

VILLISTA BAND LOSES IN UNEXPECTED FIGHT WITH TENTH CAVALRY

Colonel Brown Leads Detachment Which Surprises Bandit Party at Noon.

30 TO 40 WERE KILLED

Americans Suffered No Casualties in Action—Report Did Not Say How Many Prisoners Were Taken.

San Antonio, Texas, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—Colonel W. S. Brown, commanding a detachment of the Tenth Cavalry, swooped down upon a band of Villistas near Bachinba on April 1; killed 30 or 40 and took a number of prisoners.

There were no casualties whatever among the Americans. This information was contained in an unconfirmed report to Major General Funston at San Antonio from General Pershing said that he had not heard directly from Colonel Brown for several days, but that he expected details today.

The fight was a repetition of the brilliant engagement led by Colonel Dodd near Guerrero on Monday of last week when the main body of Villa's forces was routed after 60 had been killed.

Attack Surprised the Villistas. Colonel Brown, however, successfully negotiated a surprise attack at noon, instead of at dawn, as was the case with Colonel Dodd.

Just how many prisoners were taken is not made known in the report, given out by General Funston, but it is said a considerable quantity of ammunition and equipment, including horses, was taken.

Bachinba is 35 miles northeast of Guerrero. The Villistas are said to have been en route eastward from Chihuahua City. It is believed they were endeavoring to reach the Mexican North-western and destroy such parts of the line as may be used to send supplies to the extreme advance guard.

Report Comes by Courier. The report came by courier from Rubio, from General Pershing. It said that the detachments of cavalry which engaged the Villistas were still in pursuit of the flying bandits, racing them through the San Antonio country.

Unless further details of the fight determine the whereabouts of Villa, the problem confronting the army, the state department and the White House, will be much intensified.

General Funston expects General Pershing's troops to get Villa ultimately, but when, where and how, is now the insistent feature.

The line of communication is now over 200 miles long and the advance columns are going ahead as if to meet a hurry call at Panama.

EASTERN SENATORS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO CHAMBERLAIN BILL

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support of the provisions of the Chamberlain bill, Senator George P. McLean of Connecticut has written A. J. Thompson, president of the society, promising his aid. The senator says he will be glad to do everything possible to secure 40 per cent of the proceeds from the grant fund for the Oregon school fund. Other senators have written to the same effect.

Other Societies Act. The Kansas society, at its regular meeting Monday night adopted resolutions similar to those adopted by the New England society, and will forward them to each member of the Kansas delegation in congress. The Colorado society took the same action last night and the subject will be considered by the Iowa society at its meeting tonight.

Senator McLean's letter to Mr. Thompson is as follows: "My Dear Mr. Thompson: I have yours of the 25th in regard to the bill pending for the disposition of the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited lands, and will say in reply that I shall be glad to do everything possible to secure 40 per cent for the public schools of Oregon, although, as you know, much will depend upon the position of the committee and your two senators. With best wishes I am sincerely yours,

"GEORGE P. McLEAN." Senator Hollis writes. Senator H. F. Hollis of New Hampshire also writes as follows: "Dear Mr. Thompson: I have your letter of March 25 regarding the Chamberlain bill. I am in close touch with Senator Chamberlain and usually vote with him on all matters pertaining to his state. I shall be very glad to give this matter my most careful attention when it comes before the senate. Sincerely, H. F. HOLLIS."

Senator Weeks Answers. Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts writes as follows: "Dear Mr. Thompson: I am in receipt of your letter of March 25 containing resolution adopted by your society with reference to the Chamberlain bill providing for the disposition of the proceeds derived from the sale of forfeited Southern Pacific grant lands, and thank you for calling this matter to my attention. I shall be very glad to keep this resolution in mind when this bill is taken up in the senate for its consideration, and will

also be very glad to talk with Senator Chamberlain regarding it at my first opportunity. Very truly yours, "JOHN W. WEEKS."

GERMAN AIM IN WAR TOLD BY HOLLWEG

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that, after the end of this war, we will rush against the American continent and attempt to conquer Canada as our first province," said Hollweg.

"This is the silliest of all the imputations invented against us. There are equally silly reports that we have contemplated acquisition of any territory on American soil, either in Brazil or in any American country whatsoever.

"We fight for our existence, for our future, for Germany, but no foot of foreign soil in either Brazil or any American country whatsoever. Germany's sons are bleeding and dying on the battle field. Every one of us knows this. That makes our hearts strong, our nerves strong. Its moral strengthens our will, not only in order to weather the final storm, but also for the final victory."

