

"YOU TOLD ME THE TRUTH AND I WANT THE PEOPLE TO KNOW IT"

The following unsolicited letter has been received from Mr. J. F. Ward of Donald, Alberta. It is a plain statement of conditions as Mr. Ward has found them:

A Settler's Plain Letter. "It is with pleasure I drop a line to you. We had a good year. Off of 65 acres, oats and wheat, I got over 2,500 bushels of wheat and oats. Oats went here from 50 to 100 bushels per acre, and wheat from 25 to 52 per acre. Just see me being here one year and have over 700 bushels of wheat. It is now over \$1.00 per bushel. Oats is 42 cents, and going up. You told me the truth, and I want the people of Toledo to know it. Hogs are 8 1/2 cents; cattle are high. Canada is good enough for me. I have 5 good horses. I sold 2 good colts, 2 cows and 18 head of hogs and killed 2. I have 6 hogs left. I got 400 bushels of potatoes off an acre and a good garden last summer, fine celery and good onions. One neighbor had over 1,200 bushels of wheat, and sold over \$700 of hogs and 2,000 bushels of oats. This is a great country. If you should tell the people of Toledo of this it would get some of them thinking. The soil is a rich black loam, and a pleasure to work it.

"We have a good farm. We have a flowing well with soft water. It is the best water in the country. Some people think they got to go to war when they come out here. They need not be afraid of war. There is no war tax on land; only school tax, \$12.00 on 160 acres, and road tax of two days with your team. I tell you the truth, there is no land in or around Toledo as good as our land here in Alberta. If anybody wants to write us, give them our address.

"We have had nice weather. We have had it quite cold for one week, but no rain and sleet, and the sun shines nearly every day, and it is hot in the sun. Coal is \$2.25 per ton. The people are very nice and good here. We are well enjoying the West. The horses and cows are feeding on the prairies all the winter. We just have two horses in the stable to go to town with. Yours truly, (Sgd.) J. F. WARD, Donald, Alberta, Feb. 9, 1916."

"I was born in Wisconsin, but moved with my parents when a boy to Stephen Co., Iowa. I was there farming for 50 years. I sold my land there for over \$200 an acre. I moved to Saskatchewan, and located near Briarcrest in the spring of 1912. I brought a half section of land. I have good neighbors. I feel quite at home here the same as in Iowa. We have perfect safety and no trouble in living up to the laws in force. My taxes are about \$65 a year on the half section for everything. I have had splendid crops. Wheat in 1915 yielded me over 50 bushels to the acre. That is more than I have ever had in Iowa, and yet the land there costs four times as much as it does here. The man who comes here now and buys land at \$50 an acre or less gets a bargain. (Sgd.) S. Schweitzerberger, February 9th, 1916."

Paradoxical Fitness. "We need efficiency in the army." "But at the same time we do not want it in too good running order."

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It is quite safe to turn the hands of a non-striking watch or clock backwards.

KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT RECOGNIZED

An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

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On an average, the fog nuisance costs London about \$25,000,000 a year.

FRENCH AT VERDUN BENT INTO LOOP

Germans Renew Heavy Attacks Along That Front.

RUSSIAN FIGHTING SAVAGE

Slavs Use Liquid Fire and Gas Bombs Against Von Hindenburg, Who Counter-Attacks in South. Germans Report Gains.

London.—German troops have resumed heavy attacks against the French front northwest of Verdun, according to Paris dispatches.

Following a 24-hour lull, the German batteries turned a terrific fire on the French positions south of Malancourt and around Dead Man Hill. French guns roared in reply. It is believed in Paris that the decisive battle on this sector has begun.

French Position Dangerous.

By battering through the French lines in Avocourt wood the Crown Prince bent the French front in the shape of a dangerous loop. The neck of this loop is less than four miles wide.

German artillery posted on the ridge near Dead Man Hill, on the northeast side, is sweeping the four miles of wooded plain with a heavy fire. On the southwestern side Bavarian regiments are striving to cut through the intervening four miles, cutting off French forces holding Bethincourt and Malancourt.

Dispatches from Berlin declared the French were in an extremely precarious position.

Savage Fighting in Russia.

Savage fighting is going on at Jacobstadt, 80 miles southeast of Riga, where the Russians, using liquid fire and gas bombs, are battering in the German salient.

At the same time the Slavs are attacking vigorously at Friedrichstadt. General Kuropatkin's aim apparently is to squeeze Von Hindenburg out of this important salient by threats of envelopment, forcing the retirement of the whole German line from Riga to Dvinsk, on a front of 140 miles.

