an empty field well back from the second front line. A second shot followed quickly, and the business of long-range cannonading settled down into a racking routine. From a range of approximately twenty-two miles, observation reports from the Van Hassek columns were still coming forward. A great tortoise unrolled serpent whose tail reached far back across the Rio Grande into Mexico.

The ten thousand men of the division moved feverishly through the hot afternoon, deepening and extending their trenches, adjusting gun positions. They pretended indifference to the roar of Van Hassek's artillery, to the frequent whining formations of earth that rose suddenly about them. In mid-afternoon one shell caught a full squad of men who had a flash were shreds of flesh.

A stark reminder of what was to come. But the men who saw this tragedy went stubbornly on with their work. When the positions were completed, fields of fire organized, mutual support coordinated within company, battalion, and regimental sections, the men held about, chafing now over the importance of their own artillery to return the fire. Another shell had obliterated three men. A third had fallen on a howitzer position, killed one man and put a 105-millimeter gun out of commission.

Out of the distance came the rumble of light American artillery. It was from a single battery of the 14th division that was part of a mobile fighting group consisting of a battalion of the 9th infantry, the battery of field artillery, and a platoon of 37-millimeter guns from one of the 9th infantry's new weapon companies. Three such groups had been sent out under orders to engage Van Hassek's advancing columns delay them by forcing them to demolish and then dropping back without serious fight.

The firing came from the Frio river, which meant that Major Randt, commanding, was nothing at the head of the main attack force. The sound of Van Hassek's counter-battery assault waited in fifteen minutes later. It rose in volume. The artillery duel went on, growing in violence, which told the whole world that the division that Major Randt was forcing Van Hassek advance aimed to extend itself.

Firing broke out to the north and south on the extreme flanks. At the division command post Mole and his staff waited on those sections with tense nerves. Three o'clock was near. If Van Hassek's invaders could be delayed much longer they would not be able to deliver their attack in force against the second before daybreak.

The afternoon dragged on in an agony of tension. Five o'clock passed before the reconnaissance combat battalions came dashing through the outpost lines under cover of protecting squadrons of fighting planes. They had forced three successive enemy deployments. Their losses ran under thirty men for the three groups.

General Mole and his staff made an estimate of the situation. Mole's face brightened in a moment's exultation as his staff unanimously agreed with his own deduction. The Van Hassek commander would not be able to maintain his position. Their advance divisions had not even started their assembly areas for battle deployment.

"That means we've delayed them one day without a fight," Mole exclaimed. "It gives us a real chance of setting them tomorrow without getting blown out of our shoes. After that—we will see what we will see. But what a hell of a pumping we're in for tonight, without any anti-aircraft and long-range artillery!"

FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia



... \$4965 . . . ummm . . . an' how much for the red one over there?"

U. of O. Favored To Beat Huskies

(By The Associated Press) Second place will be at stake in Seattle tonight as the University of Oregon Webfoots, defending northern division basketball champions, invade the lair of the University of Washington Huskies.

The Ducks are in second place with two wins and a loss, while Washington is fourth in the five-team race with a 29-50 standing in two games.

While Oregon and Washington are fighting it out, Oregon State, leading the procession, plays Idaho today at Moscow. Barring a reversal of form by Idaho, Oregon State should lighten its grip on the top rung over the weekend.

The hard-driving Washington Huskies will be underdog in the Oregon series. But Coach Edmundson, who is a singularly confident as he sees his boys' group, a final drill last night. The Huskies lack experience as the only letterman, Capt. Bill McDonald, is still had up with an injured hand, but Edmondson admitted that in practice the other night the boys "bounced the ball as well as any team I've ever had." Which is saying something.

The Beavers from Oregon State, unimpressive in six-season tests, apparently hit their stride with start of the Pacific coast conference. They have beaten Idaho twice, Oregon once and split a game with Washington State on the road. If they knock over Idaho twice, they may be hard to catch.

Glide, Edenbower Teams Break Even

Glide and Edenbower eighth grade volleyball and basketball players broke even in games played at Glide Tuesday night, while the Glide high school in the three-game program defeated the basketball team from Steamboat CCC camp.

In the volleyball game the Edenbower 8th graders defeated the Glide girls 12 to 10, while the Glide boys won at basketball 18 to 14. The game between the Glide high school and Steamboat camp teams ended in the close score of 20 to 18 in Glide's favor.

The volleyball game was closely contested all of the way with Edenbower having a half-time advantage of 8 to 6. Players were: Edenbower—Johnson, 2, Leinberr, Ness, 1, Pope, 1, E. Rochester, 2, W. Whit, A. Will, 3, V. Rochester, 2; Glide—La Route, 2, Hilvey, Rarriman, 1, Wood, 1, Vleck, 2, Shrum, Weaver, 5, Dehnam, Joyce.

In the 8th grade basketball game the Glide defense held the Edenbower players without a field goal in the first half and held a half-time lead of 8 to 3. Leinberr, Edendower guard, broke loss in the second half to become the high scorer for the game with 12 points.

