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VILLA, AT BAY, ATTACKED BY U. S. SOLDIERS

Outlaw Bands Hemmed in East of Namiquipa, Courier Reports

PLAN UNITED ASSAULT

Carranzistas Reported to Have Routed Bandits in Earlier Clash

SAN ANTONIO, March 24.—The Texas civil authorities, at the request of Major General Funston, are seizing all the wireless outfits of amateurs along the border. It was feared that military secrets might be betrayed. (It is possible that the operations of these amateurs have been responsible in a measure for the muddled messages received at headquarters.)

QUERETARO, March 24.—Minister of War Obregon issued the following statement today: "With the exception of the Zapatistas there are no organized forces in Mexico opposing the de facto government. The few bands of bandits are being rapidly destroyed."

The American expeditionary forces sent into Mexico to get Francisco Villa have clashed with the outlaw bands at El Oso, east of Namiquipa, according to word brought by a courier from the front to El Paso. Details of the engagement are lacking and the result of the bout was not made known, except that Villa is reported at bay on a small plateau, hemmed in by strong Carranzista and United States forces. It is stated, however, that one loophole exists and that the bandit leader may yet gain the Guerrero Hills. But even if he does, it is said he cannot long escape, as the odds in numbers are heavily against him. A scout returning from the front to Columbus, N. M., corroborates the courier's message that Villa was surrounded and that he would be caught soon. These reports were in line with the official denial from United States Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua, that Gen. Luis Herrera had revolted against Carranza and had taken with him 2000 men to the Villa standard. It is possible that the actions of a few renegades to the Carranza cause gave rise to the reports of Herrera's desertion.

Regardless of the belief in official circles at the report of Herrera's loyalty, uneasiness is still felt along the border because of the continued concentration of Carranza troops at points within a few hours' march of the international line. To meet any emergency, General Funston has strengthened the patrols all along the front. Just why the Carranzistas are massing on the border is a mystery. Wireless from General Pershing to General Funston today were so muddled that the wireless will be abandoned and telegraph lines will be depended on for news from the front.

VILLA REPORTED TRAPPED ON HILL NEAR NAMIQUIPA

EL PASO, Tex., March 24.—A worn and dusty courier brought into Juarez early today a report that American troops had engaged Francisco Villa's main force five miles east of Namiquipa. The scene of the battle, he said, was El Oso Ranch, which is skirted by a narrow road that runs southward from Las Cruces to Choyas. However, no definite word has been received, and officials both here and at San Antonio are awaiting news of the fight. The courier confirmed the announcement made by General Gaviota at midnight that Villa had been surrounded by American and Carranza troops and that a general attack would be made on the bandit leader's position. Villa, the courier said, had selected a position in which to give battle, being on a small plateau between the Rio de Santa Maria and the Rio del Carmen. It was to this position that Villa fell back after he had met defeat in a skirmish with Carranzista troops at Santa Gertrudis Ranch, southeast of Namiquipa. A message filed by Colonel Francisco Berrial after his column had routed Villa's force in the Santa Clara Canyon, said the Villistas were surrounded by his troops and by United States soldiers under Brigadier General Pershing. Carranza Consul Garcia, who made public Berrial's report, stated that there was no possible chance of Villa cutting his way out.

LA RUMANIA HA DECISO; SARA' CON GLI ALLEATI

In Guerra Contro l'Austria Non Appena Comincerà l'Offensiva da Salonico

Un telegramma da Roma dice che la Tribuna afferma di avere appreso da alta fonte diplomatica che la Rumania ha accettato definitivamente di intervenire nella guerra europea a fianco degli alleati e contro la coalizione teutonica. L'intervento rumeno si avrà non appena le forze alleate prenderanno l'offensiva contro le forze bulgare tedesche. Il governo rumeno si è riferito di una grande quantità di armi e di munizioni, ricevute dal Giappone attraverso la Siberia e la Russia. La flotta russa del Mar Nero è stata attivissima in questi ultimi giorni. Parecchi sottomarini russi sono penetrati nei porti bulgari di Varna e di Burgas e vi hanno sbarcato imbarcazioni nemiche. Una squadra di tre dreadnoughts, tre corazzate e numerosi incrociatori passò l'altro giorno al largo del porto rumeno di Costanza e poco dopo incontrava un convoglio di trasporti turchi carichi di cereali e di petrolio. Tutti i trasporti furono affondati. Un'altra squadra russa bombarda Traklanca e Sinope, sulla costa dell'Asia Minore. (Leggere in la pagina altre e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra. ed in la pagina le recensioni di libri e le risposte a domande. in italiano.)

