

CARRANZISTAS WOULD ACT ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT

Bandit Villa Sends Body of Armed Men to Exterminate Mormon Colonists

MEXICANS HOPE TO HAVE VILLA WITHIN A WEEK

SCOUTS ARE NOW ON TRAIL OF BANDIT

Carranza Forces Are Already in the Field in an Effort to Apprehend the Noted Outlaw and Bring an End to His Guerrilla Warfare—Mexico City Cautious That There Is No Danger of a Break

United Press Service

EL PASO, March 14.—General Gutierrez, Carranza's commander in Northern Mexico, today made the following statement:

"The Carranzistas will have Villa a prisoner before the end of the week. We can take care of him."

"We are now in touch with Villa. My scouts will fool him until all columns can participate."

"Villa has only a small retinue of adherents. We will draw a ring completely around him. General Carranza will move from the south; General Herrera will close in on Villa from the east; General Garza from the west, and I will command the column from the north."

"We will shortly evacuate Palomas. We have ordered 3,000 troops concentrated near the towns where the Villistas are."

Gutierrez further forecasted an attempt by Carranza to prevent American troops from entering Mexico.

Carranzista reinforcements are en route overland from Guzman.

This Mexican faction is more active in Northern Mexico now than it has been for several months.

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MEXICO CITY, March 14.—All danger of a break has passed, say some of the newspapers today. Many believe these articles were inspired.

Klamath Falls to Have a Municipal "Jitney"

A municipal "jitney" is soon to be part of the city's equipment, as the council last night instructed the police committee to look into the matter of securing a conveyance for the use of the police, and for other municipal needs.

Old General Who Defends Verdun



General Petain
General Petain is in command of the defending forces at Verdun. Hitherto the commanding general's name has been kept a secret. He distinguished himself in the retreat from Charleroi in August, 1914, and became in rapid succession brigadier general, general of a division, general of an army corps and general of an army. General Petain is in his 60th year, and is extremely active. It is said that he has spent the last ten days watching the battle about Verdun from the seat of an armored motor car.

LOCAL DEBATERS MEET JEFFERSON

AS CHAMPIONS OF SOUTHERN OREGON, THEY GO TO DEBATE ISSUE WITH WILLAMETTE DISTRICT WINNERS

Now that they have won the championship of the Southern Oregon District of the Oregon High School Debating League, Charles M. Door and Emma Honzik, the Klamath County High School debaters, are to meet Jefferson High School, winner of the Willamette Valley District, for an inter-district contest. This will be held at Jefferson in a short time.

The local debaters will again have the affirmative side of the question, which concerns the adoption by the United States of the essentials of the Swiss system of military training. The winner of the Klamath-Jefferson district will be well along toward the finals for the state championship.

The local debaters will meet Jefferson high school March 25. Should they win from Jefferson, they will again support the affirmative of the question, this time against the North Bend high school, champion of the Coos Bay district.

CITY MAY HAVE A MARKET PLOT

RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY COMMITTEE THAT GROUND BACK OF CITY HALL BE USED FOR FARMERS' NEEDS

The erection of hitching racks along the north side of Klamath avenue, back of the courthouse, was last night sanctioned by the council. The Klamath Commercial Club and the Business Men's Association had previously asked to be allowed to erect iron racks along this strip, and the street committee's report was followed by the granting of permission. The street committee in its report also stated that there is a suitable place in the rear of the city hall property for hitching racks, and also for a free market place, for the benefit of the ranchers. The committee recommended the erection of iron hitching racks on this property, and the graveling of the lot. No action was taken by the council.

Women members of the Maccabees number over 200,000.

CENSORSHIP IS ESTABLISHED ON BORDER BY U. S.

TROOPS STILL BEING MOBILIZED THERE

Troops Look for Advance Order by Thursday—General Pershing Now at Columbus, Making Arrangements for the Start of Expedition. El Paso Thinks All of Regular Army Will Be on the Line

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Secretary Baker this afternoon asked congress to increase the army by nearly 20,000, to make the total 100,000.