Lineups: Edenbower (14) — (16) Oliver Johnson, F. (6) Gilder Bartlett, F. (6) Dehnam Heister (1) C. (3) Marr Pope (1) G. (2) Hillman Leinberr (12) G. (2) Hillman Substitutions: Edenbower — L. Johnson, Kayser; Glide — Oliver, Officials: Asam, referee; Metz, scorerkeeper; DeBernardi, timekeeper.

The 8th grade teams will play return matches at Edenbower Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The third game of the sports program at Glide furnished plenty of excitement as the high school and CCC teams battled neck and neck in a very fast and close game. Glide had a one-point lead, 9 to 8, at half time.

Lineups: Steamboat (18) — (20) Glide Baxter (2) F. (7) Asam Auerin (2) F. (4) Thompson Hill (2) C. (7) Fox Davis (3) G. (2) Doss Foster (8) G. (2) West Substitutions: Glide — Sutter, Cannon. Officials: Wood, referee; Metz, scorerkeeper; DeBernardi, timekeeper.

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Indians Set For Coos Five Tonight

Coach Jim Watta' Indian basketball team swings into action again tonight on the senior high court against a strong combination from Marshfield high school in another district No. 8 league encounter. Game time has been set for 8:15 o'clock with a preliminary between the junior and senior class teams for the school championship scheduled for 7.

Tonight's contest will be Roseburg's second attempt to open the Douglas-Coos hoop race with a victory, their first having ended in a 29-22 reverse from the hands of Coquille just one week ago. The Pirates are tied for the league leadership with Coquille, although they hold a victory over the Red Devils in a non-conference game.

The Watta men were definitely off in their shooting in the Red Devil encounter, connecting for only seven field goals in 31 attempts. Lovall Baker, guard, one of the best long-shot artists on the squad and consistent scorer in previous encounters, couldn't even locate the backboard, let alone the hoop, and was held scoreless. No man on the team made more than two buckets from the field. Ward, Saunders and Finlay each getting a pair and Puckett had one. Coach Watta believes it natural to expect a reversal of form in tonight's contest.

The Indians will likely open with Ward and Puckett at the forward positions, Hughes at center, Baker and Saunders at guard. Another probable combination which has worked well in practice would be Finlay and Puckett, forwards; Ward, center; Saunders and Baker, guards. Reserves will come from Lowell Atterbury, Billy Goodlow, Dale Woodruff, Billy Woodruff, Paul Cacy and several others.

D'Autremonts Not Slated for Parole

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—The state parole board said today that the three D'Autremont brothers, Hugh, Roy and Ray, came before the board last week, but emphasized they are not eligible for parole.

Governor Charles A. Sprague asked the board last June to examine all penitentiary inmates, the board asserting the three brothers were examined "in their regular order."

They are serving life terms for the Siskiyou tunnel train robbery and quadruple murder in 1923, but life terms may be released only by pardon by the governor. The board said "the wisdom of the governor's instruction that all prisoners are to be brought in review before the board has been amply demonstrated in practice already."

A few cases have been found of "forgotten" men in prison who turned out to be worthy of clemency and who received it. But it does not necessarily follow that when a long-term prisoner is brought in for review of his case, he is being considered for parole.

The board said the D'Autremonts had not asked permission to appear before the board.

Eugene High Basketeers Lose to Salem, 36 to 18

EUGENE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Salem high's basketball team trounced Eugene high, 36 to 18, here last night in a contest that saw the losers score only three free throws in the second half. Salem led 27 to 15 at halftime.

Forest Service Transfer Rapped

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A vigorous protest against the proposed transfer of the forest service from the agricultural department to the department of the interior was sent to President Roosevelt yesterday by the Washington and Oregon Farm bureaus in a joint message.

Telegrams sent by Herbert F. Clark, Walla Walla, president of the Washington Farm Bureau, and Mac Hoke, Pendleton, president of the Oregon Bureau, said such a shift would be detrimental to the interests of sheep and cattle men in the northwest.

They said an active campaign against the proposal would be launched by enlisting the support of other state groups in the Farm Bureau, largest national organization.

Clark said today it has long been the policy of the interior department to bar cattle and sheep from its grazing lands, principally the national park system. He said that because national forest lands are depended upon so much for grazing that a change in the policy of land use would be a severe blow to the cattle and sheep industries of the region.

Northwest Officers to Unite in War on Crime

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Fifty representatives of various law enforcement agencies in Washington and Oregon yesterday took the first step toward adopting a "mutual assistance pact" under which all federal, state, county and city law enforcement officers in the Pacific northwest would pool their resources in a joint war on crime of every sort.

Glendale Pirates Down Canyonville High, 31-23

GLENDALE, Jan. 18.—The Glendale Pirates defeated the Canyonville high school basketball team in a conference contest, 31 to 23, on the Glendale floor Wednesday evening. In the absence

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Sports Recruiting Ban is Clarified

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Edwin Atherton, new commissioner of the Pacific coast conference, last night issued a statement clarifying the rules adopted at Los Angeles last week regarding recruiting and giving of aid to college athletes.

Regarding a rule forbidding the entertainment of high school or junior college athletes, with certain stated exceptions, by members of the conference their representatives or alumni, Atherton defined "entertainment" to include lunquets, week-end excursions, outings, trips to college campuses and giving of complimentary tickets to athletic contests.

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