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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Wednesday rain; west; unsettled, probably rain; east portion; southerly winds; reaching gale force near the coast.

TAKING VILLA NO SNAP.

Those who anticipate that Villa could be squelched within a few days after Uncle Sam took his trail are apt to meet with disappointment. Mexico is a big country, and Uncle Sam is far from being in a condition of preparedness.

OREGON TIMBER STATISTICS.

Oregon consumes annually over 2,200,000 cords of fuel wood, which, reduced to board feet, amounts to over 1,195,000,000 feet. Oregon produces annually approximately 1,610,000,000 board feet of logs, but consumes over two billion, or 27 1/2 per cent in excess of her log production.

NO WORD COMES FROM MAN HUNTERS

San Antonio, Mar. 21.—General Pershing is so close to Francisco Villa that he has discarded his wireless and dispensed with reports to army headquarters here, in the belief of officers here today. No word from the man-hunters was received.

El Paso, Mar. 21.—"I think it is only a matter of time until Villa will be taken, dead or alive," was the statement of General Gavira, made

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in Juarez at 11:30 a. m. today. "While the wires are down, we have reason to believe Villa and his band are entirely surrounded by Americans and Carranzistas. We have heard nothing of the outcome of the Namiquipa engagement."

SLAV ARTILLERY REDUCES BRIDGE

Berlin, Mar. 21.—Useleczvo bridgehead and trenches northwest of it have been evacuated by the Austrians, the Vienna war office officially admitted today. The positions were defended for six months against heavy Russian attacks. Russian artillery reduced to ruins the bridgehead defenses and adjoining positions.

VILLA BOMBARDS WITH PROPAGANDA

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 21.—Francisco Villa is battling the de facto government of Mexico and the United States with propaganda. Half a dozen Villistas have been executed by firing squads since the Columbus affair. According to statements made by arrested Villistas, already much propaganda matter has permeated the districts where Villa and Zapata are popular.

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of the Sierra Madres, where he will make a stand against the Americans, hoping to gain the sympathy of the peons in that way.

Carranza intelligence agents have uncovered quantities of Villa literature. It was reported that a secret Villa organization, similar to the Klu Klux Klan in the south following the civil war, has been formed.

American mining interests are anxiously awaiting today the ruling of Senor Enrique Moreno, de facto secretary of state for Sonora, on the ruling of Governor Calles that all American-owned mines secured under grants from Villa and the late Victoriano Huerta administration shall revert back to the state.

HINDU FLIRTING IS RARE.

There is little chance for that kind of pastime in India. There's less flirting per square mile in India than in any other country in the world. The glance out of the corner of the eye and the lowered lash is unknown. A Hindu woman has to dress so that it can be told whether or not she is married; it's a pretty safe bet, however, that she is. When a Hindu girl begins to edge up around fifteen without having made the leap her parents begin to spend listless, feverish nights.

A Military Surprise.

This story of the Russian Grand Duke Nicholas is told by Julius West in "Soldiers of the Czar." Some years ago, during an inspection, the grand duke was standing next to the emperor, a few yards away from a group of generals. He ordered General Rusky, then in command of the forces in that region, to step forward. The grand duke next ordered a private soldier to come forward and hack off the general's epaulets. "We can imagine," says Mr. West, "the dismay of the other generals as the soldier obeyed."

"Now, cut mine off," was the next order. The soldier did so. "Now, put them on his shoulders."

It was the grand duke's playful little way of promoting Rusky to the rank of adjutant general, the highest in the Russian army.

Five Rules For Becoming Rich. In the American Magazine are the following rules that will give you your first start in becoming a millionaire: First.—Spend less than you earn. Second.—Pay ready money. Never run in debt. Third.—Never anticipate uncertain profits by expending them before received. Fourth.—Keep a regular account of your earnings and expenses. Fifth.—Start a savings bank account.

Booby. "Yes," said Audrey, "I spent the evening telling him that he had a terrible reputation for kissing girls against their will." "And what did he do?" "He sat there like a booby and denied it."—Dallas News.

Oregon mining laws, 40c. Courier

CORRESPONDENTS SEE GOV. CALLAS

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 21.—This is a story partly about war correspondents, of which there is a bumper crop here, and their tribulations.

An interview was arranged with General P. Elias Calles, constitutionalist governor of Sonora, and the correspondents went over the border en masse, regular European war style. All Mexicans wear ammunition and some clothing. A number of soldiers thus attired scrutinized the Americans at the line, eyed their passes from the Carranza consul in Douglas, then marshaled them outside the vacant store building occupied as headquarters, while the general conferred with his aides.

