

SCOTT WILL MEET CARRANZA AGENT IN A CONFERENCE

VILLA'S LIEUTENANT IS NOW A PRISONER

Mexican Captors Are Using Third Degree Methods to Force Lopez to Tell Where Villa is—Reyes Rebels Wreck a Train, and Supporters of Felix Diaz Are Also in Martial Array in the Hills Near Texas.

United Press Service MEXICO CITY, April 24.—United States Consul Rodgers today handed the Mexican government Secretary Lansing's note suggesting that General Scott or General Funston meet Carranza agent General Funston somewhere near the border to discuss the questions arising from the expedition. Obregon, it is understood, leaves tomorrow, prepared to deal with the question of provisioning the expedition, and the limiting of its sphere of action.

United Press Service SAN ANTONIO, April 24.—It is stated that General Scott will confer with Carranza agent, and is now preparing to go to Eagle Pass. General Funston today partly confirmed this. Funston also stated that he has received information from reliable source to the effect that Villa was slightly wounded.

United Press Service EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—American arrivals from Chihuahua confirm reports of the capture of Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant. His life will be spared if he will give information leading to Villa's capture.

Consul Garcia says Lopez is being "sweated" in an effort to learn Villa's whereabouts. Renewed activity by Reyesistas is reported. They attacked a Mexican Central train between Torreon and Jimenez, and after shooting four passengers, they killed twenty more by wrecking the train.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Secret service men today reported to the department of justice that strong bands of Diazites are concentrated on the mountains of Mexico opposite the Texas border.

Guild Meeting. Green Episcopal Guild will meet in special session with Mrs. Dora Bridges at the Clairmont at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

In From Olene. J. T. Roberts, J. H. and G. H. Van Meter and S. H. Griffith are in today from the Poe Valley-Olene district.

"Peck's Bad Boy" Dead



George W. Peck, former governor of Wisconsin, but who was known to fame as author of "Peck's Bad Boy" long before he became governor, has just died. Most of the successful men of today had to hide in the barn to read "Peck's Bad Boy."

APRIL HAS BEEN THE MONTH OF WARS FOR THE UNITED STATES

April has been the "month of wars" for the United States. First hostilities of the Revolutionary War occurred April 19, 1775. The Black Hawk Indian war started April 21, 1831. First fighting on the Mexican border in the war of 1845 was reported April 24 of that year. On April 12, 1861, Fort Sumter was fired on, stirring the nation to civil war. First bloodshed of the Civil War came April 19, 1861, when Massachusetts regiments marching to Washington were fired on in Baltimore. Congress dated its declaration of war on Spain in 1898 as of April 21. United States marines landed at Vera Cruz April 21, 1914.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE MEET

BANQUET AND ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CHURCH WEDNESDAY—PROGRAM AND BUSINESS TALKS

The annual business meeting and banquet of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday evening at the church, beginning at 6:30. At this time, reports will be made by the various officers, and plans will be made for the coming year's campaign. The banquet will also be a reception for the people recently added to the church's growing membership roll.

ANOTHER FIGHT WITH MEXICANS JUST AVERTED

HOWZE'S DETACHMENT IS OUT OVER THIRTY DAYS

Americans and Carranzistas Were Drawn Up in Battle Array Near San Berka, and Major's Efforts Alone Avoided the Clash—Were Close to Villa—Withdrawal of Troops is Still Up in the Air.

By H. D. JACOBS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

NAMIQUIHA (via wireless), April 24.—Major Howze's battalion of the Eleventh cavalry reached headquarters here today, after thirty days of hard campaigning in its search for Villa.

The detachment narrowly averted a clash with General Cavia's Carranzista force at San Berka. Both forces were prepared for battle when Howze's intervention finally saved trouble.

Major Howze reports that his detachment found an abandoned cart which was supposedly the litter upon which Villa was being moved. Bloody bandages were also found along the trail and in the cart. Howze thinks Villa is still in Chihuahua state.

The detachment was ragged and unkempt after its long siege in the saddle, but the men showed remarkable endurance powers. United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The question of a withdrawal of troops from Mexico is still unsettled. Apparently officials are awaiting the outcome of negotiations being carried on through Secretary Lansing and Mexican Ambassador Arredondo. The administration is not inclined to withdraw solely upon the suggestion of Carranza.

WM. WHITLOCK IS CALLED BY DEATH

SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS OF A YEAR'S DURATION AFTER HARD FINAL SIEGE—FUNERAL HERE WEDNESDAY

After ten week's confinement to his bed, William Whitlock passed away at 10 o'clock last evening at his home on High street, near Sixth. Mr. Whitlock had been ailing for about a year. Mr. Whitlock was a native of Oregon, born in Marion county, August 26, 1857. He engaged in the contracting and building business in Portland and Silverton for some time, coming here eleven years ago with his son, and also engaged in construction work here for several years.

