



AMERICANS ROUT FORCE OF BANDITS

Thirty of Enemy Slain in Surprise Attack.

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Brigands Flee in Disorder Before Negro Troopers of Tenth Cavalry—American Scouts Fired On at Bachiniba.

SAN GERONIMO, Chihuahua, April 4.—Via aeroplane to Colonia Dublan and by wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 4.—Two hundred American cavalrymen under Colonel W. C. Brown, Tenth Cavalry, defeated an equal force of Villistas in the second engagement of the campaign at Agnias Calientes, 30 miles north of Guerrero, on April 3.

This report was made to General Pershing today by two Mexican ranchmen, who said that the Mexican forces lost 30 men and 40 horses, while the Americans suffered no casualties.

Villa Not With Band.

Villa was not with the band, according to the ranchmen, who asserted that the American troops believed at first they had encountered the bandit chief. An investigation showed that he had not been with the detachment.

For hours the American cavalrymen followed Manuel Lopez, one of Villa's lieutenants, and his bandits through tortuous winding canyons and almost impassable trails of the mountains. Believing that they had eluded their pursuers the bandits relaxed their vigilance and before they realized it they were confronted by the troops of the Tenth Cavalry, General Pershing's old regiment, which had been stationed at the American camp, intercepting stragglers attempting to make their escape.

Bandits Are Disorganized.

Only the most meager details of the ensuing engagement were brought here by the Mexican ranchmen, but in many respects it resembled that of a week ago at San Geronimo. Immediately after the bandits realized the presence of American troops they began a hurried, disorganized flight from their camp, some seizing their ponies and others trying to make their escape afoot. They went singly and in small parties, all firing at the American troops as they fled. None took time to aim, the ranchmen said, and as a result none of the bullets found a khaki-clad mark.

Officers here are inclined to believe that if 30 bandits were killed in the running fight at least as many more were wounded. It was also noted that because of the nature of the engagement it is probable that some equipment supplies and prisoners may have been captured. The ranchmen told General Pershing that the Villistas were fleeing in great haste, and that three to five men before the negro cavalrymen.

American Scouts Fired On.

Reports reaching here indicated that the force encountered by the American cavalrymen was the largest detachment of the force defeated and scattered at Guerrero a week ago today by Colonel Dodd's command. These troops were said to have been in the vicinity of Bachiniba Pass for several days.

Two American scouts reported to General Pershing that they had been fired on by Villa outposts last Friday within the environs of Bachiniba and that they had returned the fire, but without result so far as they knew. Two troops of cavalry, sent to the town to intercept the Villistas, reached there after the command had fled.

SAN ANTONIO, April 4.—The second encounter with one of Villa's scattered forces, which has been the subject of interest at General Pershing's headquarters, where additional details were awaited eagerly, but the interest in the reports was not comparable to that displayed after the battle of San Geronimo, when it was believed the capture of Villa himself was a question of hours. It was realized by Army officers that the effect of Colonel Brown's fight and of other minor engagements that may occur is only indirect so far as the greater problem of catching Villa is concerned.

Engagements of that character, it was said, may be expected now from time to time, and the running down of the marauding band is essential to the safety of the American column, but it was indicated the only effects, so far as Villa is concerned, will be to destroy the morale of his supporting force and deprive him of a certain amount of strength.

There are known to be other bands operating in that same part of Mexico, and a part of the American forces must remain to deal with them while the other part pushes on in the pursuit of the fugitive chief.

Entire Plan May Be Changed.

The action south of Bachiniba only served to stiffen the opinion of staff officers that if the punitive expedition is to complete its work a great many more troops must be sent into the country or the Mexican Central Railroad from Juarez to Chihuahua, and even through Chihuahua to points further east.

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UNION PACIFIC TRAIN HELD UP BY 1 MAN

OVERLAND PASSENGER ROBBED 5 MILES FROM CHEYENNE.

Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars Obtained From Persons in One Coach—Posse in Pursuit.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 4.—Union Pacific Limited No. 1 was held up by a lone robber at Corlett Junction, five miles south of here, early tonight, according to a report received here. Passengers were relieved of \$450, it was said. The robber escaped. A sheriff's posse is hurrying to the scene.

The robber appeared in the aisle of one of the Pullmans about 9 o'clock tonight shortly after the train had left Cheyenne.

No one in the car appeared to know how the robber entered and attention was first called to his presence when he began to call for valuables from the passengers, flourishing a revolver to enforce his demands.

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STANDARD OIL BOYCOTTED

Pittsburg Auto Dealers Start Fight for Cheaper Gasoline.

PITTSBURG, April 4.—(Special.)—The Pittsburg Auto Dealers' Association has declared a boycott on the Standard Oil Company until the price of gasoline is lowered. All members have pledged themselves not to use gasoline from the Standard company.

John J. Bell, president of the association, has written to the Council demanding that the Standard Company's contemplated move in installing numerous small gasoline tanks for private consumers be prohibited by refusal to grant permits. The company is planning this move to combat the auto dealers.

SOCIALISTS WIPED OUT

Democrats Make Clean Sweep in Butte Municipal Election.

