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By E. T. Conkle.

El Paso, Texas, March 29.—(U. P.)—A peaceful solution of relations between the United States and Mexico seemed nearer today than at any time since "Pancho" Villa raided Columbus. The failure of attempts on both sides of the border to make the expedition appear like actual intervention pleased Americans and Carranzista officials. They did not doubt that "rumor factories" at El Paso and elsewhere started stories of threatened general Mexican uprisings and racial antagonisms, with the object of inflaming the United States toward intervention. Those officials pointed to the very friendly reception the Mexicans gave the American expedition as proof that all rumors of enmity were baseless. Villa's inflammatory speeches and articles in Mexican newspapers published near the border were alike unsuccessful.

Find Negroes Among Carranzistas.
Villa told the peons that the Americans were coming to massacre and burn, and that the negro troops ate little children. Some of the peons fled, but later returned reassured by the Americans' friendly attitude and by their habit of paying liberally for all food taken.

Practically the only converts to Villa's cause have been made at the muzzles of rifles. Carranza's co-operation is becoming more pronounced. Though many problems remain, principally that of Americans using Mexican railways, both sides are confident of a speedy adjustment of all difficulties.

Troops in the Mountains.

The pursuit has been carried on behind a curtain of silence maintained by the authorities, effectively preventing the outside world from learning the American troops' whereabouts. It is believed that by this time they have reached the mountains of Southern Chihuahua, and that the United States forces are advancing slowly because of the danger to their communication lines. The vanguard is crossing high mountain peaks, and the greater obstacles than the troops met while marching between Columbus and Casas Grandes.

"Villa is a foe of Mexican liberty," said General Gavira today. "He is a menace to American safety. He has robbed and murdered Americans and Mexicans. There is no sympathy for him on this side of the border. It is important to permanent peace that he be captured and slain."

Carranza Wants to Get Villa.

"We will do all in our power to get Villa," declared Carranzista Consul Garcia. "I can say officially that Carranza is anxious for Villa's capture and destruction. He regards Villa as a menace to Mexican liberty."

Both these officials condemned efforts to force intervention, intimating that foreign nations might be furthering such schemes in order to preserve their rich concessions in Mexico. The value of these concessions amounts into the billions, and it is estimated that the land cost these alien proprietors five cents an acre. Peon labor quickly earned millions for the foreigners. According to Carranzistas, the concession holders believed that temporary control through intervention would enable them to confirm their titles.

No U. S. Troops Wounded.

Constitutionalist officials deplore the antagonism to President Wilson's policies, as they believe opposition toward them tends toward intervention. "Such efforts," said Garcia, "are bound to fail. The de facto government wishes to remain at peace with the United States."

Will Use Apache Scouts.

Columbus, N. M., March 29.—(U. P.)—The Washington report that Apache scouts had been asked for by General Pershing is correct. Captain Hazard of the San Carlos reservation has been directed to select 50 Indians and send them to Casas Grandes immediately.

J. H. Moore, a civilian scout,

reached here from General Pershing's headquarters today bound for Chihuahua. He intends to start back with the Indians within 24 hours.

The Indians are to be used as guides

through the mountainous Guerrero district, where Geronimo, the old chieftain of the Apaches,

played hide and seek with a column of United States troops during the two-year campaign which began in 1886.

AMERICANS ARE NOW 250 MILES BEYOND BORDER

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was demonstrated by the arrival of many trucks with supplies en route to the zone. The Indians, led by the expedition, intend to keep Pershing supplied with necessities by motor truck, mule drawn army wagon and old fashioned pack train if permission to use the Mexican Northwestern railroad is not obtained.

Private Clarence Clark of the Twentieth Infantry, blinded and temporarily insane, was placed in the military hospital here today.

Practice Machine Guns.

United States Army Headquarters, Near Dublin, Mex., March 29.—(U. P.)—Machine gun practice is one of the most significant elements of camp routine. Day and night the purr of the rapid-fire weapons is heard here.

