

BARREN REGION MUST BE CROSSED TO CAPTURE VILLA

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—The point chosen for the entrance of the punitive expedition into Mexico is at the verge of a dry, desolate plain, inhabited principally by coyotes and prairie dogs, swept by sand storms and denuded of vegetation except the cactus and a few other spiky and objectionable growths.

For at least thirty miles the soldiers of the United States must make their way across this desert. They then reach the lowest range of the Sierra Madre mountains, rising to a height of 3000 to 3500 feet, broken and twisted into all manner of fantastic shapes by volcanic action and as barren of any verdure worthy of the name as the desert over which they frown. Lonely, half-civilized ranchmen are found here and there in the valleys, nursing their cattle at the infrequent and scanty water holes and subsisting almost entirely on beef. To offset the evil results of a continuous diet of cow flesh, they drink the blood of the cattle, which contains supposedly healthy salts.

No Roads of Any Kind

There are no roads of any kind in all this region. An ancient track, known as the "smugglers' trail," is used by such traffic as passes through. The expeditionary force must carry all of its own provisions and must in a large measure rely also on its horse for water.

After fighting its way against nature, assisted by whatever guerilla troops Villa may be able or care to muster for about 125 miles through this country, the punitive expedition will reach the Sierra Madre proper, a range of mountains rising from 8000 to 10,000 feet. Americans who have penetrated these fastnesses claim that the region is the wildest, most barren and desolate that it is possible to find anywhere in the world.

The mountains are split by mighty canyons, some of which have a sheer depth of between 2000 and 3000 feet, and there is not even a recognized trail through their solitudes.

Villa in Wilderness

From Casas Grandes south, however, the country is thickly wooded, although devoid of vegetation, which could provide forage for horses or food of any kind for the men. In the Casas Grandes river, the expedition will strike the Casas Grandes river, which sweeps westward and here splits into three considerable branches. By following one of the branches the soldiers would be able to obtain sufficient water, but between the streams the mountains rise in great barriers, presenting a country almost inaccessible even to men on foot, and according to the few men who have ventured there, impassable to wheeled transports of any sort.

It is in these wilds that Pancho Villa is said to have taken refuge and there to be prepared to wage a guerilla warfare on the troops who have been ordered to pursue him to death or capture.

OBITUARY.

W. M. Kennedy

Walter M. Kennedy died at his home at 9 East Jackson street, Tuesday afternoon at 1:45, after a month's illness. Deceased was born January 17, 1864, at Holston, Ontario, moved to Cadillac, Mich., when a young man, where he was naturalized. He was married to Sadie Carnes in Cadillac, June 22, 1887. They moved to California in 1899 and to Medford in 1902 where they have since resided. To this union were born five children, four of whom are living, Mrs. M. C. Wright, Wesley, Vernon and Lenora Kennedy of Medford. Mrs. Kennedy died about a year ago. Four sisters, and one brother also survive the deceased. Mrs. Mary Brown of St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Lizzie Brown, Weavil, Ontario, Mrs. C. D. Wyman of Medford, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Port Huron, Mich., and William Kennedy of Dryden, Mich.

Deceased has been engaged in business in the city for several years and has a large number of friends. He was a member of the Red Men and Pocahontas lodges. The former will have charge of the funeral services, the time of which will be announced later.

Funeral services will be held at Weeks & McGowan's chapel Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. F. W. Carstens officiating. The Red Men lodge will take charge of the services at the grave. Interment in Odd Fellows cemetery.

AS WE GROW OLDER

our minds are quite as active as in former years but our strength does not respond when we need it most, perhaps the kidneys are weak, the liver torpid, rheumatic pains or stiffened joints beset us, and we cannot easily throw off the colds that winter brings.

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GAINS CLAIMED BY GERMANS AT CORBEAUX WOOD

BERLIN, March 15.—Important gains for the Germans in the Verdun fighting west of the Meuse were announced today by the war office. It is said the Germans pushed forward their lines west of Corbeaux wood and on the height of Le Mort Homme, capturing more than 1000 prisoners.

