

VILLA'S TAKING DIFFICULT TASK FOR U. S. ARMY

John Reed, Famous War Correspondent Who Ate With Villa, Rode With Villa, Fought With Villa, Declares Him Great Military Genius, Knowing Country Well.

BY ROBERT MOUNTSIEUR

NEW YORK, March 22.—No ordinary punitive expeditionary force can ever find Francisco Villa unless he is betrayed. So declares John Reed, who knows Villa better than any other American alive. Reed spent five months with the Mexican revolutionary leader, eating with him in his home, riding with him on his train, going with him in the saddle on his campaigns and attending his councils of war.

"American army officers," continued Reed, famous writer and war correspondent, "have said again and again that Villa is a born military leader and that's just what he is. He knows northern Mexico thoroughly and will lead our soldiers, no matter how many we send, a chase before he is taken dead or alive.

"If he is accompanied by men who possess the bravery of those I saw storm Gomez's palace, they will not be afraid to attack even an overwhelming force should Villa think it best for them to do so.

"When the pursuit is on, Villa's men will undoubtedly scatter and later come together again in the mountains and harass the invading troops. It is doubtful if Villa will risk any kind of open battle against well armed American troops. I should not be surprised if he were betrayed by some of his officers. It is unlikely that any of his peon comrades will betray him.

"Villa once told me most of the educated men he had known had betrayed him, so he did not trust educated men. He was born a peon, and for 22 years was a bandit beloved by the peons.

"He was the Mexican Robin Hood, taking cattle from the rich to feed the poor and raiding haciendas to put an end to the unjust conditions prevailing on them.

"But Villa is not a romantic, noble Christ-like figure. He is a rough frontiersman who does not spare his enemies.

"Villa is the best rider, shot and dancer in northern Mexico. He is especially fond of gambling and dancing and loves to go into the ring at a bull fight and try his luck.

"He would walk up to the infuriated animal and with his double case slap him insolently across the face and for half an hour would follow the greatest sport I ever saw.

"Sometimes the sawed off horns of the bull would catch Villa in the seat of the trousers and propel him violently across the ring.

"I do not think his personal ambition is very great and the manner in which he accepted a medal for personal bravery throws light on this phase of his character.

"The ceremony took place in the audience of the governor's palace in Chihuahua with officers in smart uniforms faced with black velvet and gold, officials in full dress and on the gilded throne chair and under a canopy of crimson velvet, Villa in an old plain khaki uniform with several buttons loose and his face unshaven.

"The orators spoke in the high flung extravagant periods necessary to Mexican oratory, describing Villa's personal bravery and calling him 'The Friend of the Poor,' 'The Invincible General,' 'The Inspirer of Courage and Patriotism' and 'The Hope of the Indian Republic.'

"Through it all Villa stonched on the throne, his mouth hanging open. Finally Col. Serven stepped forward with the medal. Villa put out both hands eagerly, like a child for a new toy. He could hardly wait to open the box and see what was inside.

"Villa looked at the medal, scratched his head and then the great crowd, reverently awaiting his word, heard these from his lips:

"This is a hell of a little thing to give a man for all that heroism you are talking about."

"Villa has two wives, or, at least, he had when I was with him, one a pretent, simple woman who was with him during all his years of outlawry and the other at cat-like slender girl.

"Once I asked him if women would vote in the republic he planned to establish. 'Why, I don't think so,' he said sturdily. 'What do you mean—Vote? Do you mean elect a government and make laws?'

"I said I did and that women were already doing it in the United States.

"Well, if they are doing it there, I don't see why they shouldn't do it here. But women can't consider

HEROINE IN WAR HOSPITALS, ONCE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY IN BUDAPEST DRAWING ROOMS



MARIE ELEK
Marie Elek, once the idol of ex-has won many commendations from exclusive society in Budapest, is the idollmilitary leaders. She was among the of all Hungary. Her heroism in first women of Budapest to enlist in nursing the wounded in war hospitals the Red Cross.