Platoons of infantry are becoming expert in handling the guns. The cavalry advance guard contains several machine gun troops. Night practice has become a fixed policy in expectation of fighting Villistas after dark.

There has been no report of Villa's position since he was located 175 miles south of Dublin. Supplies are steadily being sent southward to the expedition's vanguard. Brigadier General J. J. Pershing commended the army aviators, claiming that their great value had been proved by daily scouting and dispatch bearing flights. He praised their bravery highly.

Expedition Progressing.

San Antonio, Texas, March 29.—(U. P.)—Encouraging messages from General John J. Pershing indicating that the American expedition was making rapid progress relieved tension at army headquarters today. No new border raids were reported.

Only young Apaches from the Arizona reservation were wanted by the army as scouts. Indians who were grown men in Geronimo's time will not be acceptable, according to orders sent to the reservations after the war department authorized American commanders to employ Indian scouts.

Says Food Not Stopped.

El Paso, Texas, March 29.—(U. P.)—General Gavira, Carranzista commander today declared that the American expeditionary force in Mexico could easily obtain ample food supplies through dealers of Casas Grandes.

"I have not been informed as to what has passed between the statements of the United States and Mexico regarding the use of the Northwestern railroad by the expeditionary force," Gavira said. "Neither am I familiar with the operations of the road. But I am prepared to say that not a single consignment of merchandise, consigned to merchants and dealers of the Casas Grandes district has been refused for passage. If a great need arises or should arise, good stuffs are certain to go through if offered to the railroad and consigned to dealers."

Return to Chihuahua.

El Paso, Texas, March 29.—(U. P.)—Eight Americans who left Chihuahua March 12, returned today. Before starting, all expressed belief that conditions in Chihuahua were not unusually dangerous for Americans and that the Carranzista garrisons had a tight rein on the situation.

New Aeroplane Motor Used.

Columbus, N. M., March 29.—(U. P.)—In an aeroplane propelled by a new engine, the most powerful yet used by the American expedition, Lieutenant Joseph Carberry flew from Columbus today, carrying dispatches to the new base of operations far south of Casas Grandes. Aviators were much interested in comparing this motor with the engines which failed in the thin air of mountain altitudes, causing narrow escapes from bad falls.

Chinese Boy's Love Affair Ends in Jail

San Francisco, March 29.—(U. P.)—A Chinese cupid reposed in jail here today. His name is David Fong. Having, to use college boy language, a "crush" on a certain young oriental beauty in the Presbyterian mission, he shield a love letter through the window at her. Besides many touching sentiments, the love letter contained a rock, around which it was wrapped, and several patrolmen approached to the music of breaking glass and laid David by the heels. His letter said in part:

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Youth Shies Tender Missive Through Window of Mission to Oriental Beauty; Police Hear Crash of Glass.

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CONFIRMATION OF BRANDEIS SEEMS TO BE CERTAIN NOW

Washington, March 29.—As the situation is now shaped, Louis D. Brandeis will be confirmed as a justice of the supreme court by a substantial majority. The vote will not be on party lines, but only a few Democrats will be against him, and a good quota of Progressive Republicans will be for him.

When the subcommittee of five to hear testimony was appointed, it was generally thought the committee would divide three to two in his favor. With the testimony closed, the proportion changes to four to one. Works of California alone opposing confirmation. Chilton of West Virginia, Fletcher of Florida, Walsh of Montana and Cummins of Iowa are preparing separate reports favoring Brandeis.

Taft's Protests Unavailing.

The opposition played its last card when testimony was reopened and the protests of Taft, Choate and other ex-presidents of the American Bar association were received. These protests added nothing to the information of the committee. No one was surprised to learn that Mr. Taft does not approve of Brandeis, or that the other bar association ex-presidents, distinguished as they are in corporation law practice, were inclined to think that Brandeis is not of judicial temperament.