Deceased is survived by his widow, one son, Earl Whitlock, six brothers and three sisters. One brother, Albert Whitlock of Silverton, and a sister, Mrs. Lamb of Salem, are here. The funeral services are to be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking chapel, Rev. Chas. T. Hurd, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will conduct the service, and the Elks' male quartet will render two selections. The body will lie in state at the chapel from 10 to 12:30 o'clock Wednesday.

The Grand Duchess Olga is the most popular of the members of the imperial Russian family.

Over 10,000 women are employed in the shirtwaist, corset and white goods factories in and around Newark, N. J.

Here for Easter. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Terwilliger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams and son Martin, all of Merrill, spent Easter in the county seat.

War Bulletins

United Press Service LONDON, April 24.—It is officially announced that a force of 3,000 hostile troops forced the British to evacuate Quatia, Egypt. Simultaneously, the enemy attacked near Duedar. This attack was repulsed.

United Press Service PARIS, April 24.—It is announced that the French made a slight advance to the northwest of Caurette woods, following a grenade attack. A most violent bomb bombardment is raging in the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill, but there are no important infantry attacks around Verdun.

United Press Service LONDON, April 24.—A German aeroplane flew over Dover at noon. It was driven off before it could drop any bombs.

MILLER FILMS A REAL THRILLER

KLAMATH MOVIE MAN RETURNS FROM VALLEY WITH SMALL MENAGERIE AND SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET OF FILM

"Miller's Movie Menagerie" grows at the rate it has this week, the local moving picture maker will have the Selig Zoo outclassed. At present Miller has in his keeping a bear, two wildcats and a raccoon.

Miller has just returned from the vicinity of Gold Hill, where he filmed some thrilling wild animal pictures, in which J. T. McTimmonds of this section figured strongly. The bear and the wildcats were lassoed out of trees, and 800 feet of real exciting film was secured.

The animals were brought here by Miller in his car. They may be used later by McTimmonds and his associates in the new nature picture.

Arrested; Released. Anton Genoff, an employe of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, was arrested Saturday night upon complaint of Annuncia Roma, another employe of the mill, who charged theft. He was released the same evening, as he established his innocence.

Mrs. Zumwalt Home Sick. Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Los Gatos and Mendocino, Calif., for several weeks, is expected home Thursday night.

ARMY MEN GUARD AGAINST TYPHUS

MEDICAL CORPS TAKES UNUSUAL PRECAUTIONS, AND SO FAR THE OUTBREAKS OF THE DISEASE HAVE BEEN FEW

United Press Service COLUMBUS, N. M., April 24.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the army medical corps at the military base here and in the field to insure against the appearance of the dread typhus and typhoid fever among American troops.

Suggestion has been made to the soldiers that they have their hair clipped close or their heads shaved, to avoid vermin.

Nearly 100 recruits brought from the Columbus, Ohio, barracks, will be inoculated with the typhoid serum before they are sent to the interior.

Of the 10,000 men in the field, only 225 have been invalided because of illness or injury. For the most part they are suffering from some minor illness or injury, such as would result in time of peace.

Considering the hardships undergone by the soldiers, this record is considered unusual. Two hospital wards have been erected at the military base here.

Here Are McHarg's "Business Candidates"

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T. C. du PONT

HENRY D. ESTABROOK

CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS

SEN. WEEKS of MASS

PHILANDER C. KNOX

GOV. MCCALL of MASS

ELIHU ROOT

THEO. BURTON of OHIO

Ormsby McHarg, whose activities in republican politics have at times been interesting, has established expensive offices in New York City to try to persuade the delegates to the republican national convention to nominate a business man for president. Any one of these whose pic-

ROOSEVELT TALKS A STUMPING TRIP

STRENUOUS ONE CONSIDERING A FLYING TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE WEST JUST IN TIME TO STAMPEDE CONVENTION

United Press Service OYSTER BAY, N. Y., April 24.—It is strongly hinted that Colonel Roosevelt may reconsider his plans not to stump the Middle West before the republican national convention. He has not yet accepted the invitation to deliver a memorial day address at Kansas City, but he probably will do so.

If a whirlwind tour of Iowa, Nebraska and other states can revive the old Roosevelt demonstrations, he may enter Chicago at the dramatic moment when the stage is set for choosing the republican nominee, and attempt to stampede the convention.