The statement follows:

"Western front: Near Neuve Chapelle we blew up an advanced British defense position with its occupants. British artillery directed a heavy fire on Lens.

"French artillery is very active opposite our new positions near Ville Aux Bois and opposite various sectors of the Champagne.

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) Silesian troops, with a strong swinging onslaught, passed forward in the region west of Corbeaux woods on the heights of Le Mort Homme. Twenty-five officers and more than 1000 wounded men were captured. A counter-attack, four times repeated, gave the French no success whatsoever. They suffered very considerable losses.

"On the right bank of the Meuse and on the eastern slopes of the hills artillery on both sides kept up a bitter duel without interruption.

"In the Vosges the French undertook numerous small attacks with reconnoitering parties which were repulsed.

"North of Bapaume, Lieutenant Leffers shot down his fourth enemy aeroplane, a British biplane. Both near Vimy, northeast of Arras, and in the neighborhood of Sirvy, on the Meuse northeast of Verdun, French aeroplanes were brought down by our anti-aircraft guns. Over Hamont, north of Verdun, a large French battle plane fell to earth after an aerial engagement. The occupants were made prisoners. The occupants of the other machines mentioned are dead.

AUSTRIA DECLARES WAR ON PORTUGAL

LONDON, March 15.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Rome says that Austria has declared war on Portugal.

LONDON, March 15.—A Reuter dispatch from Geneva says that Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon and has handed passports to the Portuguese minister at Vienna.

LOST GROUND RECAPTURED

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The heaviest fighting was around Dead Man's Hill, the Germans debouching in masses from Corbeaux and other smaller woods to the west. They were obliged to cross open ground and a well-directed fire from the French did fearful execution among them. Their ranks quickly filled up however, and although they were stopped again, they ended by getting a footing in advanced French trenches at two points.

Dead Man Hill is now being contended for. It is a fine artillery position and nothing more, the military critics say. It is a plateau whose base is limited on its four faces by four ravines and it rises only at the east, dominating there the present German positions. The crown prince's plan is evidently to make a breach in the French line between Bethincourt and Dead Man Hill to enable his troops to advance in a southerly direction toward Chattancourt and envelop the French left there, while German forces from Regneville and Cucumieres try to turn the French positions between Cucumieres and Dead Man Hill.

It is announced that General Gallieni, minister of war, is still indisposed and unable to attend to his duties.

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TORREON CONSUL TURNS AFFAIRS OVER TO BRITISH

WASHINGTON, March 15.—State department officials are puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon. They have given him no instructions to leave and have no reports of any disorders in that region; still they realize that the consul must have some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe that the consulate is in danger.

TORREON, Mex., March 15.—The American consul, A. L. Williams, has, on the advice of his government to use his own judgment in the matter, turned over the American consulate at Torreon to the British vice-consul. Meantime a party of more than forty Americans are gathered here waiting to leave on the train which has been held up for a day by a wreck on the Monterey road.

The Carranza officials still maintain, in spite of general fears, that the Americans are perfectly safe.

"We are gentlemen and Americans have no need to fear, as we will escort them over the border and give them every protection, no matter what happens," said General Francisco Gonzalez today. He continued: "I am sending my family out on the same train which will carry an adequate escort. We are certainly not seeking trouble with the United States and I hope matters will be satisfactorily arranged. Yet, if the worst comes to the worst, we want to see all Americans safely across the border."

TOM KENNEY IS FINED FOR KILLING DEER

Tom Kenney, a well known resident of this county was arrested Tuesday by Game Warden Ed Walker charged with killing deer out of season, and upon his plea of guilty was fined \$25 and costs. The killing occurred on the south fork of Little Butte, and further arrests in that section are scheduled. Three-quarters of a deer were found in Kenney's possession. The evidence was collected by Warden Walker, who with Sam Sandry and Game Warden Driscoll Tuesday secured a search warrant, and confiscated the deer.

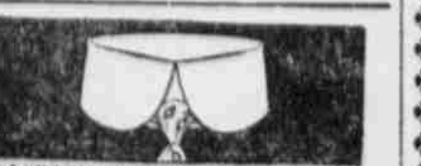
DYSPEPSIA OF WOMEN

Special Treatment Required.

