

OREGON SCOUTS ARE SENT TO CHASE FOUR MEXICANS INTO HILLS

Bandits Had Robbed Nearby Ranch of Few Potatoes and Boards.

APPEAR IN NEED OF FOOD

Company I Is Guarding Ranches Along River; Two White Cows and White Burro Mistaken for Mexicans.

By Corporal A. E. Houston.

Company I, Third Oregon Infantry, San Ysidro, Cal., July 1. (By mail.)—The first excitement of the camp of the Third battalion at San Ysidro broke loose today when four Mexicans raided a ranch one mile north of town. The bandits took only some potatoes and a few boards, which they carried away in a wagon. Company I was ordered out to guard the ranches along the river and a detachment of scouts under Lieutenant L. H. Compton, of Major Abrams' staff, set out after the thieves, who hurried for the hills.

The Mexicans appear to be in need of food more than anything else, which is not to be wondered at as these barren hills along the border produce only burrs, thistles and cactus, and even the toads have horns. A horned toad is a villainous appearing reptile, but is as harmless as a regular toad. While at drill today one of the boys found a horned toad and carried it along the line while all gave it the "once over."

Spyglass Disperses Charm.

The four companies of the Third battalion, Companies I, K, L and M, are encamped at San Ysidro, which is just across the border from Tia Juana, Mexico and about 2000 yards from the Mexican fort at Tia Juana. The fort is built of cement, brick and adobe. The border line is a sandy river bed with a few inches of water in it. On one side of the river the Mexican sentries patrol and the American sentries on the other bank can hear their calls. The Mexican bugles and their drums awakened our camp this morning.

Men Slept "on Their Arms."

Last night some Mexicans in Tia Juana were celebrating their birthdays with fireworks and the boys, who expected a night attack, slept "on their arms," that is, they did not remove their trousers when they went to bed. About 10 o'clock a happy call to assemble was blown and in one minute and 42 seconds every man in company M was in line at the end of the company street, with his rifle and 30 rounds of ammunition in his belt. Some were slightly negligent, it is true, but it was dark and there were no spectators.

Today Eugene Spencer, who was formerly a member of the Salem police force, was here with a movie camera and took some pictures of the companies at drill.

Water Is Crying Need.

The sun is bright and hot but a cool breeze blows from the ocean all day and the soldiers do not mind the heat. The greatest difficulty is to secure water. All of the wells and streams here have alkali water that will not even mix with soap, and the medical corps refuses to let the soldiers drink it before it is boiled. In the stores in San Ysidro their main stock consists of distilled water, which they sell at 10 cents per gallon. The boys are recalling the times and places where there was actually enough water to swim in.

The men are learning to save water and also to get along without it. They have found that a prune pit held in the mouth will keep the throat moist and the lips from cracking. If a prune pit cannot be found, a small pebble will serve, and many of the soldiers are practicing Demosthenes' old stunt.

Races Are Watched From Afar.

No soldier is allowed to cross the border where the big race track is located and the horses can be seen on the back stretch. All of the men would like to go but it appears that

LATIN-AMERICANS WHO MAY ACT AS MEDIATORS



Dr. Ignacio Calderon (left) the Bolivian minister to the United States, and Dr. Rafael Zaldivar, the Salvadoran minister, who have offered to act as mediators in an attempt to arrange a final settlement of the troubles between the United States and Mexico.

the lightest punishment that has been handed out to any soldier yet who crossed the border has been shooting at sunrise, and none of the boys are particularly anxious to be shot with these business-like looking bullets that have been issued.

Pale little mustachios are peeping out on the upper lips of many of the soldiers, who feel that they should have some sort of an ambuscade in case of a surprise attack.

"Beauties" Prove Fiction.

All of the Mexican señoritas that have appeared about the town so far have failed to attract any of the soldiers from their sweethearts at home. The bright eyed Mexican beauty of fiction is still absent from San Ysidro on fiction duty. The ones that are remain in town are all a bit overweight, and their morning toilets have been neglected for some time past. Also those trim little Spanish feet do not show about San Ysidro. The women who wear shoes at all are not in the least particular how much ground their feet cover.

Although the exposition grounds at San Diego were offered to the battalion as a camping ground Major Haygood ordered the troops near the border and here we are. While a double line of sentries surrounds the camp the boys are singing songs, writing letters home or washing their feet while the lights of Tia Juana blink across the border.

To Guard Marino Reservoir.

San Diego, July 6.—Companies E and H of the Third Oregon Infantry will leave here in motor trucks at 8 o'clock Friday morning to guard the Marino reservoir. The reservoir is 70 miles east of here and supplies the water for the city of San Diego.

RESPONSE TO CARRANZA IS BEING RUSHED

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fire on American troops left a real issue, but officials view his remarks as indicating a desire to clean the slate and start anew.

Mexican Foreign Minister Aguilar today issued a statement to the Mexican people that the government "expected a completely satisfactory solution of all questions at issue between Mexico and the United States without injury to the prime interests of the Mexican republic."

This information was cabled to Mexican Ambassador Arredondo here.

