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## Villa Hunters Ready For Action

### CHARGE COST GERMANS BIG LOSS OF MEN

LONDON TELLS OF UNSUCCESSFUL SMASH AT HAUDREMONT FOREST.

### GERMANS BRING THREE AIRCRAFTS TO EARTH

Berlin Silent as to Operations About Verdun and the Grand Smash at That Fort is Believed to be Unattempted Yet—Steady Bombardment About Vaux Continues Today.

London, March 14.—Breaking the dull in infantry fighting before Verdun, the Germans charged Haudremont Forest today. Their ranks were shattered with artillery fire, covering every foot of ground with mathematical precision, the French have reported.

Germans did not attempt to advance in large forces. Those who survived were forced to flee. Lapierre forest, Paris has said, Germans attempted to regain but lost ground. French artillery hurled them back.

There is steady bombardment around Vaux.

It is expected the grand assault at Verdun has not begun. Berlin is silent regarding operations around Verdun, but Germans claimed to have repulsed the British in the Ypres district. Several air battles are reported. Berlin claimed three British and two French aeroplanes were brought down.

### SHIPS FOUGHT 11 HOURS.

Survivor Tells of Frightful Battle at Sea Recently.

BY HENRY WOOD  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Rome, March 14.—An eleven hour naval battle off the Albanian port of Durazzo preceded the sinking of the Austrian destroyers Like and Triglav, it was learned today.

The ministry of marine recently announced the sinking of the enemy's craft. A letter from Franz Lugano, an Austrian sailor of Italian origin from the Austrian prisoners' camp to relatives in Italy brought details of the action.

"Coming out of our naval base to bombard Ourazzo, our fleet encountered the Italians," Lugano wrote. "We had notable success but lost two destroyers, thanks to Italian bombs. Destroyers marked out my own boat, the Like, for one of the victims."

"The battle occurred just outside Durazzo harbor. The first shot was fired at 7 in the evening. Shrapnel was bursting all over our deck and I don't know how many men I saw die. The dying were calling for help but there was nothing we could do. In the midst of all this the Like was struck. The boilers and munition magazines exploded and she leaped into the air, breaking in two."

"Of 110 men on the Like about 50 were saved. Ten of us were picked up by Italian life boats. I had been floating on some debris for two hours. The others were hauled aboard the destroyers with ropes."

### Called to Son's Bedside.

Mrs. Anna Pause has returned from a hurried trip to Ontario, Oregon, where she was summoned on account of the serious condition of her son, Carl. The young man was operated on for appendicitis about a week ago and on Friday his condition was considered very critical and his mother was summoned by wire. On her arrival there was a change for the better and speedy recovery of the patient is now looked for. Carl Pause lived in La Grande a long while but of recent years has been farming in Idaho.

GENERAL HERBERT J. SLOCUM, WHO WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF FLYING SQUADRON TODAY



Colonel Herbert J. Slocum was in command of the American troops of the Thirteenth Cavalry at Columbus, N. M., whose camp was attacked by the Villa bandits. Colonel Slocum's revolver was shot from his hand as he emerged from his headquarters to learn what the firing was about.

### SPANISH WAR VETS A FOUNT TO AID ARMY

NATIONAL COMMANDER TAKES STOCK OF STRENGTH AVAILABLE IF CALLED IN.

### LA GRANDE MEN LOOK UPON MOVE FAVORABLY

As Patrol Forces and Instructors of Recruits, Spanish-American War Veterans Are Looked Upon as Extremely Fit and Desirable Immediately—50,000 Deemed Available.

Washington, March 14.—Congressman Dyer, national commander of the Spanish war veterans, today requested state commanders to notify him how many men are available for service in Mexico if President Wilson calls for volunteers. Dyer thinks 50,000 could be raised.

La Grande people who have had Philippine and other Spanish-American

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### ON EVE OF DEPARTURE CARRANZA GENERAL IS SURROUNDING BANDIT

REPORTS SAY GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO WAIT TWO WEEKS TO PERMIT DE FACTO OFFICIALS TIME TO BRING VILLA TO JUSTICE THEMSELVES.

Columbus, March 14.—Under General Pershing, organization of the main army division to hunt for Villa began here today. Colonel Slocum, who licked Villa after the Columbus raid has been appointed in command of the flying squadron of cavalry believed to comprise the larger part of armed forces of the invasion.

Hearing Carranzista soldiers are mobilizing at Palomas, Pershing has arranged a conference with the Mexican general to ascertain if he intends to oppose the advance. It is reported other troops are joining the Palomas garrison. The men believe they will be ordered to enter Mexico Thursday. Officers refuse to discuss it.

Gen. Pershing evidently is awaiting reinforcements. More cavalry is expected today and also signal and aero corps additions.

The big camp presents a busy scene. Freight trains are unloading tons of canned goods, hay and ammunition. Army officers gathered at

the telegraph office, closely scrutinized all telegrams. Noticing this, war correspondents thereafter telephoned their stories to El Paso, and then the officers put the correspondents on word of honor not to attempt to beat the censorship and reveal military secrets.

Villa In Pocket  
El Paso, March 14.—General Guiterrez today announced Carranzistas are surrounding Villa in the Galena district. They hope to capture Villa before the American expedition enters Mexico.

Guiterrez said: "The Carranza government can take care of Villa. My scouts are now following him and will keep in touch with him until all columns can come to action. He has only a small guard with him. Five cavalry columns of 1200 men each have been ordered in pursuit. We will direct a complete ring around him. My troops are already moving. I have ordered General Bertani to assist and will evacuate Palomas shortly. Besides these, I have 7000 troops concentrated in towns in Villa's territory."