Germans Report Gains.

Berlin.—Continuing their advance to force the evacuation of French positions northwest of Verdun, the Germans have captured two more trenches in the Haucourt region, the War Office announced.

The Germans pressed forward south of Malancourt against the southwestern side of the French salient. The advance further imperils French positions at Malancourt and Bethincourt.

In the fighting in this region French prisoners now total 881.

Violent Russian attacks continued yesterday and last night southeast of Riga and in the region of Dvinsk. All the Russian assaults, however, broke down under German fire.

SUSSEX HIT OFF DIEPPE.

Channel Vessel, With 386 Passengers Aboard, Believed Torpedoed.

London.—The channel steamer Sussex, with 386 passengers and a crew of 50, was torpedoed or struck a mine off Dieppe.

Announcement was made also that the steamer Englishman, of the Dominion Line, had been sunk. Lloyd's states that so far 68 survivors have been accounted for.

In addition to these vessels the British steamer Fulmar and the Danish steamship Christiansund have been sunk, according to announcements. All of the crew of the Danish vessel and 18 of the crew of the Fulmar were rescued. It is stated.

WON'T DISARM SHIPS.

Entente Powers Formally Reject Proposal Made by U. S.

Washington.—All of the Entente Powers, through their embassies here, have handed to Secretary Lansing, formal responses rejecting the proposal made by the State Department in its circular memorandum that they enter into a modus vivendi and disarm all of their merchant ships with the understanding that the United States Government would endeavor to secure from the Central Powers a pledge not to attack any such unarmed ship without warning and without providing for the safety of the passengers and crew.

POLICE GET "POISON PEN" MAIL.

Wilmington Girls Bothered By Anonymous Writer.

Wilmington, Del.—Postal officials are seeking for the writer of "poison pen" letters which have been sent to several well-known women of this city. Miss Agnes McDermott is one of those to receive such letters and her brother, City Councilman Joseph L. McDermott, turned them over to the postal officials. Miss Mabel Evans, 1301 Maryland avenue, and the Misses Fitzgerald, 1209 Maryland avenue, have received similar letters.

HOUSECLEANING TIME IN MEXICO



GENERAL PERSHING NEAR VILLA'S BAND

Cavalry Likely in Contact With Outlaw.

WINDS BALK AVIATORS

Supply Problem is Growing Acute. Sheriff At El Paso Asks For Militia To Guard the Border.

San Antonio, Texas.—Gen. John Pershing, commanding the punitive expedition into Mexico, reported by wireless to Major-General Funston that two columns of American cavalry had arrived in the vicinity of Namiquipa, 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes.

Pancho Villa was last reported in this vicinity and advices from Carranzista sources had stated that the Americans and Carranzistas were in contact with Villa's band here.

Deciphering Message. General Pershing's report made no mention of sighting Villa. There is, however, still possibility of official confirmation of the reported clash.

Winds Balk Aviators. General Pershing states that the high winds and dust storms had made aeroplane communication impossible.

The general stated that if railway communication sufficient to supply his troops was not soon made available he would need more motortrucks.

Militia Wanted At El Paso.

El Paso, Texas.—Evidences of the seriousness with which the local authorities regard the border situation was supplied in an announcement by Sheriff Peyton James Edwards that he had telegraphed Governor James E. Ferguson that he believed the Texas National Guard troops should be sent to the frontier.

Sheriff Edwards said he "did not wish to be considered an alarmist," but that developments in Mexico convinced him that additional protection was needed for Americans along the border.

No News Of Fighting. No news of the proposed fighting between Carranza and Villa forces near Namiquipa or of the report from Mexican sources that the bandit chief and his followers were surrounded five miles south of Namiquipa by American and Mexican troops was received here.

According to the Mexican Consul here, Andreas Garcia, the Mexican wires have been cut between Casas Grandes and Madera. The same reason was given by Consul Garcia for the dearth of news following the first encounter reported near Namiquipa some days ago.

The contradictory reports received from Mexican sources and the absence of definite information from General Pershing have raised new doubts here as to the status of affairs in the district where Villa is supposed to be. The fact that the American field commander made no reference in his report of any fighting, despite the fact that he announced that American troops were at El Valle, only 40 miles from Namiquipa, was regarded as significant.

MEXICANS TURNED BACK.

Immigration Laws Enforced On El Paso-Juarez Bridge.

