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VILLA LOCATED NEAR SATEVO BY CARRANZISTS

Bandit Now Fifty Miles South of Chihuahua With American Cavalry in Close Pursuit and Carranzists Moving to Check Retreat—Ten Villalists Killed in Battle by Mexicans.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 7.—Francisco Villa was at Cieneguillas, ten miles south of Satevo, on April 4, according to General Luis Gutierrez, commanding the Carranza troops in Chihuahua. General Bell received this information from Chihuahua and transmitted it to General Funston today. American cavalry are pushing forward along the trails to and beyond Satevo.

Gutierrez reported that Carranza troops engaged fifty Villa men at Cieneguillas, killed ten and captured two. The prisoners said Villa had left there early in the morning with 200 men, leaving the fifty as a rear guard.

Carranzistas Moving General Bell reported that information from Mexican sources indicated that some thousands of the de facto government troops were being moved south of Chihuahua with the ostensible purpose of checking the retreat of Villa.

Another column of American cavalry arrived at Cusuhirachic to support that of Colonel W. C. Brown, who reported there April 4, according to reports at General Funston's headquarters today. Colonel Brown explained his delay in rendering a report after the engagement a few days ago at Aguas Calientes, near Bachajiva, by saying he and his forces had exhausted their money and he had none to pay the expense of getting a message to a commercial wire.

Fresh Impetus Given The arrival of the second column of troops at Cusuhirachic April 5 was calculated to give fresh impetus to the forces following Villa along the trail through Satevo. Colonel Brown, it was learned, had fallen back on Cusuhirachic on account of the complete exhaustion of his supplies. The column that followed him into Cusuhirachic conveyed a heavy pack train and here it is thought probable that, newly provisioned, he has resumed his chase of the bandit chief, now heading towards the waiting forces of Carranza, according to reports from Chihuahua.

Colonel Brown made arrangements to secure money from American mining companies operating in that district.

HARDING OF OHIO CHOSEN CHAIRMAN G. O. P CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio was selected temporary chairman of the republican national convention by unanimous vote of the sub-committee on arrangements of the republican national committee today on the first ballot.

Without exception the committee-men declined to discuss presidential possibilities. Chairman Killes declared that the entire committee was confident of success for the republican party next fall.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's recent announcement concerning the republican national convention was "no surprise" to Chairman Killes. The announcement, he said, before calling the sub-committee to order, would have no effect on the selection of a temporary chairman.

"It is a significant fact," he said, "that in majority of the states unrestricted delegates are being selected and that the present national committee-men are being endorsed for reelection. This condition bears out the prophecy that the convention will meet with an open mind and will be prepared to name the best man for the place."

Ralph E. Williams, committeeman from Oregon, said: "I am not surprised at the Roosevelt announcement, but the mildness of the language was unexpected."

ANARCHIST PLOT FOR MURDER OF CROWNED HEADS

Conspiracy to Slay All European Monarchs Unearthed in Chicago—Poison to Be Used Instead of Bombs—Czar First on List, With Kaiser Second.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Existence of an international anarchistic plot to assassinate all rulers of Europe has been discovered here, according to a formal statement issued today by Maelay Hoyne, state's attorney of Cook county.

The alleged plot was unearthed by the state's attorney's men while investigating the activity of Jean Cronos, a suspected prisoner of the guests at the banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein.

The state's attorney said that a list of the proposed assassinations was headed by the czar and that Emperor William was second on the list.

According to the information which reached the state's attorney, the plot was known to anarchists in various cities in America as well as in Europe. One member from each city was believed to have been delegated to the work of assassination.

Mr. Hoyne said a written statement had been made to him by an anarchist having the details of the alleged plot.

Poison Instead of Bombs Officials said that the headquarters of the band of conspirators was said to have been in the downtown district here, with branches in other cities. According to Mr. Hoyne's informant, the Mundelein banquet poisoning was planned by the group which sought the death of the European rulers.

The state's attorney refused to divulge the identity of the man who revealed the alleged plot and said that his investigators were seeking to confirm the statements.

"This man said secret meetings had been held in Chicago and a number of other cities," said Hoyne.

"He said he attended a meeting in this city at which lots were drawn for the purpose of picking the assassin and that the meetings were so guarded that only the man chosen for the crime and the leader of the individual group knew the particular individual singled out."

Lots Were Drawn The assassins were to use poison, according to the prosecutor's information. Bombs were not to be used unless it was "absolutely necessary," Mr. Hoyne said he was told. "The whole plot is supposed to have been worked out in a way that had some assurance that the plans would not miscarry," he said.

BELGIAN WOMAN EXECUTED AS SPY

AMSTERDAM, April 7.—The assertion is made by the Echo Belge that Miss Gabrielle Pettit of Molenbeek, Belgium, has been put to death by Germans after trial by court martial on a charge of treason. It is alleged she conducted an information bureau in the interest of Germany's enemies.

The newspaper also states that Louise De Bettignies of Lille has been sentenced to death, but that the sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Another woman, Marie Van Houtte, the newspaper says, has been sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen years.

