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TOWN ON BORDER IS CAPTURED BY VILLA

Ojinaga Is Taken in Surprise Attack.

GARRANZA FORCE IS WIPED OUT

Bandits Begin Assault With Bombs Thrown Into Homes.

FAMILIES FLEE TO U. S.

New Battle Is Expected When Government Troops Return to Try Regain Port—American Soldiers Again on Patrol.

PRESIDIO, Tex., May 29.—Francisco Villa tonight holds a border port opposite an American town, and again United States troops are patrolling the border, while Villa cavaliers are all-out against the night sky on the southern bank of the Rio Grande.

At 5 o'clock this morning approximately 200 Villa followers dashed into the little border town of Ojinaga, opposite here, shouting "Viva Villa," and shooting right and left as they rode.

Only a handful of Mexican government forces occupied the town, General G. Figueroa, General Garcia and Colonel Rojas having gone out Sunday night to engage the Villa command, which was encamped in La Mula Pass, 35 miles south of the border. These forces were expected to return tonight and make a desperate effort to drive the Villa troops from the town.

Garranza Force "Wiped" Out.
Fifty of the government force of 75 men left in Ojinaga were killed in escaping across the river to Presidio. Women and children followed behind their men, carrying babies and bundles. Of the 25 government soldiers remaining, 16 were killed during the fighting, six were taken prisoner and the remainder were wounded.

The battle lasted two hours, after which the shops and homes of the Ojinaga residents were looted.

Whether Villa was with his troops has not been confirmed. No one was permitted to cross to the Mexican side tonight. Reports coming to the American side say they heard reports of Villa's presence in the town, but none of the refugees had seen him.

Villa Reported Near.
Chico Lano led the Villa forces into the plaza. Martin Lopez, Jose Ynez Salazar and Carlos Montoya were reported to have been with him in the attack. Villa was reported to have been seen on a hill near Ojinaga early today, but this was not confirmed.

Reports of a fight yesterday between the government troops in command of Generals Garcia and Figueroa, 15 miles southeast of La Mula Pass and 50 miles below the border, were brought here today by refugee Mexicans. They said the government forces were divided into two commands, and both were said to have suffered heavy losses and were forced to retire to the foothills. Seven hundred Villa troops were said to have been engaged in the battle, and were opposed by about 600 government troops. The Villa force was said to have been reported to have been present in person.

Bombs Hurling Into Homes.
About 200 refugees have crossed from Ojinaga and are camped tonight near the river. According to these people, the Villistas began the attack by hurling homemade hand grenades into the houses.

J. R. Welsinger, Deputy Collector of Customs, crossed to the Mexican side this afternoon and interviewed Porfirio Ornelas, who appeared to be in command of the Villa forces. The collector said he saw but few troops and no officer save Ornelas. Ornelas said that neither Villa nor Salazar was with him, but that "Chico" Cano was near.

A few women and children, according to Deputy Collector Welsinger, remained in their homes and were unharmed by the Villistas. They were warned, however, by Ornelas to come to the American side, as he could not guarantee their safety after his reinforcements had arrived.

Mexican civilians who crossed from Ojinaga late today and who were witnesses of the fighting say that 25 government soldiers were killed in the fight. Two soldiers who were taken prisoners were executed, they said.

SISTERS, 13 AND 8, DROWN

One Is Believed to Have Lost Life in Attempt to Save the Other.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 30.—The flood waters of the Clearwater River claimed two victims today, Eleanor, 13 years old, and Uretta, 8 years old, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Boyer, of Lewiston.

The father was catching driftwood from the stream and the girls were playing nearby. He heard an outcry and turned to see the arms of one of the girls above the surface of the water near the shore.

The current was strong and the bodies undoubtedly were swept down stream. It is supposed that one of the girls fell into the river and that the other attempted a rescue.

NAVY PLEASSED WITH ITS FIRST DIRIGIBLE

TEST FLIGHT IS SUCCESS AND DELIVERY EXPECTED SOON.

Airship Makes Trip From Chicago to Akron, O.—Sixteen of Type to Be in Early Service.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Navy officials, encouraged over the successful builders' trial of the first 16 non-rigid dirigible balloons ordered by the department two months ago, said tonight that the dirigible programme now was assured of completion much sooner than had been expected.

The airship left Chicago at midnight Monday night and arrived without accident yesterday afternoon at Akron, O. The contract called for delivery within four months, but the builders will turn over the first ship for active duty in coast patrol work within less than 90 days of the date of the contract, and thereafter one or more will be delivered every week.