BUTTE, Mont., April 4.—Socialism ceased to be a factor in municipal politics in Butte when the Democrats, by a sweeping victory at the polls, yesterday placed eight of their party members in the City Council, making that body solidly Democratic.

Of a total of 6322 votes cast, 3632 were cast for Democratic candidates; 1829 for Socialists, and 861 for Republicans, who had candidates in but four of the eight wards, and 92 were blanks.

PAROLE REFUSED YUTSEY

Accomplice in Goebel Assassination Loses Fight for Liberty.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 4.—Parole was refused today by the State Board of Prison Commissioners to Henry Yutsey, convicted 16 years ago of conspiracy in the assassination of Governor Goebel and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Yutsey is the only person among the six accused of complicity in the assassination who is serving a prison term. The others either were acquitted or received executive clemency.

CIDER WITH 'KICK' PLUGGED

Eugene Grocer Stops Sale When Customers Stagger; Suit Faced.

EUGENE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Because his customers who purchased cider appeared to be intoxicated and came back for more, C. B. Bowman, grocer, of No. 2, drove the plug back into the barrel and refused to make further sales of the cider. As a result he is confronted by a suit for \$40, the wholesale price of the cider.

Mr. Bowman's defense is that the cider was not as represented and cannot be sold legally in Oregon.

BURTON WILL TOUR WEST

Portland, Pendleton, Bellingham and Spokane to Be Visited.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 4.—Ex-Senator Burton, of Ohio, will leave on Friday for a swing through the West in the interest of his Presidential candidacy. On his way up the Pacific Coast he will speak in Portland, Pendleton, Bellingham and Spokane.

No definite days have yet been arranged for these cities.

NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED

Badly Damaged German Torpedo Boat Is Seen Later.

COPENHAGEN, April 4, via London, April 5.—A naval engagement of some kind took place Monday in the Cattegat, according to dispatches received here from Kullen, Sweden.

About noon, the dispatches say, a terrific cannonade was heard from the sea and two hours later a German torpedo boat, badly damaged, was towed past Delsingborg.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN CHICAGO ELECTION

Fight on Thompson Divides Republicans.

COUNCIL IS ALMOST CAPTURED

Suicide of Tuberculosis Expert Figures Strongly.

ISSUES ARE PURELY LOCAL

Mayor's Ambition to Enter National Committee Also Involved. Women Fail to Support Own Sex on Opportunity.

PRINCIPAL RESULTS OF ELECTIONS HELD YESTERDAY.

Chicago Democrats carry 31 wards for Aldermen; Mayor Thompson loses ground. Republicans make sweep in Kansas City.

Social Democrat leads for Mayor of Milwaukee.

Butte, Mont., retires all Socialists.

Henry Ford leads Senator Smith as Republican choice for President in Michigan, but lead is being cut down.

Muskogee, Okla., goes Democratic.

Moline and Waukegan, Ill., quiet saloons; Bloomington and Leokport, formerly dry, go wet; women vote Moline dry and feminine vote makes East Dubuque wet.

North Platte, Neb., goes dry for first time.

Baraga and Clare counties, Michigan, added to dry column.

CHECK WORTH \$70,703,600

J. P. Morgan & Co. Draw Largest Amount on Record.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A check for slightly more than \$70,703,600, said to be the largest ever drawn, passed through the New York Clearing-house today.

It was made by J. P. Morgan & Co. on a local bank to the order of the Canadian government in payment of \$7,000,000 par value 5 per cent bonds, recently purchased by a syndicate of bankers.

WIRELESS SITE ACCEPTED

Navy Department Sends Word to Marshfield on Radio Station.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The Navy Department, through Colonel E. H. Dodd, of Mare Island, has informed the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce the wireless site has been accepted and that the work will be started on the radio station about June 1. Plans and specifications are to be forwarded here and bids will be opened in Washington May 2.

PAY TAXES TODAY OR PAY INTEREST

DOORS TO BE OPEN TILL 9 P. M. TO ACCOMMODATE CROWDS.

If you haven't paid the first installment of your taxes yet, wake up! Today is your last chance. Go to the Courthouse and stand in line for an hour or so, but pay your taxes or be prepared to pay 1 per cent a month interest on the first half, for it will be delinquent after today.

The tax department on the first floor at the north side of the Courthouse will be open until 9 o'clock tonight to accommodate the crowds. You can't possibly spare the time to stand in line at the tax window? Then mail your check for the amount due, and mail it at the postoffice well before midnight. No matter at what hour the letter may be mailed by you, the tax department will only accept without interest the money or checks bearing postmarks of April 5.

The Portland Gas & Coke Company paid its taxes—the first installment—yesterday. The assessment amounted to \$5,483.19. Taxes on the property of the William Ladd estate also were paid to the extent of the first half yesterday, totaling more than \$55,000.

Chief Deputy E. S. Huckabay, of the tax department, and four others have been on duty this week at the collection windows.

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TRAIN WILL ENTER MARSHFIELD TODAY

PASSENGER SERVICE FROM EUGENE TO BEGIN.