A Trip to the Modoc Lava Beds

As I have made numerous trips in the Modoc lava beds and have spent several weeks exploring the caves, of which there are too many of them for me to name, and also the blabbers, blowout holes and craters, I am asked a good many questions concerning this country, and will now relate my first experience, in company with George W. Courtright, deputy game warden, George Kresge, United States forest ranger, and Abbott M. Green, county surveyor of Modoc county, California.

We left Happy Camp ranger station bright and early September 5. Our first day's drive was to Dry Lake. Mr. Green and myself took the camp wagon, while Mr. Courtright and Kresge went on horseback and Mr. Kresge had the good luck to get a fine four-point buck en route, which furnished us with camp meat during the trip. On the morning of the 6th we broke camp bright and early and made it to the sand buttes by noon, on the east side of the lava beds, where we took a short noon, left the wagon, packed the camp outfit on the horses and started across the rocks (and it is some rock) to the Captain Jack's stronghold, scene of the Modoc war, this distance being about twelve miles. We made the trip by sundown, which gave us ample time to arrange our camp and put our horses out on the bunch grass to graze.

The morning of the 7th found us all up early. Breakfast over, horses taken to water and put back to graze, we were then ready and eager to explore the old battle ground with its many caves, runways and natural forts, where Captain Jack with his small bunch of reds held at bay for several months about 1500 United States soldiers, costing the lives of many, including General Canby and his staff, who were massacred at the commencing of the war.

We put in the day looking over the old battle ground and visited several of the blabbers. They are just a short distance from the battle ground. They are a sight worth seeing within themselves. They are from six to ten feet in diameter and about the same in height, the walls being about four inches thick, the outside of black rough lava, while on the inside the walls are of a light porous formation, and just in the top of all of them you will find a small hole about four inches across. The only way to enter them is through long pipes formed of the same kind of rock. Some of these pipes are fully 150 feet long and about two and one-half feet in diameter on the inside.

By sun-up on the morning of the 8th found breakfast over and already for another good walk, though a little sore from the walk over the rough rock the day before. We started out for the two-story ice cave, where hundreds of tons of ice cover the wall and floor the year round, and en route we visited the natural bridge, the Big Crack, Bear Foot cave, Skull cave and several other smaller caves,

PARACHUTE SAVES FRENCH BALLOONIST

PARIS, March 22.—The parachute with which all observers in French captive balloons have now been provided, was given a genuine test recently near Clermont in the Argonne region. German shells had cut the ropes holding one of the largest of these balloons. It immediately rose to a height of 11,000 feet and drifted toward the German lines. The watchers below saw the observer get out of the basket and launch himself into space. After a sharp drop, the parachute opened and the observer reached the ground in perfect condition about 300 yards from the French line. The first sharp drop of about 150 feet, he later explained, was distinctly disagreeable, but after the parachute spread the descent was pleasant and so gentle that he had time to take observations of the German lines.

anything for its right or wrong. They are full of pity and softness. Why, a woman would not give an order to execute a traitor.

When Reed said women could be more cruel than men, Villa put his statement to a test by asking young Mrs. Villa what should be done with three men who had tried to destroy a bridge of military value to his army.

Mrs. Villa said: "Shoot them."

Villa chuckled delightedly and for days afterward went around asking the cooks and the chambermaids whom they would like to have for president of Mexico.

POULTRY FILMS TO BE SHOWN IN CITY SOON

A three-reel filmization of the methods of conducting the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis is being used as an educational demonstration of the poultry business in many of the chicken districts of the state. When H. C. Seymour was in this city the other day, representing the extension department of the college, Claude C. Cate, county agriculturist, and Roy B. Peebles, secretary of the Southern Oregon Poultry association, arranged with him for the use of the film in this city in the near future. One of the local moving picture theaters will show the film. It will be interesting and instructive to hundreds of people, old and young, who are now concerning themselves with the details of the poultry business as never before in this county. There is little doubt that they will come from distant points to study this film.

Along with the business features of it, showing the various methods of handling the chickens, including special features, such as trap-netting, classifying and so forth, it will contain a feature of comedy to laugh about. This film is supplied to state associations free of cost. The date at which it will be shown here has not yet been fixed, but will be announced in a few days.