Crews for the ships are being trained at the naval aviation station at Pensacola. The new airships are expected to be an effective element of the coast defense, particularly in the detection of submarines.

EASTERN YOUTHS MIGRATE

Exodus Into Mexico Reaches 15 to 20 Daily.

LAREDO, Texas, May 30.—Federal officials here today disclosed the fact that from 15 to 20 young Americans, with little baggage but carrying plenty of money, are crossing into Mexico daily, ostensibly to mine, prospect for oil or pursue other occupations for which they apparently are not trained. It is believed by officials that they are leaving the United States to avoid conscription.

Most of the young men are from Eastern states, some being from points as far east as Maine and New Hampshire.

MRS. LANE HAS MEMENTOES

Senator Chamberlain Presents Name Plate and Pen of Late Senator.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 30.—Senator Chamberlain carried with him from Washington the name plate which marked the desk of Harry Lane, his late colleague in the Senate; the name plate marking his locker in the Senate cloakroom and the pen which he last used in signing his mail in the Senate Chamber.

He was asked by the Sergeant-at-Arms to present these mementoes to Mrs. Lane. This was in accord with Senate custom.

MORE WAGES ARE RAISED

Louisville & Nashville Road Adds \$1,920,000 to Payroll.

LOUISVILLE, May 30.—Wage increases involving approximately \$1,920,000 a year have been granted to over 8000 shopmen and foremen in the employ of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, whose nine-hour day was reduced to eight, according to an announcement today.

The pay of machinists and boiler-men was increased from 42 to 48 cents an hour. Car repair men, helpers and apprentices shared in the increase.

TOBACCO TO BE CONSERVED

British Government to Confiscate Available Supply.

LONDON, May 30.—It was announced that, owing to the shortage of shipping, the consequent necessity of economizing all available supplies of tobacco, the Board of Trade will requisition all stocks.

It is not intended, however, to impose any restrictions on the supply of tobacco to His Majesty's forces from overseas.

CONVICTS BUY WAR BONDS

Maryland Prisoners Subscribe to Liberty Loan.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Prisoners at the Maryland Penitentiary have bought \$2150 worth of liberty loan bonds with the savings from their small wage allowances. One man serving a long term spent \$250 of the \$278 to his credit.

A former West Virginia train robber put all but a few dollars of his savings into bonds.

DOG OWNERS GET NOTICE

Canines' Freedom Limited if Straying on Gardens Continues.

Notice, Mr. Dog Owner! You are courting trouble. Mayor Albee reports that he still is receiving complaints about dogs straying about on other folks' gardens in spite of a warning given several days ago.

If the dog nuisance keeps up the Mayor says it will be necessary to put the ban on untied dogs at once.

SWISS MINISTER EN ROUTE

Hans Sulzer's Appointment Approved by America.

BERNE, via Paris, May 30.—Hans Sulzer, who has been appointed Swiss Minister to the United States, is leaving for Washington.

His appointment has been approved by the American Government.

WING SCRAPES WING IN CLOUDLAND FIGHT

Aircraft Crowd Fast One After Other.

BATTLE FOUGHT AT 19,000 FEET

Aerial Offensive Continues Despite Lull in Trenches.

GERMAN MACHINES BREAK

Toll of Teutonic Airplanes Destroyed in May Will Be in Hundreds.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, via London, May 30.—The recent lull in the fighting has had no effect whatever upon the British aerial offensive, which continues day and night with unrelenting intensity.

In the last few days there have been witnessed some of the most desperate air battles of the entire war. One or two of these have been fought at the unprecedented height of 19,000 feet, or more than three and one half miles from the earth.

Airmen Fight Close.

Recently there was a duel in which a British pilot, having run out of ammunition for his machine gun, got close enough to his antagonist to shoot him down with his revolver. This incident served to recall the fact that when the war began the only weapons which aerial pilots had were pistols and carbines.

Commenting today on the dazzling altitudes at which many combats occur nowadays, a pilot said that when he first went to war in 1914 he flew a machine which took an hour and a quarter to reach 6000 feet.

Airplanes Rise Rapidly.

"That's nothing," said one of his comrades, "the old bus I had in those days couldn't reach 6000 feet at all."

The airplane which could not negotiate 10,000 feet under 10 minutes would be scraped in quickly now.

A notable feature of the air fighting in the last 10 days has been the tendency of the German machines to break in pieces soon after being shot out of control.