In the most comprehensive speech of the war, delivered before a crowded reichstag, Von Bethman-Hollweg reviewed military and political situations, the means of conducting further warfare, and German relations with the United States.

He explained the Kaiser's attitude toward different European nationalities, Belgian, Lithuanian, Polish and Flemish. It was doubly necessary, he declared, to guarantee Europe's peace after the war, so that these peoples would have a chance for free evolution, speaking their own mother

tongue, and developing their natural individuality.

led by spirit of Union. "A spirit of union shall lead us," he said, as his speech was concluded, amid great cheering, "and this shall lead our children and grandchildren through their struggles toward a future of strength and liberty."

"Since I last addressed you," said the imperial chancellor, "our enemies' enterprise at the Dardanelles has failed. With our Bulgarian and Austrian allies we have brought the Serbian campaign to a victorious end. Montenegro and Albania are likewise in the hands of our allies. The British have vainly endeavored to relieve their besieged forces at Kut-el-Amara. Russians occupied Erzerum with superior forces, but strong armies of our Turkish allies checked further advances.

Russian Attacks Fail. "Russian attacks against Austrians in eastern Galicia and Italian attacks all along the Isonzo front have been beaten back. The Russian columns broke down before Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his heroes. The enemy's reports that Germany's military power is exhausted are erroneous, as our victories at Verdun prove. Operations there were prepared with profound foresight and the bravery of the Germans continues to gain advantages for us."

Starvation Plan Fails. Discussing the situation of Germany, the chancellor declared with great positiveness that the "starvation plan" of the entente allies had failed.

"We recognize," he said, "that living conditions are not easy; but our difficulties have been borne in admirable fashion, particularly by the poorer classes. Our winter crops are the best in many years. The harvest of 1915 was the worst in decades, nevertheless we had bread and corn enough to leave us a good reserve on entering the new year. We shall not run short of any

thing in the future, as we have in the past."

Hollweg pointed out with great bitterness that the allies are trying to starve German women.

American Note Unanswered. "For this purpose," he said, "they are violating the commercial code of neutrals. The American note of November 5 gave an exact description of the English violation of the law of nations, but so far as I know that note never has been answered.

"No even minded neutral, whether he favors us or not, can doubt our right to defend ourselves against this war of starvation which is contrary to all international law. No one can ask to allow our arms of defense to be wrested from us. We use them and must use them."

In this reference the chancellor referred to Germany's use of Zeppelins and submarines.

Will Retain Poland. "At the outbreak of the war," he said, "neither Germany nor Austria expected to touch the Polish question. The fate of battle forced our hand. Now the problem stands before the world and Germany and Austria have decided to solve it. Our victory will never allow things to remain as they were."

The German chancellor touched briefly on the question of Belgium. "This must be a new Belgium," he asserted, but he did not in detail outline Germany's intentions toward the country. He did declare, however, that it must not be expected that Germany will ever deliver into Russian hands the captured provinces of Poland.

Won't Be Europe's Scapgoat. "The allies want Germany to be as small as she was centuries ago," said he, "when she was a prey to all the lusts of domination by her neighbors. They want us to be Europe's scapegoat, to be beaten back forever beyond a hope of reviving. The only desire of

Germany is to save herself; not to annihilate other races; to rescue Europe."

The chancellor spoke of the bravery of the German soldiers, and recalled a visit to the front, where he met the Kaiser.

Deep gratitude toward God, toward the army and the nation filled the emperor's heart," he concluded, amid cheers.

Pittsburgers Agree To Boycott John D.

Auto Dealers to Buy No More Gasoline From Standard Oil Until Price Drops

—Cheap Substitute Found. Pittsburg, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—The Pittsburg Automobile Dealers' association has decided to buy no more gasoline from the Standard Oil company until its prices are reduced.

Regarding a report that W. J. McKnight had invented a substitute for gasoline that could be retailed for 6 cents a gallon, Secretary Bell of the association said today:

"McKnight has the goods, and his invention is working out ideally. Pretty soon it will be on the market, and we will have a staple of motor power just as good as gasoline and a whole lot cheaper."

King Edward's Gift Taken by Burglars

Home of Lady Randolph Churchill in Brook Street, London, Entered; Loot of Great Value Taken.

London, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—The Times says that burglars have obtained loot of great value from the

home of Lady Randolph Churchill in Brook street.

Jewelry and other articles of intrinsic and personal value are missing, including a gift from the late King Edward.

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