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The Mayor was interviewed in the corridor just outside his office as he was returning from an inspection trip. He spoke calmly, but his voice had a cold, even quality which was expressive of determination. His lower jaw was set at a militant angle, and his eyes flashed as he talked.

ALLIES REJECT U. S. PROPOSAL TO DISARM LINERS

Joint Reply Received at State Department—Conditions Prevent Acceptance

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The joint reply of the Allies to the State Department's proposal that merchantmen be disarmed was received today. It is understood from the highest authority that the proposal was not accepted, the Allies replying that the situation and condition of naval warfare did not warrant them in subjecting those vessels armed to the risk of disarmament.

ELOPERS 'HIKE' 11 MILES OVER FIELDS AND WED AT ELKTON

Lewisville Girl's Parents Objected and Pursued Couple

Eleven miles of field, forest and lonely road, between them and marriage, were traversed by Robert M. Tyrone, who said he was from this city, and Miss Blanche Evelyn Wilson, whose runaway wedding is the talk of Lewisville, Pa., today. Miss Wilson's parents objected to the attentions paid their daughter by Tyrone, whom they had known only a week. The young couple eloped yesterday afternoon, but they did not get the 11 intervening miles to Elkton, Md., making their way across fields, through woods and on to a road seldom used. Their absence was noted by the parents, who set out in pursuit.

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SHACKLETON RETURNS FROM THE ANTARCTIC; WAS GONE 18 MONTHS

Expedition to South Pole Was Planned as Greatest of Explorations in That Region

LONDON, March 24.—A Reuter dispatch states that the exploration ship Aurora, in which part of the Shackleton expedition went to the Antarctic, broke adrift in Ross Sea, leaving ten members of the party stranded on shore.

MORAN RUNS TWO MILES FOR "CHASER"

Willard Finishes Training by Being "Filmed" for the Movies

NEW YORK, March 24.—Frank Moran took a two-mile jaunt along the West Chester road this morning, just as a "chaser" to the work he has done in preparing for his 16-round bout with Jess Willard at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. "I am not going to do any more work at all," declared Moran after finishing his run, "this afternoon I am going to hit the hay, let myself relax and be on edge for the fight."

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QUICK NEWS

CHILD OF FIVE YEARS KILLED BY STREET CAR

Five-year-old Anna Davey was run over and almost instantly killed this afternoon by a street car northbound on 20th street as she ran across the street in front of her home, 1531 South 20th street.

SENATE PASSES URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Senate this afternoon passed an urgent deficiency bill carrying appropriations of \$3,500,000.

WESTERN UNION BUYS ILLINOIS & MISSISSIPPI CO.

CHICAGO, March 24.—The Western Union Telegraph Company has bought the Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company for \$3,000,000. The Illinois franchises are included in the purchase.

FOURTH GERMAN WAR LOAN BIDS REACH \$2,000,000,000

BERLIN, March 24.—The fourth German war loan has been a brilliant success, Financial Secretary Helfferich reported to the Reichstag today. The subscriptions totaled more than \$2,000,000,000.

RUSSIANS BUILD "ZEPPELIN HOUND" OF THE AIR

NEW YORK, March 24.—A massive battle aeroplane developed in Russia and used principally as a "Zeppelin hound" was described by Captain Eugene Vetchoren, a Russian aviator, who arrived today on the Adriatic from Liverpool. The Russian dreadnought of the air carries 16 men and three tons of ammunition, and can cruise for six hours without descending. It is armed with three guns.

OPERATORS REFUSE MINERS' DEMAND

Soft coal operators, in session with officials of the miners' union at the Bellevue-Stratford, voted today against a proposed agreement to refer local disputes to the local officials of the United Mine Workers of America instead of submitting them to the national officers, as heretofore. This marked the 14th refusal in the 18 demands submitted by the miners as a basis for a new agreement.

BELIEVE NAVAL BATTLE ON OFF BELGIAN COAST

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Heavy cannonading, indicating that a naval battle was in progress, was heard off Ostend and Westende in the North Sea last night. Incoming skippers reported that the flashes of gunfire were visible on the horizon during the night. They said they believed an important naval fight was going on.