The comments of the senators who heard all the testimony, as made in their reports, are expected to furnish some interesting reading. Many of the allegations have been found to rest on careless gossip, and some of them have been the product of an organized campaign that has been carried on for years by Boston capitalists of industry. Some of the charges were outright fabrications, others were based on misconception.

Take the case of the New England road, which Brandeis was accused of wrecking in the interest of the New Haven, which later acquired control. The testimony proved that Brandeis was retained by one of the directors of the New England to prevent misuse of the company's funds, and the New Haven had nothing to do with it.

Take again the charges to the effect that Brandeis collected proxies to assist Hartman in gaining control of the Chicago & Alton. The evidence showed that he had done nothing of the kind.

Again, in the case of the United Shoe Machinery company, one of the matters most persistently pursued, where

SEATTLE MAN SHOTS FELLOW WORKER AND DIES IN ELLIOTT BAY

John Ross, Pursued by Police-mah After Wounding John Holmes, Jumps Into Water.

INJURY MAY BE FATAL

Victim Is Foreman at Seattle Construction Company, Where Assailant Was Employed as Joiner.

Seattle, Wash., March 29.—(P. N. S.)—John Holmes, foreman of the joiner shop of the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock company, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by John Ross, a joiner with whom he is said to have had a violent quarrel yesterday. Ross was drowned when he leaped into Elliott bay to avoid arrest after he had been shot in the leg by Police Sergeant W. A. Donlan.

After shooting Ross, Sergeant Donlan jumped into the water in an effort to save him and managed to tie a rope around the struggling man, but Ross drowned before he could be hauled from the water.

Although officials of the company stated that no motive for the attack made by Ross upon Holmes was known, fellow employees in the joiner shop stated that the two men had quarreled yesterday afternoon.

20-30 DIVISION OF O. & C. LAND FUND IS MADE

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ing forth the claims of Oregon schools to a larger share of the funds. He declared the state had suffered incalculable damage, that the government long ago denied this land for the benefit of the people of Oregon and should not take away benefits merely because the railroad has defeated the original terms.

Mr. McArthur also secured a hearing before final action and spoke for a larger school fund, backing up Mr. Sinnott's position.

Half of Proceeds to State.

The committee was strongly set on allowing no more than half the proceeds to Oregon and insisted on a 20-30 division over Oregon's protest.

Mr. Lenroot declared that the counties are entitled to the greatest share because they are directly affected by the delayed settlement.

Mr. Sinnott tried unsuccessfully to increase the timber allowance on land classed as agricultural from 300,000 feet to 500,000 on each forty acre tract.

The full committee made no changes of importance in the sub-committee's draft, aside from the division of the proceeds to the state and striking out all reference to executory contracts.

John Lind Contract Feared.

The last action was by a vote of nine to seven and was based on a fear that the John Lind contract would endanger the bill's passage.

The bill as it stands exempts the settler on logged-off land from the payment of \$2.50 an acre when entering as a homestead.

Chairman Ferris was authorized to introduce the bill as a committee substitute for the Ferris-Chamberlain bill and refer the same to the department of interior, justice and agriculture for further report.

"Let the Women Do the Work."

Corvallis, Or., March 29.—The Corvallis Courier says: "A news item the men of Corvallis should be ashamed of, and which the ladies should be proud of, is that a petition was prepared and circulated by the ladies Tuesday, asking that the Oregon grant lands be divided as per the Chamberlain bill. The petition will be sent to the public lands committee at Washington. And the necessity for this men's part on the part of the women proves the statement of the Portland Journal that the men are apathetic to a most important matter."

You remember "Matri-mony" and its sensational answer, "How to hold a husband." Here's a story bigger in theme—bigger every way. Frank Mills, Edith Reeves and Howard Heckman play leads.