Air Battle Thrilling.

The toll of German planes destroyed in May will mount far into the hundreds. In last Sunday's fighting alone 30 were accounted for. Fifteen were driven down completely out of control and one was shot down by artillery.

One of the melees on Sunday between six British and eight German machines was as thrilling as any aerial battle ever fought. It was at close quarters throughout, so close, in fact, that wings scraped against wings and pilots could

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TORNADO WIPES OUT TOWN IN MISSOURI

2000 CHILDREN ON SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC IN DANGER.

Four Are Killed and 30 Injured and Train Blown From Track by Cyclone at Mineral Point.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—A tornado struck Mineral Point, Mo., late today, killed four persons and injured 30, demolished the entire town with the exception of the schoolhouse, and then swept southward to Eys, where Fred Harper, a farmer, was killed by flying debris.

Two coaches of an Iron Mountain train were blown from the track and Conductor Lemasters and Plagman Roome were killed.

Eighteen injured were taken to De Soto on a special train. Among them were two Catholic priests and men about 75 years old. The latter two probably will die.

It is said hardly a house was left standing in Mineral Point, which has a population of about 500.

The telephone operator at Potosi, a few miles west of Mineral Point, said that only two buildings are left in the town and that reports in Potosi are that 20 persons were killed. Wire communication with Mineral Point is cut off. All available automobiles have gone to Mineral Point with relief parties, but thus far have been unable to get to the town.

Fears were expressed for the safety of 2000 children from all parts of Washington County, who attended a Sunday school picnic being held between Hopewell and Mineral Point when the storm broke.

DOCTORS TO DIVIDE PAY

Physicians Who Go to War to Get Part of Their Profits at Home.

PITTSBURGH, May 30.—Pittsburgh doctors who enter military service are to receive 25 per cent of the income from their private practice while they are absent, the work being done by doctors who remain at home. This announcement was made today by the auxiliary medical council for the National Defense of Allegheny County.

About 200 doctors from this district have already been commissioned or have applied for commissions.

DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

Fleischer, Mayer & Company arrange for employes to buy bonds on installment plan.

Plans completed for two big meetings at Hellig Theater tomorrow—at 3:30 P. M. under the auspices of women, and at 8 P. M. under auspices of local committee. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis and Lawrence Chamberlain, of New York, will be speakers.

John W. Cochran takes charge of publicity for campaign in city and state. Distribution committee to meet at campaign headquarters in Northwestern Bank building at 4 P. M. today.

Carl S. Kelly reports much enthusiasm among people of Salem. City employes to have chance to buy on installments.

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NEUTRALS TO FAST IF THEY AID KAISER

S. Not to Replace Food Sold to Foe.

ECONOMIC CLUB IS POWERFUL

Pending Legislation Provides Complete Trade Control.

AFFECTED NATIONS ROUSED

Some Fear Actual Starvation if Proposed Authority Is Put in Effect—Their Ships Must Be Put into Service, Also.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.
WASHINGTON, May 30.—(Special.)—Complete and absolute control over American trade will be vested in the President by legislation pending in Congress. The so-called "espionage bill," now in conference, contains a provision empowering the President to prohibit exportations to any country he may name.

The "trading with the enemy bill," which is being considered by committees of the Senate and House, will enable punishment of any American citizen or resident of the United States who deals or attempts to deal with enemy nations or enemy subjects.

German Propaganda Is Target.

When enacted these measures will lodge a potent authority in the hands of the President. He will be in a position to prevent a single article of American production from reaching Germany or her allies. He will be able to stop trading with German subjects in neutral nations and thereby take from them a means of making money for the benefit of German propaganda.

The small nations of Europe, which are zealously endeavoring to remain neutral, realize the menace to them which lies in the pending legislation. So do some of the countries of South America, which are adopting a strangely anti-American attitude. Deprived of American foodstuffs, the European American production from reaching Germany or her allies. He will be able to stop trading with German subjects in neutral nations and thereby take from them a means of making money for the benefit of German propaganda.

Economic Club Is Powerful.

It is easy to see that the United States has a powerful economic club to wield to assure absolute neutrality on the part of all nations not involved in war. If it were considered desirable, this club could be used to compel some of the neutrals, particularly those of Europe, to join the allies.

