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CAVALRY WIN A BATTLE

Commander, Eladeo Fernandez and Thirty of His Men, are Killed

CURRED MAR. 24

Americans Wounded But Report States None are Seriously Injured

SAID TO BE HURT

It is That He Was Wounded in Last Fight With Carranza Troops and is Now in Hiding

PURSUIT ABANDONED WHEN FORCE DIVIDES

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 31.—Pursuit was abandoned only when the division of the retreating forces into small bodies made it impossible. Dodd reports that he captured two machine guns, a considerable number of horses, saddles and rifles. It is probable Villa will endeavor to reassemble his forces somewhere along the headwaters of Santa Maria river.

THIRTY MEXICANS KILLED

The Villa loss is placed at 30 killed and the American loss at 4 wounded. Among the Villa wounded was an officer named Lopez, who Pershing might be Pablo Lopez, who is the man that murdered 17 Americans at Santa Ysabel. General Eladeo Fernandez was among the Villa dead. None of the Americans were wounded seriously.

VILLA NOT PRESENT

Villa was not present at the fight. Pershing said that was regarded as confirmation of the report that Villa was suffering from a broken leg had been received. His exact whereabouts were not learned.

MAKE FAMOUS RIDE

Colonel Dodd led the Seventh and Ninth Cavalry in a smashing ride from the north toward Guerrero where he learned the presence there of Villa forces, covering 55 miles in 7 hours. General Pershing said he arrived there at 6 o'clock, but did not indicate whether it was morning or evening.

WAS A SURPRISE

It was a complete surprise to the Villa force, which had entered into celebration of the victory over the Carranza garrison the day before when after action began, the Mexicans were breaking for cover and beginning to disappear along the hills into the mountains.

HAVE RUNNING FIGHT

For ten miles a running fight that began at Guerrero was continued by the pursuing Americans. The fleeing bandits left behind several Carranza soldiers, who said they were being held for execution. They were released by the Americans.

FIRST BLOOD SPILLED

Reports Come to Mexican Officials at El Paso

EL PASO, Texas, March 31.—The American expeditionary force into Mexico in search of Francisco Villa had fought and won its first battle and the first blood lost by American troops has been spilled at San Gerónimo in the Guerrero district, according to official Mexican reports received here today.

EXPECTED HOME SOON

C. S. Winsor says that L. J. Simpson, who has been in San Francisco for some time past on business, is expected to return home about April 10.

CARS ARE ACROSS

LAST OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC EQUIPMENT ARRIVES

First Cars Brought Here Last Night—Everything to be in Readiness for Wednesday Service Planned Better Equipment Job a Big One

From Portland to Marshfield by rail is no longer a possibility, it's an actuality. One locomotive, a coach and a baggage car arrived in the city over the line at seven last evening, having been transferred across the Umpqua river at Reedsport via a barge. At the head of North Inlet stands a locomotive, four box cars, three coaches and a baggage car on the siding, all safely across and waiting to be brought into Marshfield.

The coaches are somewhat larger than the ones in use now on the local railroad and much better equipped. The locomotives are of the same size as the two engines already here.

Planned Better Equipment

Supt. W. F. Miller said this morning that the Southern Pacific planned to bring over standard coaches, 75 feet in length, with steam heating equipment, but when the cars were brought down to the Umpqua for transferring it was found that the barge there was only 70 feet in length and the big cars went back to Eugene again.

Job a Big One

The transfer of the cars was a big job. A spur was run from the main track on the other side of the river to the water's edge. The cars were shunted down this and brought across one at a time. One of the engine tenders dropped off into the mud, but a big crane was immediately brought into play and picked the "submarine" from the depths, putting it back onto the rails again.

The work was accomplished under the direction of Engineer Broughton and V. G. Hindmarsh, division engineer.

As fast as possible everything is being put into readiness for the opening of actual through service by next Wednesday when the first train will leave for Reedsport arriving back here at 3:30 p. m. on its way to Powers.

FIRE FROM ENIGNE

DONKEY AT CONDRON CAMP DAMAGES HOFFMAN HOME

Timely Discovery Prevents a Bad Blaze — City May Face Claim For Damages

Sparks from a donkey engine in the McDonald and Condrón camp in West Marshfield are alleged to have set fire to the roof of C. S. Hoffman's home at Thirteenth and Central yesterday afternoon. Several holes were burned through the roof but timely discovery resulted in extinguishing the blaze before any serious damage was done.