SEEK PROMOTION OF COLONEL DODD

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A bill to authorize the president to promote Colonel George A. Dodd, who recently led the American troops in Mexico in a dash against Villa forces, to the grade of brigadier general, was introduced today by Representative Kless of Pennsylvania. The colonel will retire next July.

CANTON FIRST LARGE SEAPORT TO JOIN REBELS

Province of Kwang Tung Secedes From Chinese Government, Joining Revolution Against Yuan Shi Kai—Seven Provinces in Southeastern China Now in Revolt.

CANTON, April 7.—Lung Chi Kuang, governor of the province of Kwang Tung, in conformity with the wishes of the people last night, declared the independence of the province.

PEKING, China, April 7.—Paul R. Kosselyn, American vice consul at Canton, telegraphed the American minister, Dr. Paul Reinsch, today that no disturbances have occurred in Canton following declaration of the independence of Kwang Tung province. Both the civil and the military governors of the province proclaimed its independence.

Kwang Tung is an important province, with a population of nearly 30,000,000. Its capital is Canton. Kwang Tung is the first seacoast province to join forces with the revolution against Yuan Shi Kai, whose resignation and exile have been demanded as the price of his acceptance of the emperorship which he later repudiated.

There are now seven provinces, all in southeastern China, which have declared their independence of Yuan Shi Kai, but of these Kwang Tung is the most important in point of population and its strategic position on the seacoast. Canton, the chief city of Kwang Tung, has a population of 900,000 and is by far the greatest city dominated by the revolutionaries.

The independence of Kwang Tung is the upshot of weeks of continued military operations there by the revolutionaries. Faktion, directly to the north on the coast, is the next province of importance in the path of the rebels.

The provinces whose governors have declared independence are Yunnan, where the revolution started, Szechuen, Kweichuan, Kiangsi, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kwang Tung.

PHILIPPINE BILL GOES TO HOUSE AS PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Passage of the Philippine independence bill was recommended to the house today by the insular committee just as passed by the senate, including the Clarke amendment to withdraw sovereignty within four years and empowering the president to take steps to institute a free and independent government.

"The war spreading death and ruin over Europe and large portions of Asia," says Chairman Jones in the committee's report, "has brought the United States face to face with the vital questions of preparedness against foreign aggression and congress is called upon to make adequate provision for national defense.

"If the Philippines are to be included in any scheme of national defense which may be adopted the cost to the American people will be many millions greater than would be otherwise necessary. If the policy shall be to refrain control over them, not to attempt their defense, but to abandon them to their fate, as has been suggested by military men, we shall risk inviting the scorn of the world and of standing humiliated in the presence of mankind. The issue is clear cut.

"If the United States, unfortunately should become involved in war with any first-class military and naval power, the Philippines would constitute our most vulnerable point of attack and as long as they are held as an American colony they will prove a source of natural weakness and constant menace."

ACCUSED MINISTER IS HELD FOR SECOND TRIAL



BELGIUM MUST REMAIN GERMAN DECLARES SPAHN

AMSTERDAM, April 7.—The German reichstag today adopted the committee's resolution on submarine warfare as well as the budgets of the imperial chancellor and the foreign office.

BERLIN, April 7.—Following the speech of historical importance made in the reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the center party, and Frederick Ebert, leader of the socialists, took up the speaker's words and endeavored to expand upon the chancellor's declarations concerning Belgium and the relations between Germany and the United States.

Dr. Spahn said America had shown that her sympathies favor England. Dr. Ebert said neutral rights must be respected conscientiously and that unrestricted use of the torpedo must be opposed "with the utmost sharpness."

Dr. Spahn endeavored to expand the chancellor's words into a declaration that Belgium, whatever its formal status after the war may be, "must remain politically, militarily and economically" in German hands.

Taking up the American question, Dr. Spahn said: "The press, people and the government of America have shown by their conduct that their sympathies and business interests favor England and not Germany. America has become a regular arsenal and base of supplies on a large scale for our enemies. The American government has bound itself where we were concerned to the formal letter of the law and has employed regularly a more generous interpretation of the regulations of neutrality only in favor of the states hostile to us. Much has been permitted there which, if done by us, would have been used in America to provoke an outbreak of hatred against us."

NEW YORK CENTRAL YARD WORKERS STRIKE

NEW YORK, April 7.—Striking yard workers of the New York Central railroad here threatened today to extend the strike to other cities involving possibly 9000 to 12,000 men, unless their demands for recognition of their union and increased wages were granted.

REGISTER NOW

Only a few more days in which to register for the primaries. Registration closes April 18. If you don't register you cannot vote. The following are the registrars for the various Medford precincts:

Table with 2 columns: Election Precinct and Registrar, Address. Lists registrars for various Medford areas like North Medford, West Medford, etc.

STILL AWAITING KAISER'S REPLY IN SUSSEX CASE

President and Cabinet Consider Submarine Situation, But Take No Action—Pessimistic View of Situation Taken by Members and Break With Germany Seems Likely.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Wilson and the cabinet considered the submarine situation again today without deciding upon action at this time. It was understood the situation still waits on Germany's answer to the inquiries on the recent destruction of the Sussex and other vessels.