Junior Department Formed
While State Agent Seymour was in the city, Superintendent Hills of the Medford public schools, Supervisor Emil R. Peterson of rural district number two, and Secretary Roy B. Peebles of the poultry association met at the Medford hotel and perfected the plans for a junior department of the Southern Oregon Poultry association, discussed the corn club scheme among the school pupils and favored a corn show to be held in conjunction with the state show in this city next fall.

The poultry feature of the junior department of the association was accorded special attention. Superintendent Hills will supply the members of this department who, being known to be trustworthy and industrious, will use one setting of high-class eggs each; Secretary Peebles will secure the eggs from the several breeders of thoroughbred chickens for them to develop, and the students will do the rest.

Mr. Hills has announced that he has 83 students who are anxious to handle a setting of eggs each and Secretary Peebles has secured promise of 15 settings from the best chickens in the county.

The Governing Conditions
Each member of the junior department agrees to incubate the eggs under a reliable biddy and give to the person who supplied the eggs two healthy chickens as a compensation for the use of the setting. In addition to that, he agrees to enter results of the hatch in the next poultry show among the exhibits of the junior department. He agrees also to make occasional reports of his progress, troubles, if any, and costs, to the extension department of the O. A. C., receiving thereon such instruction as that department may deem necessary, thus making the experience commendably educational in every respect.

By way of encouraging this junior work in a most important industry, C. E. Gates, always in the forefront of industrial progressives, offers \$5 cash to the student showing the best individual chicken from these junior department batches, while W. T. Grievie reaches the pole a close second with an offer of \$3 cash for the best trio produced in the junior department. The Medford Cigar store, always having a keen eye for development of business in a substantial way, offers an annual subscription to the Country Gentleman, the highest class country publication in the country.

Most Commendable Feature
Messrs. Hills, Seymour and Peterson regard this as a most commendable plan for the development of industry.

Many Recoveries From Lung Trouble

Eckman's Alternative has restored to health many sufferers from lung trouble. Read what it did in this case—

Wilmington, Del.
"Gentlemen—In January, 1908, I was taken with hemorrhages of the lungs. My physician, a leading practitioner, said that it was lung trouble. It got very weak. A friend, of Wilmington, Del., recommended Eckman's Alternative that had done great good. I began taking it at once. I continued faithfully, using no other remedy, and finally noticed the clearing of the lungs. I now have no trouble with my lungs. I firmly believe Eckman's Alternative saved my life." (Abbreviated.)

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Eckman Laboratory, Philadelphia

interest among the young people of the county in the poultry business and declare that it will hasten the progress toward the half-million dollar goal proposed by the people of Jackson county as the figure to be reached in the value of poultry shipments from Rogue river valley. They announce that they will extend every possible assistance to the poultry association in this matter.

The proposition to give two healthy chickens for a setting of high-class eggs is a good one for the breeder. Hence, Secretary Peebles requests those who may have a setting each of thoroughbred eggs to get in touch with him at once about the eggs. Many more ambitious students have already applied for membership in the junior department than can at this time be supplied with eggs. Write the secretary about a setting or two to help the students along with their class of poultry production.

What a Question
Dear Hong—How can I learn to understand the war maps?
GENE.
(Don't ask us; write to Sam Lloyd.)

About Ourselves

IN any talk about OWL, the Million Dollar Cigar, we believe that we can fairly claim a little place for ourselves. The OWL is our child, so to speak. We have fathered it here on the Coast for 20 years or more. And we are proud of it.

The OWL'S solid value

For the OWL, as for our other famous brands, we have always had but one policy.

Years ago, the OWL had to satisfy us before we offered it to smokers on the Coast. We had to be completely sold on its mellowness, fragrance, free drawing and even-burning properties before we were willing to put our organization and reputation behind it.

We have tried to keep faith with the nickel smokers on the Coast by making sure that this nickel cigar, sold with our name behind it, has been and will continue to be **solid value**.

The OWL'S fresh condition

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