El Paso, Texas.—Federal customs officials here began rigid enforcement of the immigration laws at the international bridge connecting El Paso with Juarez. Many persons attempting to cross to the United States were declared "undesirables" and turned back into Juarez.

HANDLED \$25,000,000.

Vault Clerk In U. S. Treasury Celebrates Eightieth Birthday.

Washington.—Alfred R. Qualiffo, vault clerk of the United States Treasury, who has handled somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000,000 in 50 years of service, Tuesday celebrated his eightieth birthday.

HERRERA BREAKS TO AID VILLA

Garrison at Juarez Reported Also to Have Deserted to Villa.

MENACE TO U. S. TROOPS

Funston Takes Steps To Meet Aggression On Border—Herrera's Brother Arrested After Conference With Gavira.

Columbus, N. M.—Gen. Luis Herrera, until recently Carranza military governor of Chihuahua, has renounced Carranza and allied himself to favor of Villa, taking the field in Western Chihuahua with 2,000 troops, according to reliable information received here.

The exact place at which General Herrera's troops are encamped was not indicated in the message, which reached Columbus from a source that always has been found reliable. It is believed, however, that the troops, most of whom recently constituted the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua City, are some place between the San Pedro and Chihuahua and are preparing to work north and west toward the American punitive expedition in the field under General Pershing.

Peons in District Favor Villa.

The sentiment of the people in this district, which lies about 70 miles directly east of the Guerrero region in which Villa began his days as an outlaw, is strongly in favor of the bandit chieftain. His success in withstanding Porfirio Diaz's rurales for eight years, during all of which time there was a heavy price on his head, was due to the loyalty of the peons. Army men believe here that Herrera and his command will have every possible cooperation from the people of the district.

The possible effect upon other Carranza leaders, who have been reported to be wavering in their loyalty to the government of the first chief, was food for much discussion.

No reports were received as to the arms and equipment of the Herrera command.

General Herrera was military governor of Chihuahua at the time of the massacre of 18 foreigners at Santa Pabell several weeks ago.

VILLA SENDS DEFI.

"If Americans Take Me, They Will Take Me Dead."

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa will never surrender, but will die fighting the Americans sent to capture him. This is the grim defiance sent to the border by the bandit leader through messengers who succeeded in passing by Carranza troops in night dashes.

"If the American soldiers take me, they will take me dead," says Villa in this message. "I'm going to kill every American I can find. They won't find it an easy task to whip Francisco Villa. Count on this: I will never surrender, but will die fighting."

BOYS' RADIO PLANTS SEIZED.

Said To Explain Why Army Wireless Has Worked So Badly.

Douglas, Ariz.—Amateur wireless stations along the border have been picking up radio messages from General Pershing's headquarters. Government officials said in explaining why the wireless with the expeditionary forces has been working so badly the last two days, but stations put up by several boys have been dismantled.

VILLISTAS COURT-MARTIALED.

One Prominent General Faces Carranza Military Tribunal.

Mexico City.—Carrera Torres, formerly prominent as a general under Villa, and Luis Escoto Cabrera, the alleged executioner of Abraham Gonzalez, Governor of the State of Chihuahua during the Madero Administration, were taken to Queretaro to be tried by court-martial on a charge of rebellion.

10,000 ARE HOMELESS.

Two-Thirds Of Paris, Texas, Destroyed By Fire.

Paris, Texas.—Two-thirds of the residential and business districts of Paris were wiped out by flames which left a funnel-shaped wake of destruction from 2 to 10 blocks wide across the city. The loss is estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Fully one-half of the population of 20,000 is shelterless.

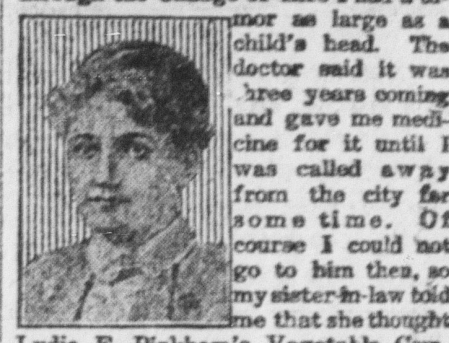
RESCUED FROM GYPSY BAND.

Girl Of 15 Says She Was Affianced To One Of The Nomads.

Clarkburg, W. Va.—Rescued by ministers and police from a gypsy band that has been quartered here all winter, Annie Awfrancjo, a 15-year-old Brazilian girl of Chicago, is on her way to that city. The girl said that she had been kept a prisoner under threats of death and that she had been affianced to one of the gypsies.

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