During a half hour of waiting the "gringos" were inspected by 16 privates and 36 officers of the de facto government army. They presented a sharp contrast to the snappy American regulars. The impression one gets of the Americans is that they are the finest fighting men in the world. Privates look efficient, officers alert, and the force has plenty of the very best military equipment.

Mingled with the Mexican soldiers were many dogs and children. Swarthy women, chewing toothpicks, squatted nearby, regarding the white men stolidly. Finally a lieutenant came out and viewed the newspaper men at some length, after which he said that "El General" would see them. They filed in. The interpreter, a diminutive Mexican from the consul's office, became so frightened in the governor's presence that he forgot everything and became mute.

Everything went smoothly, however, until one correspondent asked Calles if, in his opinion, peace in Mexico would be restored after the extermination of Villa and his band. The interpreter hated to ask that, but he did—tremblingly. Each staff member muttered uneasily. Calles frowned ferociously, and evidently boiled with subdued rage. The situation was acute.

The Americans began thinking about making a graceful exit, but colonels, captains and majors thronged the narrow doorway. Calles eventually grumbled an answer, but the interpreter, in his terror, straightaway forgot it. The subject was abandoned.

Later it developed that Calles became furious when anyone suggested there had been any strife in Mexico recently. He says Mexico has been peaceful ever since Carranza was recognized. Asked if he would co-operate with American troops if they should enter Sonora, Calles hesitated, and then carefully formulated an answer that he would follow orders from his chief.

"Obregon?" he was asked. "Well, my chief is Carranza, of course. His orders are already that Sonora soldiers co-operate in the pursuit of Villa. I will follow orders until I am commanded otherwise."

Calles was apparently very nervous on this point and sent one of his men over afterward to inspect correspondents' dispatches and see if they were satisfactory. Observers here believe it is a foregone conclusion that Villa will escape to the mountains, 350 miles straight south of Columbus, and that it will take six months to capture or kill him.

The Americans here are well encamped and apparently making no preparations to move. They are evidently trained to the minute and would welcome a chance to join their

comrades "over the border" if Villa gets through the hills and heads into Sonora.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Mar. 21.—Today's market quotations were: Wheat—Club, 86@91; bluestem, 96@1.01. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 23.75@25. Barley—Feed, 27. Hogs—Best live, 9.25@9.35. Prime steers, 8.25@8.50; fancy cows, 7; best calves, 8. Spring lambs, 10. Butter—City creamery, 34; country, 31@32. Eggs—Selected local extras, 19@21. Hens, 16@16 1/2; broilers, 20@22; geese, 10@11. Copper, 28 1/4.

PARIS ADMITS LOSS WEST OF THE MEUSE

Paris, Mar. 21.—German attacks have gained more ground on the west bank of the Meuse, it was officially admitted today. Assaults were renewed during the night along the Abancourt-Malancourt line. Germans occupied a southeastern part of the Malancourt road.

German attacks were noticeable for their lack of power, the war office said. Before an infantryman showed his helmet the French trenches were bathed in a swirl of artillery fire. Then liquid fire was streamed upon the foremost French defenders. Behind this curtain of flame came the gray legions.

The onslaught's first rush carried French soldiers from the southeastern part of the woods 10 miles northwest of Verdun, but the famous "seven-fives" sent a storm of shells crashing among the trees and defeated all German attempts to debouch from the forest. Elsewhere on the Verdun front both sides were inactive.

COL. DODD SENDS

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At 9:15 a. m. today General Gavira said he had not been advised of the result of fighting at Namiquipa. An atmosphere of suspense was noticeable in El Paso military and civil circles.

A belief was growing that the reported engagement would not prove decisive. Asked if Villa had been killed or captured, Gavira replied "no" to both questions.

General Garcia visited Gavira's headquarters at Juarez to learn how the battle came out. He was told that communication with Namiquipa had been cut off. Gavira said he did not know where the break was, but asserted it was preventing the arrival of any news from the battlefield.

The train dispatcher of the Mexico Northwestern railroad located near where the fight was reported as occurring said he had received no word since last night. It is not ascertained whether the wires have been cut or whether Carranzista officials are withholding information.

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The Armenians. The Armenians are not Roman Catholics, but are members of the Armenian church, one of the very oldest of the eastern churches not in communion with the orthodox Greek church or with the Church of Rome. The doctrines of the Armenian church are almost identical with those of the orthodox Greek church. The Eucharist is administered in both kinds to all church members, and the clergy may marry before ordination.—New York American.

Getting it Short. "Judge, I wish to make affidavit that I killed a snake last week that was nine feet long. I killed this snake in a field back of my barn. Killed it with a hoe which I purchased in the spring of 1910. I was born—"

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