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dupletty was charged in turning against a corporation with which he had held confidential relations, the testimony showed that, in fact, he proposed legislation dealing with shoe machinery leases on the understanding that the company would voluntarily remedy abuses. When it refused to change its policy he resigned from its service and assisted those who were trying to correct the situation in the courts.

Analysis of the charges in nearly every instance developed the basic objection that Brandeis had advocated reform, has done it aggressively, and has not cared whose feelings were hurt. The senate committee is ready to say that it cannot condemn him because he has vigorously used his talents in the public service and thereby shocked some of the pillars of aristocracy and vested interest.

GILLNET FISHERMEN MUST HURRY UP, SAYS CHAIRMAN HARRY LANE

Washington, March 29.—Senator Lane has a telegram from gillnet fishermen asking the postponement of the hearing on the ratification of the fisheries agreement until April 27. He says the committee cannot wait that long but is willing to defer action for a short time if the gillnetters wish a

Salt Rate Reduction Asked.

Washington, March 29.—Rate on salt, straight or mixed carloads, from Saltair, Utah, to northwest points, are attacked in a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the Oregon state public service commission, detailing existing conditions and suggesting for remedy.

Hawley Files Statement.

Washington, March 29.—Representative Hawley, who appears for ship-owners of Oregon in the recent Interstate Commerce commission car shortage hearing, has filed with the commission a statement on the question prepared by the Oregon state public service commission, detailing existing conditions and suggesting for remedy.

It is estimated that there are 95,000,000 head of horses in the world. The United States and European Russia have the greatest number.

OWNER IS REQUESTED TO CLOSE ROADHOUSE FREQUENTED BY GIRLS

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin Says Conditions at West's Resort Are Deplorable.

GOVERNOR LENDS HIS AID

Dance Hall Is Located in Columbia County, About Half Mile From Seapooose.

Pointed request that Bert West's roadhouse and dance hall, located half a mile from Seapooose, be closed at once, was made by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, state agent and superintendent of the women's protective division of the police department, of West yesterday.

The action promises a fight of much interest, with Governor Withycombe and Mrs. Baldwin on one side, and Bert West, with a host of influential friends, on the other.

Characterizing conditions at his resort as deplorable, Mrs. Baldwin showed the roadhouse keeper a long string of testimony indicating the alleged immoral character of the entertainments that have taken place there.

Her investigations had convinced her, she asserted, that the roadhouse must be closed. The proprietor did not agree to do this, saying that he would consult his attorney.

Mrs. Baldwin intimated that if necessary, the matter will be taken before the Columbia county grand jury.

"I don't think it will be necessary though," she reiterated. "I am sure that the roadhouse will be closed."

Water Recedes, But Rails Submerged

High water that had overflowed the Oregon Electric tracks at Tule had receded considerably this morning, but was still two feet over the rails. Passengers were being transferred around the flooded area. Superintendent Votaw announced this morning that if the water continues falling, regular train service would be resumed tonight.

Now It's Magpie Day in Walla Walla

Walla Walla, Wash., March 29.—"Magpie day" is being planned for the Walla Walla valley by local farmers and sportsmen who contend the pest is becoming too numerous and destructive. Many song-birds are being killed by the magpies, it is reported, and it may be a concerted effort to destroy them will be made.

Rich Old Patient Marries His Nurse

Ilwaco, Wash., March 29.—Mabel B. Rogers of Ilwaco and Frank E. Fletcher, retired Wisconsin lumberman, were married in Los Angeles, March 21, it was announced today. The bride is a trained nurse, born and raised here and well known on the peninsula. The groom is much older and very wealthy. He had been under the care of Miss Rogers about a year.

It is announced they will make their home at Glendale, Cal., near Los Angeles.

THE THEATRE BEAUTIFUL—SIXTH AT WASHINGTON

COLUMBIA

THE MORAL FABRIC

Starting Today—Complete Change of Bill

LIVING MODELS—Last night of the big fashion display—Exquisite dress creations from world's fashion centers—Gowns courtesy of Eastern Outfitting Co.

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