Mr. Hoffman charges that there is no spark arrester on the donkey engine and that in addition to the damage to his home sparks have damaged considerable clothing at his place and also endangered his garage.

May Sue City

Mr. Hoffman said this morning that he might enter claim against the city as well as McDonald and Condrón for damage. He took the matter up with Mayor Cople today and the latter promised that the danger would be reduced or eliminated. He says that he will also enter claim for damage to the plank street in front of his property.

Danger From Brush

West Marshfield residents also claim that unless the Coo Bay Water company, owners of the land, or McDonald and Condrón burn up the brush and refuse on the logged over tract, it will be a menace to all the homes in that section when the dry season begins. It is pointed out that the prevailing winds would carry sparks from the logged off district over a larger area and be a serious menace in case a fire got started there.

L. G. MEEKS ILL

L. G. Meeks, of Cooson, well known resident of the east side of the Bay, is quite seriously ill at his home. He had been sick but got up and was around for a week and was taken down again.

VILLA HAS A STRONG FORCE

Has Recruited His Force to Large Number During Flight Before Pursuers

Report Says Bandit Soundly Whipped the Carranza Garrison at Guerrero, Mexico

SCORES A VICTORY

NOW OCCUPIES THE PLACE

Has Been Active Since Chase to Catch Him Started But Reports as to His Whereabouts are Said to be Conflicting

EL PASO, Mar. 31.—Villa has recruited his forces to formidable numbers in his flight before the pursuing columns of American cavalry, it is reported, and if cornered, will be in a position to give stout resistance.

Occupies Guerrero

Advice received today by Mexican officials stated that Villa soundly whipped the Carranza garrison at Guerrero.

Villa, according to information obtained by Mexican Consul Garcia, still occupied Guerrero. Reports of his whereabouts, however, are conflicting.

SOME JOIN VILLA

TROOPS AT GUERRERO NUMBERING THREE HUNDRED REVOLTING

Fight Villa Had There Said to Have Been in Connection With Garrison Trouble

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The State Department today got an unofficial report that the Villa fight at Guerrero, in which he is reported to have killed 172 men of the Carranza garrison, had to do with a revolt in the garrison, in which some 200 men revolted. Some of them are reported to have joined Villa.

REPORT TO GARCIA

Mexican Official at El Paso Gets News of Battle

EL PASO, Texas, March 31.—Mexican Consul Garcia announced today that he has been informed by General Gavira, commander at Juarez, that the latter received word the American troops had been engaged in a battle with Villa's forces.

According to Garcia's information which was supplied in a telegram from Lieutenant Colonel Refugio Davila, at Casas Grandes, a fight took place March 30 at San Gerónimo between the Seventh Cavalry and 500 Villistas, the latter losing their commander, Eladeo Fernandez, and 30 men, and the Americans suffering several wounded.

Davila also stated that confirmation had been received that Villa had been wounded in the leg in the last fight with the Carranzistas and now is hiding north of Guerrero.

KILLED BY VILLA

BANDIT AND FOLLOWERS MURDER THREE FOREIGNERS

Herman Blankenburg is One of Victims It is Stated in Report to El Paso

EL PASO, Texas, March 31.—Herman Blankenburg and two other foreigners were murdered at Minaca, Chihuahua, by Villa and his followers, according to private information here. Details are lacking.

SEND YOUR CLOTHES EARLY TO AVOID EASTER RUSH. JAY DOLYE, Phone 250.

Dr. Leslie, Osteopath, Marshfield.

AIRSHIPS USEFUL

ARMY HAS COMPLETE AVIATION CHAIN IN MEXICO

Aeroplanes Carry Messages and Mail and Small Carcasses of Emergency Supplies

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, American Punitive Expedition Column, Colonia Dublan, (Motor to Columbus.) March 31.—A complete chain of aviation relays from the American border to the front where the American columns are close to Villa's trail has been established.

The main base is at field headquarters. The advantage of relays enables the planes to travel with fairly light loads from one station to the next. At present the machines perform an important messenger service and carry mails and emergency supplies.

Sending Out Supplies

Troops, munitions and supplies, intended for use either in a final quick dash for Villa, or for a long chase, are constantly moving out of the headquarters camp. When these movements are on foot, all other military work gives way.