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COLUMBUS, N. M., March 14.—General J. J. Pershing arrived this morning and has started organizing for the Villa hunt. Colonel Slocum, commander of the Thirteenth Cavalry, will command the cavalry brigade, which will probably be the principal part of the expedition.

Pershing has arranged for a conference with General Bernal regarding the mobilization of Carranza forces at Palomas, in line with the contemplated pursuit of Villa.

The general belief is that the order to advance will come Thursday. Engineers and aviators with six aeroplanes are reported on the way here. The army has detailed officers to scrutinize all messages correspondents are filing at the local offices. As a result, the correspondents have been telephoning their stories to El Paso, but late today the censorship was extended to cover all mail, express, telephone and telegraph business.

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EL PASO, March 14.—It is believed that practically all of the regular army will be either on the border or in pursuit of Villa within a fortnight. Before night there will be fully 15,000 men mobilized.

The railroads and light and water plants here are being guarded. The quartermaster corps is working day and night sending supplies to the various camps.

LOCAL FIRM'S HORSES GONE

KLAMATH MEAT COMPANY LOSES THREE HEAD OF HORSES FROM ITS STABLE, AND NO TRACE OF THEM IS FOUND

Three horses belonging to the Klamath Meat company have been missing since Sunday. So far, no trace of them has been found. They were at the company's stable in this city, and had been let out into the corral, the gate to which was locked at the time. Later the gate was found open, and the horses were missing.

SIX JURORS ARE CHOSEN TO HEAR LAWRENCE TRIAL

DEFENSE WILL USE SELF DEFENSE BASIS

Up Until 3:30 This Afternoon, Only One Peremptory Had Been Used. Several Men Excused by Court After They Stated They Had Fixed Opinions Regarding the Case—Accepted Talesmen Are Under Guard

At 3:30 this afternoon, the following had been accepted as jurors to determine the guilt or innocence of A. Ernest Lawrence:
S. P. Short, rancher, Olney.
Frank Denton, rancher, Fort Klamath.
L. W. Copeland, stockman, Fort Klamath.
T. R. Patterson, rancher, Swan.
Chas. Poindexter, rancher, Klamath Falls.

B. H. Van Sickle, rancher, Swan.
Charles I. Roberts, A. B. Libbey, Ed Bloomingcamp, F. W. Broadword and A. W. Southland were excused by the court. All of these stated they had fixed opinions regarding the guilt or innocence of Lawrence. J. H. Hessig was excused by the defense.

The prospective jurors are kept under surveillance, Sam Walker and Wm. Hall being appointed special bailiffs.

C. M. O'Neill is examining the prospective talesmen for the state. W. H. A. Renner and W. St. J. Wines, defendant's counsel, are both interrogating these men. The questions propounded by the defense concern the attitude of the talesmen regarding the right of the individual to defend his life, or the life of his family or guests against attack, even if it be necessary to take life, and the right to repel force with force.

Lawrence is on trial for the killing of Mrs. Alma Kuehne, in Dodd Hollow, December 20. He was indicted with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hunter, who were recently freed by the dismissal of the indictments against them, following Prosecuting Attorney Irwin's unwillingness to try them before Lawrence's trial.

Lawrence is still somewhat weak from his recent illness, but he takes an active interest in the questioning of the jurors. To a Herald representative he expressed himself as highly pleased with the class of men empaneled as prospective jurors, and commented favorably upon their frankness in stating their disqualification if they had fixed opinions.

"With such fair minded men as jurors, both sides can rest assured of a fair and impartial trial," said Lawrence, "and this is all I want."

WESTERN FUEL OFFICIALS HELD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—The Federal circuit court of appeals yesterday sustained the decision of Federal District Judge Doelling convicting officials of the Western Fuel company on charge of defrauding the government by false weighing of coal. As a result, Frederick Mills, James Smith and Edward Mayer must serve the prison sentences imposed by Doelling.

BANDIT SWEARS TO KILL U. S. CITIZENS, IS REPORT BROUGHT IN BY DESERTER

United Press Service

EL PASO, March 14.—A deserter from Villa's forces reaching here today reports that Villa's men are marching against the colony of American Mormons. These men have orders to kill off every one of the 800 colonists.