When President Wilson met the cabinet today he was yet without definite official information from the German government as to whether or not its submarines were responsible for the attack without warning on the channel steamer Sussex. Lacking such information, members said action would not be taken, although the administration is almost convinced that the Sussex with her twenty-five American passengers was the victim of a German submarine.

Members of the cabinet were not inclined to take an optimistic view of the situation, but were hopeful that events in the next few days would prevent a break with Germany, either by proof that she was not guilty of the Sussex attack or by reparation or explanation that would be satisfactory.

The state department had not received today any inquiry from Germany for more information in the case, reported in news dispatches to have been forwarded from Berlin.

There was reason to believe that the United States will not further reveal information it holds until the German government had admitted or denied responsibility in the Sussex case.

BRITISH ORDER AMERICAN SHIP ON PACIFIC SEIZED

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The British government today notified the state department it has ordered the American steamer Edna, seized in the Pacific and condemned on the ground of German ownership, to England, where the title of her San Francisco owners may be heard by prize court.

Secretary Lansing, at the request of the California congressional delegation, protested against the seizure of the Edna and against her condemnation in the Falkland islands, where no American representative is stationed and where her officers had no opportunity to present their case. They are said to declare the vessel was on her way to Chile to engage in the nitrate trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The steamer Edna was formerly the Marzanian, which was owned by Fred Jensen, now said to be with the German navy. It is owned by Sudden & Christensen of this city, who obtained American registry for the vessel and rechristened it.

Originally the Edna was the Norwegian steamer Jason. In the fall of 1914 it is alleged by the government in indictments found here charging violation of neutrality against a group of business men, that the Marzanian, then owned by Jensen, carried coal from San Francisco to German warships off the Mexican coast.

The Edna was seized January 27 last by a British cruiser just off the coast of Chile, where it had loaded nitrates for the Barbadoes and was taken to Port Stanley, in the Falkland islands, where it has been held since over the protests of its owners.

LEGION OF HONOR FOR MISS EDITH WHARTON

PARIS, April 7.—The French government has conferred on Mrs. Edith Wharton the distinction of legion of honor for her relief work in behalf of French war sufferers.

GERMANS TAKE BRITISH CRATER ON YPRES LINE

Capture of Canadian Position Announced—Attack on Verdun Shifts to East—French Trench West of Meuse Taken—Austrians Retake Positions Lost to Italians.

BERLIN, April 7.—Capture from the British of mine crater positions south of St. Eloi, near Ypres, was announced today by army headquarters. The positions were defended by Canadian troops.

Berlin, April 7.—The recapture by the Austrians of a ridge north of Monte Crastabel, with the taking of more than 100 prisoners and two machine guns, is reported in today's Austro-Hungarian headquarters statement received here from Vienna.

PARIS, April 7.—German forces have penetrated a French trench of the first line between Bethincourt and Chantancourt, according to announcement made today by the French war office. This locality is in the Verdun region west of the Meuse. A French counter attack at once drove them back from a large proportion of the positions thus seized.

GERMANS SHIFT ATTACK

LONDON, April 7.—Following up sharply their capture of the village of Hnucourt, in the Avoencourt-Bethincourt salient northwest of Verdun, the Germans have shifted the line of their attack slightly to the east, driving against the lines between Bethincourt and Chantancourt and penetrating a first-line trench there.

In the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill, Paris declares that the Germans have been driven by a counter-attack from the greater part of a recently captured position.

East of the Meuse the French are continuing their nibbling tactics, and report continued progress in German communicating trenches southwest of Fort Demoumont.

The Germans give signs of initiating an offensive in the eastern front south of Drinck.

SUBMARINES BUSY

The report is connected with that from Athens that a large transport of the entente allies has been sunk.

The Spanish ambassador at Berlin has been instructed by the cabinet to ask from Germany an explanation of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Vigo and a definition of the German submarine policy with regard to the rights of neutrals.

London announces that the British steamer Simla, a Peninsula & Oriental liner of 5844 tons, has been sunk, with the loss of eleven members of the Asiatic crew. Dispatches last night carried unverified reports of the sinking with the suggestion that the Simla, supposed to be in the government service, might have been the transport reported in a previous message to have been sunk off the Greek coast.

RAILROAD MEETING OF COUNCIL TONIGHT

City Attorney R. B. McCabe has completed a rough draft of the necessary ordinances and proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters of Medford in the matter of bonding the city for \$300,000 for the Blue Ledge railroad.

It is desired that members of the attorneys' committee and others directly concerned in the proposition meet with a special session of the city council called for tonight for its consideration.

As it will be some time before preliminaries are completed and the election can be had, it is necessary to speed up the process.

ELEVEN PERISH IN TORPEDOED STEAMER

LONDON, April 7.—Eleven members of the Asiatic crew of the British steamship Simla, sunk in the Mediterranean, were drowned, the rest being saved. The Simla was of 5854 tons gross.