Great Machine Formed

Officers refuse to talk of the chance of overtaking Villa, but visible evidence is overwhelming that the expeditionary force is piling up a formidable machine for trapping him somewhere south of this base.

Among the known elements of this movement is a body of picked men, equipped to travel with all necessary supplies for an indefinite time.

Exceeds Sherman's Line

The line of communications maintained by Sherman in his march to the sea has been exceeded already in the line stretched by the American troops southward into Mexico. This line exceeds 300 miles in length.

Sherman finally cut loose from his line and that is precisely what Pershing is prepared to do, if necessary, when the final dash after Villa is ready.

OTHERS IN THE PLOT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Department of Justice officials announced today that two alleged conspirators with Captain Tauscher in the plot to blow up the Well-canal were under arrest in New York; that a third was under surveillance in New England, and that they expected to arrest a fourth shortly.

STEAMER HELPLESS

SHACKLETON'S BOAT IS REPORTED IN TROUBLE

Wireless Says Jury Rudder is Damaged and Tug is Being Sent to Aid

WELLINGTON, N. Z., March 31.—A wireless from Shackleton's steamer the Aurora says: "We are setting towards Snares Islands under the influence of the wind and sea. We are unable to maneuver the ship, owing to damage to the jury rudder."

The authorities are sending a tug to the steamer's assistance.

WILL SELL RAILROAD UNDER FORECLOSURE

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 31.—A decree for the sale of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad at foreclosure was signed in the United States

OLDER MEN FIGHTING

Austria is Drawing on More of Her Reserves

LONDON, March 31.—Men of the Hungarian Landsturm born in 1868 and 1869, and also the men belonging to the classes of 1865 to 1867 who hitherto have been employed in making materials of war, are now dismissed from this service and ordered to join the army on April 5, according to a Reuter despatch from Zurich.

BIG JAP LINER RUNS AGROUND

The Chiyo Maru From San Francisco in Trouble Near Hong Kong

PASSENGERS SAFE

Tugs and Launches Taking Them Off Vessel Reports From Shanghai State

WERE 299 ABOARD BOAT

Most of the Passengers Were From United States and Manila—Vessel Sailed From San Francisco for the Orient on March 2

SAILED ON MARCH 2 FROM SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Chiyo Maru sailed from here March 2. She is one of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha fleet. She registers 13,431 gross tons.

Cargo Valuable

Word received here said the Chiyo's passengers would be landed at Hong Kong. She carried \$2,000,000 in gold. The value of the rest of the cargo approaches another \$2,000,000.

TROOPS REVOLTED

CHINESE SOLDIERS HAVE DECLARED THEIR INDEPENDENCE

In One Province They Have Broken Away From the Central Government Is Report

SHANGHAI, March 31.—The troops at Swatow and Chao Chow Fu, in the province of Kwang Tung, declared their independence of the central government on March 29.

EVIDENCE IS NOT IN

OFFICIALS AWAIT PARTICULARS ABOUT VESSELS SUNK

No Action Leading to Serious Results Unless Submarine Broke International Law

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Following today's cabinet meeting, officials said complete evidence had not been received in the cases of vessels carrying Americans attacked recently, and that no action would be taken by the American government until such facts were received, and no action leading to serious consequences would be taken at all unless conclusive evidence was established that the attack was made by a German submarine contrary to international law.

MURDER CHARGED

DR. WAITE IS INDICTED TODAY BY GRAND JURY

Charged With Killing His Father-in-Law, John E. Peck, the Millionaire Drugist

NEW YORK, March 31.—The grand jury today returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Waite, accusing him of murdering his father-in-law, John E. Peck, the millionaire drug manufacturer.

SUNDAY DINNER AT THE CHANDLER

Seventy-five cents per plate. For reservations phone 20.

Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

SAYS HE IS A SPY

YOUNG GERMAN WHO HELD UP VESSEL TALKS

Claims He Was Ordered to Blow up British Ship—Regarded as Irresponsible

LEWES, Delaware, March 31.—Ernest Schiller, a young German who captured the British steamer Matopolo singlehanded and terrorized her crew of 56 men declared today that he was a spy for the German government.

"I got my instructions to go aboard the ship and blow her up to prevent the cargo reaching Russia," he said.

"I could have blown her up, but the captain's plea for his wife and daughter was too much for me and I hadn't the heart to do it."