Villa, according to the deserter, was enraged when he heard a report that the Mormons planned to act as guides for the American military expedition. He then swore to kill all Americans, men, women and children, he should find.

An order was then given for the extermination of the entire Mormon colony.

The deserter denies the story that Carranzista troops are surrounding Villa. Instead, he says, Villa has reached Casas Grandes, and has demanded the surrender of the Carranzista troops as well as the American colonists there.

Many bridges along the Mexican Northwestern railway have been burned by order of Villa.

It is reported that General Carranza has requested the United States to delay the start of the American expedition into Mexico for a fortnight. General Gutierrez refused to discuss this report.

TRENCH DREDGE TO BE BOUGHT

A trenching machine for use in excavating the smaller drains on the first unit of the project is to be purchased by the reclamation service. This will allow the construction of

the smaller drainage ditches at a much lower cost than the two large dredges, and more quickly than they could be dug by men and teams.

The reclamation service is also in the market for eight horses, to be used in hauling, etc. The horses are to be from 5 to 7 years old, and weighing from 1,100 to 1,300 pounds.

Thirty-two girls at Barnard College recently beat a similar group of men at the New York University in a war test.

Former Klamath Attorney Is Now Under Indictment

The Stockton (California) News-Advocate prints the following story of the indictment of H. S. Crane, who was engaged in the practice of law in Klamath Falls several years ago:

Following an investigation covering several weeks, the grand jury of this county on Monday last, at 2 o'clock p. m., returned an indictment against one H. Stanley Crane of this city.

Three counts are contained in the indictment—grand larceny, obtaining money by false pretenses and embezzlement.

Attorney Crane was a member of the law firm of Light & Crane with offices in the Hale building on Main street. He was immediately placed under arrest and after the bond had been fixed at \$4,000 he went out in custody of the sheriff's office and secured David Wolf, E. L. Wright and Dr. Cashatt as his bondsmen and has been at large ever since.

The indictment grows out of a divorce case in which Mrs. Kieppel went to Light & Crane for legal advice and not finding Mr. Light of the firm in his office, she dealt with Attorney Crane, who is alleged to have told her that as her husband had considerable property it would cost her nothing; but later on Mrs. Kieppel was induced by Crane to pay him the sum of \$465 (\$65.00 as divorce fees and \$400 as alleged detective costs). Crane is alleged to have told Mrs.

Kieppel that he paid detectives \$400 for gathering data about her husband and later on she learned that he had lied to her and by such false statements persuaded her to pay over the money to protect her name from slander, which he said her husband was going to charge against her.

After Mrs. Kieppel had told her story to the grand jury and that body had probed the matter thoroughly and examined numerous witnesses who gave most sensational testimony and even after Crane himself and his witnesses had been before the jury and given their testimony behind closed doors, the jury promptly indicted Crane.

There are numerous rumors about the streets concerning Crane to the effect that he is the same Crane who under different names and aliases such as "H. S. Crane," Herbert S. Crane," etc., had been involved in questionable affairs in Joplin, Missouri, and other places in the United States, and that his record as an attorney was questionable in numerous cases, and that his present entanglement is but one of many shady transactions and charges that might be brought against him; in fact, it is said that if but one-hundredth part of the allegations made against him in this and other states were true, the criminal laws enforced against him, he would probably have to leave the balance of his natural life in some penitentiary.

Another Mexican War Threatened in Congress

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, March 14.—While the latest move of the Carranzist government to cause a postponement of the American expedition into Mexico may bring about complications, President Wilson also faces war from another quarter. This is a revolt by congress, over the Mexican policy of the administration.

The senate is expected to severely criticize the government's agreement with Carranza, whereby the Mexican leader's troops are to be allowed to cross the line into the United States in pursuit of bandits or revolution-

ists. Some say this means Mexican factions would do a great deal of their fighting in the United States, to the danger of American life and property. The principal grievance, though, is said to be the fact that Wilson entered into this agreement with Carranza without consulting congress. Some opponents fear that the agreement will result as bandits masquerading as Carranzistas in America, thus carrying on their depredations with apparently some degree of license. Delay in sending the expedition into Mexico is also causing criticism.