Mail to Be Carried From Inauguration of Schedule—Celebration to Be Held in July.

EUGENE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Passenger service between Eugene and Marshfield will be inaugurated over the Willamette-Pacific Railroad tomorrow with one train each way daily.

Postmaster E. L. Campbell, of Eugene, announced today that mail service over the new railroad will also begin tomorrow. This mail service has been brought about as the result of an exception by the Postoffice Department which, it is said, rarely enters into a contract with a railroad to carry mail before its actual completion.

The letter mail has been going by stage from Roseburg to Marshfield, from Drain to Gardiner and from Eugene to Florence; the second-class mail has been going by boat from Portland to Marshfield.

There will be no celebration in connection with the completion of the railroad at either end of the line tomorrow. Such an event on an elaborate scale is being planned for a date in July, when the Umpqua bridge will be completed.

BEAVERS WIN FIRST; GUSTO BRIGHT STAR

Recruit Hits Home Run and Two-Bagger.

PORTLAND BEATS SEALS, 6-4

"Busher's" Mighty Swats Cause Woe to 16,000 Fans.

HIGG ADDS TO HIS LAURELS

Veteran, Deprived of Chance at Opener, Goes in With Score 4-1 Against Ujm, Stops Hitting and Is Returned Victor.

Pacific Coast League Standings.

Portland	10-11
San Francisco	9-11
Salt Lake	1-10
Los Angeles	2-9
Vernon	0-11

Yesterday's Results.

At San Francisco—Portland 6, San Francisco 4.

At Salt Lake—Salt Lake 7, Oakland 4.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 5, Vernon 2.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—(Special.)—Jumping straight into the roost beef of the story, Portland defeated San Francisco, 6 to 4, in the opening tilt of the 1916 Pacific Coast League season this afternoon with approximately 15,000 fans inside the ballparks.

Louis Gusto, the St. Mary's College youngster who broke into his first big league game at first base for Portland, furnished fodder for nearly enough excitement to out-Villa Villa. Gusto made good for his press agents. He protruded from today's box score like Joss Willard at a Japanese tea party.

Gusto Starts Fireworks.

Gusto's portion of the brilliant Portland victory consisted of knocking a home run on his first trip at bat, a two-bagger later on in the game, and hitting the rally that brought Portland out from behind in the seventh inning, besides walking once and performing brilliantly at first base.

All this, too, from a mere "busher." Gusto's home run, in the game, has been taken from one of Burton Standish's justly famous classics. It has "Frank Merriwell" stamped all over it. As the 200-pound youngster stepped out to face Bill Steen with the score a tense 9-9 in the second inning and every eye fixed upon him, he calmly hit a two-run home run from the college across the bay waddled out into view bearing between them a huge floral piece.

Maybe it was "gates ajar" or "rest in unction"—that is mere detail.

Mighty Swat Horrifies Fans.

The point is that the big Italian boy acknowledged the gift with a happy smile, nodded for the next batter, Gus Fisher, to carry the flowers to the bench for him, and then, as Bill Steen wound up and sent the gloom-whizzing toward the home plate, Gusto hurled his mighty shoulders into action and sent a mighty two-run ball on a dead line into the left-field bleachers—high and dry over the heads of the horrified throng bivouacked on the turf between the left fielder and the high board wall.

It was a home run, with trimming, that paved the way for Steen's ultimate retirement without question of a doubt.

Steen and Noyes were the opposing twirlers. Oddly, in former days, these two big right-handers toiled for the very clubs against which their cunning was directed this afternoon. It mattered little. Today's affair was tintured neither with memories nor magnanimity.

Noyes Runs Into Swatfast.

Noyes lasted only until midway in the third inning. He was ahead, 1-0, and had not allowed a safe hit until the third, when Bill Steen strode up and belted a two-bagger into the center-field crowd. Fitzgerald's ringer flunked single over second, a single into right by Autrey, which Bill Steen threw over Gusto's head in a valiant effort to flag him, followed by Schaller's two-bagger to right, greeted the skids under Mr. Winfield Noyes, late Kearney, Neb.

Irving Higginbotham was hustled out into the picture by Boss McCrede, and this bit of managerial wisdom was largely responsible for the ultimate win.

Higginbotham stopped the rustle as sudden as he had begun. He demonstrated his prowess by the fourth tally of this eventful inning and after that the Seal batting would have put a wild turkey to sleep.

Higg's Honors Manifold.

Higginbotham entered the game with the score practically 1-1 against him and he walked to the showerbath about one hour later a four-time winner for Portland in opening engagements. Possibly the big Tuston felt somewhat humiliated when McCrede did not honor him with the opening assignment against this Spring after his wonderful prowess of the past.

Possibly—but what more crowning glory could come to any athlete than that achieved by big Higg this fourth day of April, Anno Domini, 1916?

Higginbotham, besides picking brilliant ball, assisted notably in the bombardment that drove Steen from the mound in the seventh inning under an avalanche of five tallies. This is one of Higg's old tricks. He helped win his own game at Los Angeles last season by yielding a dangerous bludgeon. Gusto began the seventh inning bat.

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