Troops to Stay.

In the absence of Secretary Lansing, Counselor Frank Polk will handle whatever negotiations are undertaken. While mediation is not altogether out of the question, direct dealings between Polk and Ambassador Arredondo

is the probable administration course.

The American punitive expedition will not withdraw from Mexico merely on the strength of Carranza's friendly note, it was officially learned today. Indications were, however, that the document paved the way for a discussion, which ultimately will end in withdrawal and the establishment of border patrols by both countries. Any withdrawal is contingent upon Carranza's demonstration of ability to police northern Mexico.

Militia Not to Be Recalled.

Though convinced that danger of war with Mexico has passed, the war department today stood by its original intention to send all of the militia-men originally called to the border.

It has been suggested that forces not already entrained might be held at their base mobilization camps, but the department said officially today there has been no change in plans and none is in prospect.

Aside from the advantage of mobilization and experience of border patrol, the department deems it advisable to protect the border thoroughly against raids, while diplomatic negotiations are in progress. These, it was thought, will occupy two or three weeks at least. In the meantime, some plans for replacing militia with regular army forces may be worked out.

Carranza Cooperates.

Carranza's attitude—now one of co-operation and friendliness—gives tremendous satisfaction to officials. But the border danger still lives. Three problems are yet to be solved: Withdrawal of the punitive expedition.

Cooperative border patrols. Cleaning up of northern Mexico and reestablishing of peace and order. There are few officials who do not believe three months will see the American troops entirely out of Mexico, most of the militia, if not all back home and the border under the protection of a strong force of regular soldiers. This military movement will be hastened by evidence of determination shown by Carranza troops to clean up northern Mexico.

Militia May Stay Four Months. Tomorrow the president and his cabinet will take up this phase of the question. It is known the military authorities believe there is no further reason why the punitive expedition should remain in Mexico—at least farther south than a patrol zone along the border itself. It is known further that these authorities feel it would be unnecessary and imprudent to retain the militia organizations on the international line for patrol duty longer than three or four months at the most—or not so long, if the situation continues to clear.

The army probably will ask for more regular soldiers—three or four increments, made possible under the new army bill, and it is likely the

president and his advisers will follow the army's recommendation.

Aguilar Hopes for Peace.

Mexico City, July 6.—(I. N. S.)—Minister of Foreign Affairs Aguilar made the following statement to the International News Service:

"The actual situation of the Mexican government's relations with the United States has improved and I hope within a few days a satisfactory and definite settlement, without prejudice against our country's interests, will be made. I hope there will be an early and just settlement of the conflict."

Aguilar's statement and advice that the American troops are retiring from Mexico have greatly diminished the unrest of the Mexican people.

Civilian Physicians Called.

Washington, July 6.—(I. N. S.)—Forty-six civilian reservist physicians were ordered by the war department today to report immediately to General Funston for service at the Mexican border. They will be distributed among the militia regiments.

Happy Celebration Held at The Dalles

Daylight Sky Bombardment, Community Sing, Night Carnival, "Dive" and Baby Parade Among Features.

The Dalles, Or., July 6.—The old fashioned Fourth of July celebration here was a success in every way. There were many new features among which were the daylight sky bombardment, community sing, night carnival, old-fashioned gambling "dive" and baby parade. There were many persons from out of town. Dufur and Wasco were well represented.

Four Militiamen Face Court Martial

Columbus, N. M., July 6.—(I. N. S.)—Four New Mexico national guardsmen are threatened with court martial for having refused to be mustered into federal service. Captain Louis K. V. Slaack, head of the intelligence bureau here, is investigating their cases. Several Texas guardsmen recently consented to be mustered in rather than be court-martialed. The New Mexico men, however, declare they will make a test case of the federal law.

Mrs. J. Malone Dead.

The Dalles, Or., July 6.—Mrs. Josephine Malone, wife of a sheep man, died here Wednesday after a lingering illness. The funeral will be on Friday. She was a member of the prominent Thomas Erogan family of Antelope district.

SLEEP, WASH, SHAVE WANTED BY ENGLISH RELIEVED FROM LINE

Men Who Had Been Fighting Since Saturday Given Rest Far to Rear.

WARRIORS DISPLAY PRIDE

Battalions Kept Formation Intact to First Line German Trenches, One Losing Fully Half of Its Men.

By Frederick Palmer.

Press Headquarters in France, Via London, July 6.—(I. N. S.)—British battalions which have been fighting since the great battle of the Somme opened, last Saturday, have now been relieved from the firing line and are resting in billets in quiet villages far behind the scene of action, free from the sound of shell blasting and the crackling of machine guns.

In answer to the question of what they wanted most when they were relieved, a universal chorus came from the battle harried troops: "A sleep, a wash and a shave."

Every battalion is proud of its record of keeping its formation intact until the first line of German trenches were reached.

There is also universal pride in the fact that Kitchener's "new army" made good.

One Battalion's Record.

