

AUTO GREAT AID TO TROOPS IN CHASE OF VILLA

Capture Pancho's Drug Supply at Guerrero — Pershing Reports on Routine of Daily Life of Soldiers on Punitive Expedition in Mexico—Cold Surprises.

PERSHING'S CAMP AT THE FRONT IN MEXICO, April 10, by motor and aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., April 15.—What the American troopers call "Villa's drugstore," was among the prizes captured after the Guerrero fight, it was learned today from men of the Seventh cavalry who participated in that battle. The drugstore was a pack mule loaded with quinine capsules, antiseptics and bandages. In addition the mule carried a quantity of coffee which the Americans considered of equal importance with drugs in maintaining campaigning.

One of the surprises of this campaign, according to Brigadier General J. J. Pershing, commanding the expedition has been the effectiveness of automobiles in mountains and deserts, both of which were seemingly impassable to anything but men or four footed animals.

"The automobiles have done work which astonished me," said the general. "They have traversed roads which seemed impassable. They have climbed hills where the rocks alone appeared sharp enough to cut the tires and smash the running gear; they have gone through canyons where a goat might hesitate. The automobiles have made faster progress than any branch of the service except our aeroplanes. Without them I doubt whether our cavalry could have proceeded as it has done more than 400 miles into Mexico in less than three weeks. The automobile trucks have brought food for men and horses, not only to advanced bases but to points beyond these bases, sufficiently close to the columns to enable them to send back for supplies without losing the advantage of their early forced marches.

"Automobiles likewise have been of great value to the staff officers. They have covered trails where nothing except a horse or man ever before traveled, at the rate of 100 miles a day. They were surprisingly few accidents to cars. When the wireless would not work, due to static conditions, and when hurricanes kept the aeroplanes lashed to the ground, the automobiles have bridged the gap, making possible co-ordination of effort between the various commands over a long front.

When making long rides through districts where attack might be expected, the automobiles traveled in small groups, with guards in each. With their mobility the automobile parties are considered here as very effective fighting groups in emergencies. No river or ditch encountered has proved a complete obstacle to the progress of these machines, either the light staff automobiles or the 5000 pound trucks. The drivers pick out a shallow looking place and go into the water with a rush which usually takes the car across by its momentum. When one car or one truck gets stuck in the mud the others pull it out with ropes.

"The wild game of this region has not learned to fear the machines, from which one or two deer have been shot. Droves of wild turkeys, flocks of quail, coyotes, a few wolves and some smaller animals have permitted machines to approach them closely. The bears alone have kept out of sight.

"The men at this camp have been digging into the ground for shelters against the cold at night. Tents have not yet reached here, the rush to get food forward to the columns now approaching the southern part of Chihuahua in pursuit of Villa having crowded all other thought off from the automobile trucks.

"The usual soldier's shelter is a bed dug to a depth of six inches with a small trench around it for a wind break. The dirt at the bottom of the trench is pulverized for comfort. A few of the men here, however, have dug themselves veritable graves, six feet long and no wider than a coffin. In the bottom of the rectangular hole they sleep at night with a blanket laid over the top to cover it, except a six-inch hole for ventilation.

"At noon the temperature is 90, by early morning the cheeks here are usually frozen.

"Surprise is expressed by the men at the cold. Most of them thought they were heading for a warm climate and through the night during which they were covered. Men at a low altitude and were blistered in the heat and alkali. But of the southern Chihuahua desert, many of them felt

BIG MEETING FOR OHIO CANDIDATE MONDAY NIGHT

Senator Theodore E. Burton will arrive in Ashland Monday evening on train 54 and will be given a reception at the station. He will make a short talk there and will arrive in Medford at 7:09 p. m. He will be accompanied by his private secretary only and will go immediately to the Medford hotel, where the members of the Buckeye club and all others who desire to be requested to meet the senator prior to 8 p. m. The Buckeye club members and all other Ohioans who desire, will occupy seats on the platform at the Nalatorium.

The meeting is under the direction of the Lincoln club and C. M. Thomas the president, will preside. Gus Newbury will introduce the speaker.

There will be several good musical selections rendered by a mixed quartet.