It is reported Guiterrez has asked Gen. Pershing to delay the expedition two weeks to give him time to capture Villa.

### BREAK DANGER OVER.

Such, at Least, is Statement Made at Mexico City Today.

Mexico, March 14.—Danger of a break between Mexico and the United States has passed, inspired articles in today's papers said. No official statement was issued but Washington dispatches said America had conceded the full justice of Carranza's demands and accepted the informal note.

New Man to Deal With  
General Aguilar will handle further American negotiations. It is believed Carranza will resign the provisional presidency, appointing Aguilar his successor. Then Carranza will run for president.

Troops Moved South  
Douglas, March 14.—Aguiarista is practically deserted of Carranza troops. General Calles has been ordered to go to the garrison at Nacozari, 70 miles south. It is believed this was done to avoid friction with American troops. The border is closely watched.

Aguiarista lies directly south of Douglas, on a railroad which runs to Nacozari, due south, a distance of about 100 miles from the border line.

### CONVENTION TO COME

Knights of Pythias Decide To Substitute For Union Lodge

That La Grande Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, will entertain the district convention this Spring, was determined at the regular lodge session last evening. Exact dates will not be known for some little time.

The convention should have gone to Union but storm prevented it at the regular date. Since then La Grande has been asked to be host, and though out of turn, the invitation was accepted last evening.

George Huntington Currey was last evening elected keeper of record and seal to succeed Perry Oliver, resigned.

### BAKER WANTS MEN

Washington, March 14.—Urgent action to increase the regular army 20,000 men has been decided upon. Secretary of War Baker has asked congress to pass the necessary resolution immediately.

### COLT SHOW A REAL FEATURE

BREEDERS FROM ENTIRE COUNTRY INTERESTED.

Interest Attached to Saturday Event—Special Prizes Offered.

Imbler, March 14.—Union county colt raisers look toward Imbler this week. The occasion is the annual colt show, set for next Saturday—after frequent postponements. Concealed, not to make money but to improve interest in "better colts" the show is of county-wide importance and interest. Breeders from everywhere are expected to be present, and the Imbler will be crowded with farmers, horsebreeders and fanciers, and others who love to watch a display of horseflesh, be it mature or coltish, is already established. For the accommodation of all these, Imbler is making due preparation.

Competition for the event will be as follows:

Full blood draft animals will be entered according to their breed; Shires, Clydes, Percherons, Suffolk Punch, etc., and colts of one breed will not compete with those of another breed except in a sweepstakes prize for the winners. Grade colts will be entered and classed according to breed of sires and each breed will contest separately in the grades as well as in the full bloods.

Age of competitors shall be as follows: Colts under one year, colts one year old and under two, colts two years old and under three.

A special class is made for entries of standard bred animals of any age. Special prizes include:

Special prize of \$2.50 is offered by S. L. Brooks for best groomed colt. Special booby prize for worst-groomed colt.

Special prize of \$5.00 is offered by W. R. Ledbetter for the best colt exhibited sired by Gores Fashion.

Special prize of \$5.00 is offered by John Wells for the best colt exhibited sired by Highland Chief.

Special prize of \$2.50 is offered by The State Bank of Imbler for the best grade colt under 1 year of age.

### Peculiar Facts About People

Washington, March 14.—A silver tray, well filled, is carried into the quarters of Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Ade at exactly 11:50 a. m. every day at which time Mr. Ade takes tea.

MAP OF TERRITORY WHERE VILLA RAIDED COLUMBUS



Pancho Villa

This map shows the territory surrounding Columbus, N. M., where El Paso in the hunt for greater bandits attacked Americans and killed a score or more of them. The upper photograph shows American soldiers hunting.

### DEPOSITS HAVE GROWN RAPIDLY

INCREASE SINCE SEPTEMBER IS \$171,000.00

Since December Increase Is \$93,000 Statements Show

One hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars more are on deposit in La Grande banks today than in September last. There are \$93,000 more today than in December last. Aggregate bank deposits today are nearly on a par with any total ever reached in the history of La Grande banking institutions though not the biggest.

This financial situation is disclosed by bank statements published today upon call from the comptroller yesterday. The affairs as set out in the reports deal with conditions existing March 7 this year.

Last September when the fall call was made, conditions were at low ebb everywhere. The big improvement first seen came between the September and December calls when an aggregate increase in deposits in La Grande alone amounted to \$78,000. The interim between December and March 7th saw the aggregate deposits grow another \$93,000 or a total since September of \$171,000.00 in round figures.

### SMITH ELGIN MAYOR.

Closest Race of Election Developed in Recorder Contest.

Elgin, March 14.—F. E. Smith, well known mercantile man of Elgin was elected mayor here yesterday over L. A. Stoop, 235 to 73. The closest race of the entire election which brought out a big vote, developed between Lee Tuttle and U. S. Weiss for city recorder. Tuttle was elected by four votes.

The other officers elected included: Councilmen for two years, three to elect: Frank Kellar, S. L. Knight, and C. E. Mays. For one year; one to elect, S. E. Harris. Treasurer, R. L. Shoemaker; Marshal, E. S. Thomas.

### Umatilla River Is High.

Pendleton, March 13.—For the past two days the Umatilla river has been as high or higher than during the freshest immediately following the big storm. Yesterday noon the river was at the four foot, four inches stage and this afternoon the stream is a trifle higher. The water is very muddy.