One battalion, swept by machine gun fire, lost half its officers and half its men before reaching the first line trenches of the Germans, but fought its way another 1000 yards to the objective set for it, where it entrenched and maintained its position. The officers of this battalion served out rations consisting of biscuits and a half bottle of soda water to each man which were taken from supplies found in the German dugouts.

The British, who lived on travel rations during the first few days of the fighting, in some instances saved themselves from shortage by the use of German rations which had escaped destruction by the shell fire. These rations included canned beef, which was found to be very good.

German Soldiers Well Fed.

Talks with German prisoners gen-

erally reveal that the German soldiers had plenty of food, while letters to them from every part in the German empire indicate that great privations are being borne by the civilians.

I asked one prisoner what he thought of the battle of Jutland. He said he had never heard of it.

I talked to another prisoner on the food situation. He said fresh eggs were prized by the German troops as the height of luxury. A basket of them had just arrived in his trench before the battle opened and the men were feasting their eyes when a direct hit and the landscape was spattered with fresh eggs far and near. One officer found a box of his favorite brand of cigars in the dugout which had been occupied by a German officer.

Many Ask About Munitions.

Many prisoners asked the question which the British soldiers are universally asking, namely, has the army enough shells to keep up such a bombardment as that of last week.

This is the story of the Ulster division in the first day's battle. One of the most terrible parts of its task was the difficulty of attacking in the north during the successful movement of the south end of the line. The trenches were on unfavorable ground facing a ridge where the German batteries were able to conduct an enfilading fire.

But through curtains of shrapnel fire, with machine guns to face as well as the enfilading fire, the Irish troops took the Germans' first line, trying at the same time to "No surrender. Remember the Boyne."

All Ammunition Gone.

The troops then started for the second line. They were still under cross fire and every kind of shell fire; but they continued until the strong doubt at the top of the summit had been reached. There the survivors of the charge dug themselves in for protection against the German counter attacks and the machine and rifle fire of both sides.

They held out until they had no more bombs or cartridges and then, helplessly shut off from further supplies by curtains of fire, were compelled to fall back to the first line trenches. They took with them 200 prisoners.

In the first line trenches, torn to bits by the hail of missiles, they stuck until help arrived.

No More "Slackers." The Yorkshire and Lancashire English battalions were caught in the same fashion, and, so far as known, fought almost to the last man, holding the Germans back to the north of the Ancre, while uniform progress was being made on the south.

Officers declared that for stubborn heroism, nothing in the history of the British army surpasses the gallantry of the Kitchener battalions, which kept pressing forward toward their ob-

Rockefeller Hopeful War Will Be Avoided

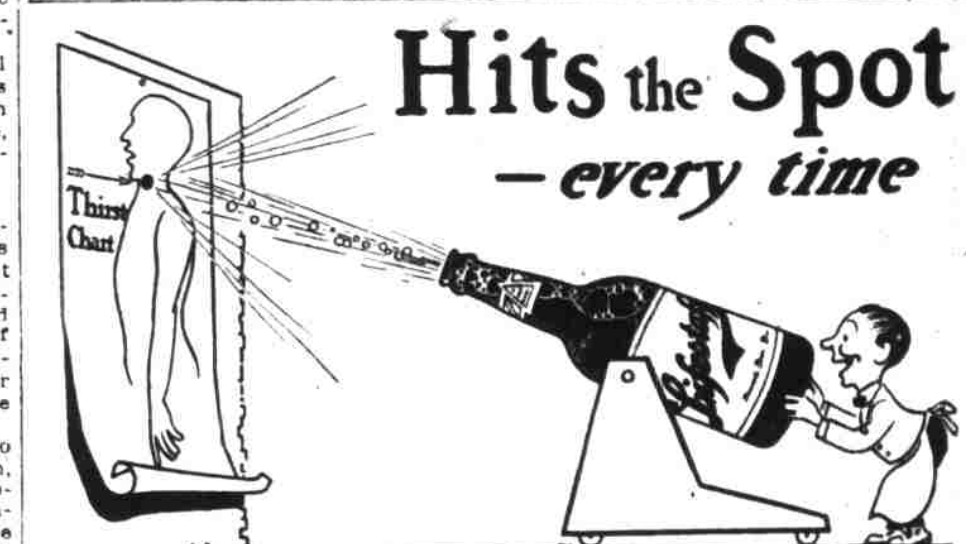
"Never Felt Better," Said Oil King, Who Is Enjoying Golf for the Summer at Cleveland Home; Is 77 Years Old.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 6.—(U. P.)—John D. Rockefeller, here to spend the summer, today played golf with Dr. H. F. Biggar, his physician, and Mayor W. E. Hinshel of East Cleveland. When questioned about the Mexican situation, Rockefeller said: "I hope there won't be any war. War is bad and I hope it can be avoided."

Rockefeller, 77 years old, is already tanned. His step is firm and eyes clear. "I am feeling well—never felt better," said the oil king.

jective when half their number had fallen. The world will not refer to the English as "slackers" after this forlorn hope.

Already the gaps are being filled by draft and officers and men alike are hoping to continue the offensive while the enemy is still staggered.



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