Sen. is Born. An eight-pound son has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchens. Mr. Hutchens is the principal of the Midland school.

GERARD CONFERS WITH GERMANY'S HIGH OFFICIALS

IS SENDING CODED REPORT TO LANSING

Following Long Conference With Foreign Affairs Officers, and with Chancellor Holtweg, American Ambassador Remains Non-Committal, But He Prepares Long Report—Americans Are Very Hopeful Now.

By CARL ACKERMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) BERLIN, April 24.—Following a conference with Secretary von Strumma of the foreign office and Dr. Heickel, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the Reichstag, Ambassador Gerard sent a long message to America today. It is rumored that this outlines Germany's reply to Wilson's note.

There is a general feeling here that the situation is hopeful. Gerard also conferred with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg today, following the latter's return from a conference with the Kaiser.

His conference lasted over an hour. Gerard was then besieged by German and American newspaper men, but he refused to discuss the case.

"I can say nothing; it will be impossible for me to speak for several days," was his reply to questions as to whether he was preparing to leave Berlin.

Returning to the American embassy, he began the preparation of a confidential report to Washington, which is being coded as fast as a section is finished.

Americans are constantly calling at the embassy for passports, some believing that a break is imminent. Many are sending their families to Copenhagen, and are appealing to the embassy for funds and advice.

The American Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday to decide upon a course of action in the event of a break in relations.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Official information indicates that German officials do not want a break with America, but are in a quandary about how to meet the American demands and at the same time the popular desire of Germany that submarining continue.

High officials today told the United Press that official Berlin advices describe the situation there as similar to that outlined in Carl Ackerman's interview with Admiral von Holtze-dorff.

Authorities expect Germany to find a way to make concessions. It is not known when Germany will reply to the American note.

These charges were filed with the county clerk's office, for the action of the county court, and as this is not a court of record, the papers were placed away with other matter awaiting the meeting of the commissioners, without any investigation as to their contents. There they would have remained without any knowledge on the part of the public until the court met, had not Mr. Mehafeey furnished a copy to the Merrill Record for publication, knowing that that paper was always keen for scandal, and anything that would tend to smear or ruin the character of a fellow citizen.

While it is admitted that even if the charges against Mr. Hayden are true, the county or taxpayers have not been defrauded nor injured in any way, yet very few will approve of any public official adopting any such practice. At the present time and for the greater part of the past year, county warrants have been selling at par, so there would be no object for anyone to buy warrants to apply on 1916 taxes.

Just what effect the charges filed by A. A. Mehafeey against George A. Hayden, his opponent in the race for the nomination for county treasurer, will have on the coming election, is a matter of much speculation.

There seems to be a general feeling of disappointment on the part of friends of Mr. Mehafeey that he would resort to such methods to injure an opponent for political purposes. The proceedings were entirely irregular in every respect and very little faith is felt in the statement of Mr. Mehafeey that he made the charges simply for the good of the county.

In the first place the county court has absolutely no jurisdiction over a matter of this kind and there is nothing they could do except refer the whole proceedings to the prosecuting attorney's office, where it should have been filed by Mr. Mehafeey in the first place. If Mr. Mehafeey was only seeking publicity to injure his opponent, filing his charges with the county court was as good a place as any other.

Autos and Motorcycles in Many Mishaps of Late

As a result of two accidents on Main street in which automobiles and motorcycles figured, and a couple of other accidents on county roads yesterday, there is work on hand for mechanics as well as a little employment for doctors—and in the meanwhile, people are asking for a better enforcement of the traffic regulations.

Saturday night a collision occurred between a motorcycle driven by Elmer Beardsley and an auto driven by Mrs. Ida Grimes. This occurred at Main and Ninth streets.

Sunday morning Beardsley figured in another accident, resulting in Luigi Marin being taken to the hospital. Spectators say the fault was Marin's, as he was riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the street. Seeing he was in danger of a collision with the motorcycle, Marin fell off his bicycle,

scratching, but not seriously injuring his head. Patrick Jackson, an Indian, is also badly scratched and shaken up as a result of an automobile overturning this side of Keno yesterday. The car skidded for some distance, finally turning clear around and upsetting, badly damaging the auto, and battering Jackson, who is now at the hospital.

It was reported today that a young lady was seriously injured in an accident yesterday, but this has proven untrue, her injuries amounting to nothing more than a few bruises.

Ike Larkey was trying out a motorcycle yesterday near Algona, and as he was unable to manage the brake as the machine was descending a hill, he hopped off, and the machine, going over the side of the embankment, was totally wrecked.