Ladies specially are invited as this is the first year they will have a chance to vote for president and they should see and hear this Ohio candidate for the presidential nomination. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. sharp.

O. C. Hartzmeyer of Portland, Manager of the Burton campaign in Oregon, and his secretary, Edgar Winter, arrived in Medford Friday evening and will meet Senator Burton here Monday.

The party leaves Tuesday morning for the north.

SO. OREGON WOMEN'S PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY

The Women's Presbyterian society of Southern Oregon will hold their annual meeting Wednesday, April 19, at 9:30 a. m. in the Presbyterian church.

Delegates from Roseburg, Sutherlin, Glendale, Klamath Falls and the Rogue river valley will be present. The leading speakers are Mrs. M. J. Gilderleeve of the New York Board and Mrs. E. P. Geary, North Pacific board. In the morning reports of committees will be given. Also a playlet by the Medford society, "Our Tools," Ashland society; address, "Mormonism," Mrs. M. J. Norris; Quiet hour, Mrs. Mary D. Flinger.

At 1:30 devotional, Mrs. Thackerah; a Messenger from North Pacific Board, Mrs. E. P. Geary; Method Hour, Mrs. M. J. Gilderleeve, New York City; instrumental solo, "The Last Hope," Miss Ruth Warner; address, "Chill," Mrs. Frank Gloeckner, in costume.

At 7:30 p. m. joint meeting with Presbytery.

Address, "Our Field Work," Mrs. M. J. Gilderleeve.

Lunch will be served at noon and in the evening dinner. Each is requested to bring one dozen sandwiches.

The Presbyterian officers are: President, Mrs. W. F. Shields; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Thackerah, Roseburg; vice-president, Mrs. H. S. Prescott, Grants Pass; secretary, Mrs. L. Hatfield, Central Point; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. B. Lamkin, Ashland; secretary literature, Mrs. E. N. Warner, Medford; secretary young people's work, Mrs. M. J. Merrill, Grants Pass; mission study, Mrs. E. S. Palmer, Central Point; treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Vatez, Grants Pass.

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HIGHER UP IN MUNITION SHIP PLOTS IN DARK

NEW YORK, April 15.—Federal investigators had made little progress in their attempts to discover the identity of the men who financed and directed the alleged five bomb conspiracy to destroy munitions ships. Agents of the department of justice said today that the system of the German agents alleged to be involved in destructive acts in this country is so perfect that none of the ring leaders are disclosed.

"Those who have a comprehensive knowledge of such an undertaking are high class men who will neither confess nor betray a single secret," said Captain William M. Coffey of the department.

"The men who have confessed are not entrusted with important secrets. For that reason the six confessions we have obtained are of little value in going higher."

The whereabouts of Dr. Walter T. Scheele, the chemist who conducted the fertilizer factory in Hoboken, where it is charged the bombs were filled with explosives, has not been ascertained by the authorities. His wife, who lives in Bogota, N. J., said he had gone on a two weeks trip into the mining regions of Pennsylvania. Federal investigators are examining the banking accounts of Dr. Scheele in the hope of discovering the source whence he obtained the \$10,000 check to finance the operations of the factory.

AMERICANS SHIP 40 PERCENT OF COFFEE OUTPUT

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The American people long known as the world's coffee drinkers actually consume forty percent of the amount sold in the international markets, according to the figures announced by the bureau of foreign and domestic



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Germany normally is second in coffee drinking, but the war cut off her imports last year and made France second with receipts less than one fourth as large as America's purchases.

The entire United Kingdom consumes only one thirty-fifth the amount of coffee drunk in the United States.

The United States ranks third in coffee drinking with the United Kingdom first and Russia second. One fourth of all the cocoa produced in

the world finds its way to the United States.

Coffee imports show that the approximate per capita consumption in the United States is ten pounds; ten ounces in the American favorite, and comes one and two thirds pounds.

Three-fourths of the coffee consumed in the United States comes from Brazil and nearly all the remainder from Latin America. Japan ranks 10th in the American favorite, supplying nearly one-half of the amount consumed. The Dominican Republic leads all countries as a seller of cocoa in the United States.

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