Those who talked with Schiller believe he is irresponsible.

Will Charge Piracy

As his daring exploit occurred outside the three-mile limit, Schiller in all probability will be taken to the British possessions in West Indies for a trial for piracy.

Federal authorities and representatives from the British government came here today to examine him and decide what to do with him.

SWISS TOWN

Nationality of Aeroplane Not Known—Some Property Damage Reported to Have Been Done

BERNE, March 31.—Two aeroplanes of unknown nationality dropped five large bombs this morning on the small Swiss village of Porentray, near the French frontier. Some property damage was done.

NO INFORMATION RECEIVED AT BERLIN

BERLIN, March 28, via London (Delayed).—Inquiries in government circles developed the statement that nothing is known here concerning the explosion which damaged the Sussex, beyond newspaper reports from abroad.

MINISTERS MEET

Methodist in Session at Coquille This Week

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., March 31.—The Methodist Ministerial Association meeting which has been in session since Thursday in this city, will close tonight when the Epworth League convention will begin and continue until Sunday. Ministers and lay delegates from different parts of the county are in attendance.

BIG TENT FACTORY

Place in England Employs Ten Thousand Persons

LONDON, March 31.—What is said to be the largest tent-making factory in the world has been built "somewhere in England" since the outbreak of the war. It employs 10,000 people. Thousands of tents are turned out daily for use at the great concentration and training camps in England and also for the troops in the various theatres of war.

Five-room cottage, two lots, will exchange equity for automobile or will sell cheap, on easy terms. I. S. Kaufman & Co.

APRIL FOOL DANCE, Finnish Hall, Sat. night. Martin's Orchestra.

Dance at Goo-wills Sat. eve. Apr. 1st. Good orchestra; good cats; good time. Alice H. leaves Marshfield 6:45 p. m. Sunrise leaves Sumner 6:30 p. m. Telephone leaves Allegany 7 p. m.

DRIVE FRENCH FROM VILLAGE

Germans Make Their Enemy Evacuate Malancourt, Village Near Verdun

FIGHT ALL NIGHT

Place Laid in Ruins by Bombardment and Infantry Battle Raging in Streets

FRENCH HOLD OUTSKIRTS

Northeast of Verdun the Germans Make an Attack With Liquid Fire but are Twice Repulsed Paris Reports—Russians Slacken

LONDON, March 31.—The German pressure on the Malancourt-Bethincourt salient northwest of Verdun proved too much for the French on the westerly end position and they have been forced out of Malancourt village.

Fight All Night

After an all-night struggle the French evacuated the village which has been laid in ruins by the bombardment and the storm of battle raging in the streets after the infantry entered it. The French still hold the outskirts, Paris asserts.

Use Liquid Fire

Northeast of Verdun the Germans twice attacked the south of Douaumont with liquid fire, but both times were beaten off, Paris says.

Last night the Germans developed renewed activity against the French right flank, nine miles southeast of Verdun, but were repulsed.

In the East, Berlin states the Russian attacks have slackened.

ADOPTS CALENDAR

Turkey to Increase Facilities With Her Allies

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 31.—To increase facilities between Turkey and her Allies, it has been decided to adopt from now on the Gregorian calendar and to begin the Turkish fiscal year on March 1, new style, instead of February 29, old style, which is the equivalent of March 13, new style. Instead of its being the year 1916, however, the Turks will continue to count it as 1334, and will continue to reckon from the Hegira as before.

GERMANS EXCLUDED FROM SCHOLARSHIP

Will Not be Allowed to Enjoy Pros Benefits of Oxford College in England

LONDON, March 31.—The British Government is preparing a bill to vary the conditions of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, so as to eliminate provisions for the endowment of German students coming to Oxford. Cecil Rhodes established fifteen scholarships of \$1250 each for young men of German birth, to be nominated by the German Emperor. These endowments, along with those for American students, were created, as his will explained, under the conviction that "a good understanding between England, the United States and Germany would secure the peace of the world, and educational relations form the strongest tie."

The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting on the pending alteration of the Rhodes bequest, remarks: "The cutting out of Germany from the famous bequest is a symbolic admission of the failure of the amiable philosophy of friendship between England and Germany, and an announcement that the dreams associated with it are dead. The Rhodes scholarships were a conspicuous instance of our general disposition to be neighborly and to foster a common spirit of loyalty and mutual appreciation within the European family."