Many women suffer from a form of indigestion or dyspepsia which does not yield to ordinary treatment. While the symptoms are similar to those of ordinary indigestion, yet the medicines usually prescribed do not restore the patient's normal condition.

There seems to be a kind of dyspepsia caused by derangement of the female organism. While this appears to be the same as ordinary indigestion it can be relieved only by a medicine which, besides acting as a stomach tonic, is good for female ailments. Read what such a medicine did for Mrs. Williams:—

She says:—"Before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was troubled with dyspepsia and bearing down pains in my back and sides, and after my meals my stomach would bloat up till I could scarcely get my breath. At times I was so weak I could hardly stand on my feet and I looked hollow-eyed and my skin was yellow. Now I have a good color, have gained in every way and can do my work without any pains. I think it is the best medicine on earth for stomach troubles of women."—Mrs. NELLIE WILLIAMS, 31 West 3d Street, New Albany, Ind.



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SAYS MEDFORD CAN BE MADE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF CITIES

A. G. Brandon, of Modesto, California, who has been enjoying a leisurely excursion about southern Oregon for two weeks, will go to Roseburg this evening. After attending to business there on Thursday, he will return to Medford for an indefinite stay. Mr. Brandon is a landscape gardener and has achieved some distinction in that line of work in the San Joaquin valley. He expresses the opinion that Medford can be made a most beautiful city, street parkings being abundant and the streets generally laid out in favorable patterns. He has discovered that we can raise an unusually large variety of flowers here and that it ought to be an ideal region for roses of all kinds.

"The beauty of the lawns, street parkings, little parks conveniently located and the home flower gardens in San Jose is one of the first things that attract the admiration of visitors to that city," said Mr. Brandon this morning. "The women of the improvement clubs began that work in San Jose, just as your enterprising

women have begun it here. The Greater Medford club is laying the foundation for a splendid work in your little city and its members should be encouraged in their most commendable task. It is not unattended with difficulties and embarrassments and discouragements, such as would cause most men to pass it up in disgust; but the women appear to be differently constituted. They have done fine work for Stockton, Modesto and other cities of the San Joaquin valley and they never grow weary of meeting the difficulties and overcoming them.

"In proper season, Medford ought to be a veritable flower garden. It would prove to be one of your most attractive assets in holding the attention of visitors until they might become interested in other attractive things. I helped to begin the campaign to make Portland the 'Rose City' several years ago, and I was much delighted on a recent visit to observe the tenacity of purpose with which the women of Portland have pursued that work until it has become one of Portland's chief attractions.

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"That sort of thing can be done almost anywhere on the coast. I am glad to see that the ladies of Medford have taken up that work with enthusiasm and that they are making their plans on a basis of permanency. I find it so in Ashland, also.

"If I could remain long enough I would be glad to encourage your local clubs with a recital of some of

the wonderful things accomplished in the matter of beautifying cities and towns with flowers and shrubbery and artistic arrangement of those things that appeal to the finer sensibilities of the populace; but my business here is on different lines and it will occupy all of my time.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR CATARRH?

Ask Yourself the question. How often has the doctor failed, as have ointments, salves, vapours? What you should do.

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Don't Miss the Big Silk Sale

36-inch Crepe de Chine, \$1.25 values, very special, yard, 98c	36-inch Black Taffeta, \$1.25 value, yard, 98c	40-inch Silk and Wool Poplin, \$1.50 value, now, yard, \$1.19	36-inch Fancy Stripes, \$2.00 values, yard, \$1.39
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Opening Sale of Wash Goods

New Fancy Wash Goods, many new patterns, special, yard, 8c	Flaxon Cloth, in beautiful new patterns, fast colors, yd., 15c	New Ginghams in stripes and plaids, worth 12 1/2c, very special, yard, 10c	Organdies, in new floral designs, very special, yard, 25c
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Neckwear

Dainty New Collars and Sets, made of fine organdie, special, each, 69c	New Fancy Collars, good styles, values up to 35c, sale price, each, 25c
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