The President has no intention, of course, to proceed to such extreme lengths. He will not permit democracy to act as a tyrant; but on the other hand he will not permit democracy to be hindered or obstructed in achieving victory over autocracy by help given

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GERMANS MAKE USE OF AMERICAN PLAN

TORPEDO LAUNCHED FROM SEA-PLANE AGAINST SHIP.

Sketches Show Device Is Same as That Invented by Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Ideas embodied in Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske's invention of a torpedo-launching seaplane have been "appropriated" by the Germans, and were used by them in torpedoing the 3000-ton British steamship Gena off Aldeburgh, on May 1, according to a statement given out here tonight by the Aero Club of America. Two seaplanes participated in the attack and one was brought down by the British.

The charge of theft against the Germans is based on a sketch of the captured seaplane, which shows that the arrangement for holding the torpedo is exactly like that in Admiral Fiske's invention.

The British Admiralty, in reporting the torpedoing of the Gena, claimed that this method of attack was practiced successfully for the first time in August, 1915, by Royal Navy air-service pilots, who sank several ships in the Dardanelles.

WHEAT LOSS STAVED OFF

Weather Improves Condition of Union County Crops.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—Union County crops, long held back by unusually cold and sunless weather, are fairly "jumping" out of the soil this week, following several days of improved weather.

Farmers are more cheerful than a week ago, it seemingly being their portion to have their crops greatly reduced in volume. This week's sunshine is staving off temporarily at least big losses to wheat men.

SLAYER JAILED 1 SECOND

"Click, Click" of Cell Lock Satisfies Law for Killing of Negro.

SELMA, Ala., May 30.—J. E. Black, a policeman, today was sentenced to one second imprisonment in the County Jail for killing Alex Posey, a negro, while trying to arrest him.

The Sheriff took Black to jail, locked him up and immediately turned him out.

THE DALLES FACES FLOOD

River at 35.5 Mark Is Rising One and One-Half Feet a Day.

THE DALLES, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—The Columbia River at this point is rising at the rate of about 1 1/2 feet a day.

The water has reached the 35.5-foot mark. If the rising continues the Columbia will be at the flood stage by Sunday.

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MEMORIES STIR PATRIOTISM

Flags Decorate Resting Places of Heroes of Other Wars.

GREAT PARADE IS HELD

Dr. Stansfield Speaks of Mission of America, Fighting Not for Conquest, But Again to Preserve Liberty for World.

Beneath the piled-up blooms of a laggard Spring, Portland's absent ones slept more happily last night, wooed to a deeper rest by loving tributes of family and friends.

Over their fragrant couches the blossoming boughs of trees and shrubs hung with a loving caress that was a benediction and a barrier to fend off the crowding cares and worries of this world. Overhead the birds sang billesomely and in each note there was assurance of peace and life eternal.

For there are no dead; each one who is gone lives forever in the hearts of those they loved.

Veterans Remember Comrades.

Memorial day was truly a time for memories. It brought anew the old, poignant moments, but with them came the glimpse of stars through cypress trees, the while they misted the eye with tenderness.

Patriotism and flags flying was a colorful note yesterday. At cemeteries old soldiers laid flowers upon their comrades' resting places, where they sleep the blessed sleep of heroes. It was the last bivouac of the veterans, each grave marked by a flag that showed the spot was hallowed ground.

Crowds Cheer Heroes.

Music of other days, martial harmony of life and drum, stirred the pulses as old soldiers marched up Portland streets, carrying the flag they fought to save. Their steps were slow, but their spirit was as that that followed the colors through the Wilderness, up Malvern Hill or in the hall of death that bathed the slopes of Gettysburg.

Some walked with canes, and everywhere as they marched along the watching crowds cheered them. Others were in autos, but whether they walked or rode, they carried all hearts with them.

Parade Inspires Patriotism.

An object lesson in patriotism was yesterday's parade and the big meeting at the German House that followed. The parade was bigger and the attendance at the exercises larger than usual. A war-time Memorial day, such as the country has not seen since the days of '98, turned the thoughts of Portland more generally to the deep significance of the time and its lessons.

T. B. McDevitt was grand marshal of the parade. His assistant was T. H. Stevens. They came at the head of the column, preceded by the escort of police.

Three Troops Are in Line.

The Third Regiment Band and Troops A, B and C, Oregon Cavalry, followed. Veterans of Company G, volunteers of '98, came next, with the Elks' Band and the Sons of Veterans, Commander Schnabel leading.

Then the chief attraction of the whole line of march, the soldiers of the Union, who marched out in '61 as carefree boys for the most part, but

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