ITALIAN PREMIER GOES TO CONFER WITH KING

ROME, March 24.—Premier Salandra left for the front today to hold a final conference with King Victor Emmanuel before going to Paris to attend the Grand Allied Council of War. Baron Sonnino, the Foreign Minister, and Signor Dalloio, Minister of Munitions, will leave tomorrow for Turin, where they will meet Premier Salandra, and all will proceed to Paris together.

COAST GUARDS SEEK WRECKAGE OF CUMBERLAND

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—Coast guards have been instructed to look for wreckage along the coast in consequence of the finding of the seven log books of the British cruiser Cumberland on the beach at Chatham, N. C., yesterday. The finding of the log books gave rise to the belief that the Cumberland had been sunk either by a gale or by a German warship. The Cumberland, which has been guarding the Virginia Capes, disappeared several days ago.

ARCHBISHOP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

Announcement was made today of the following appointments of newly ordained priests by Archbishop Prendergast. The Rev. Philip Donahue to St. Agnes, West Chester; the Rev. Edward Gatens to the Annunciation, Shenandoah; the Rev. Joseph Kane to the Immaculate Conception, Allentown, and the Rev. Thomas Connell to St. Canice, Mahanoy City. The Archbishop also announced the following transfers: The Rev. Charles L. McCarron from St. Mary's to St. Joachim's; the Rev. Henry McFall from St. Canice's, Mahanoy City, to St. Ann's, Phoenixville; the Rev. Austin C. Grady from there to St. Carthage's, this city; the Rev. F. S. Orosz from there to St. Mary's, Phoenixville; the Rev. John A. Kane from there to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, this city; the Rev. M. J. Coleman from there to St. Francis of Assisi's; the Rev. Thomas J. Kealy from there to the Most Precious Blood; the Rev. Jeremiah J. Mahon from Immaculate Conception, Allentown, to St. Mary's, this city; the Rev. James V. McHenry from the Annunciation, Shenandoah, to St. Patrick's, Norristown; the Rev. Joseph A. Mahon from there to St. Ann's, this city.

MALLORY LINER DISABLED AT SEA

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—The revenue cutter Onondaga reported the disabled Mallory liner, Alamo 130 miles northeast of Cape Hatteras early today. The liner, bound to Mobile with passengers and freight, probably will be towed into Hampton Roads. Its rudder is broken and engine trouble has also developed.

RUMANIA GETS ARMS FROM JAPAN

ROME, March 24.—The Tribune learns from a high diplomatic source that Rumania has consented to enter the war on the side of the Allies as soon as the Anglo-French forces in the Balkans open their offensive against the Germans and Bulgarians. Rumania has received large supplies of arms and ammunition from Japan, getting them by way of Vladivostok.

COAL RATES TO LAKE ERIE PORTS PROBED

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission began a general investigation today into the reasonableness and propriety of the rates on bituminous coal from mines in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky to all lower Lake Erie ports for transshipment over the Great Lakes. Numerous complaints affecting these rates have been filed with the Commission, the most important being that of the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association, and all of these will be consolidated. The Commission will take testimony in the case in its offices here April 24. Commissioner Clement presiding.

MAN FALLS FROM "L" STATION TO TRACKS

A man who fell from the elevated station platform at 53d and Market streets and struck his head on the rails in a serious condition at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. He is James W. Merchant, 41 years old, of 59 Hobart street. The accident occurred shortly before midnight and just after an elevated train had left the station. Merchant was lifted back to the platform by a number of waiting passengers and employees of the transit company.

PORK AT HIGHEST PRICE IN 20 YEARS

Pork reached the highest price within the last 20 years today, selling from 22 to 30 cents a pound. Round and rump steaks are 28 to 28 cents a pound and all other of the best cuts are high. The high prices are caused by the war, according to the butchers, who say there is very little profit in meats now.

HIGH TURK OFFICERS HANGED BY GERMANS

ATHENS, March 24.—Passengers arriving from Constantinople, having left 12 days ago, state that the Germans there are in full control of the situation. Four Turkish officers of high rank were publicly hanged because they endeavored to show their disapproval of German rule and tried to stir up feeling against the Germans. The city is continually patrolled by Austrian and Bulgarian troops. Food is very bad and there is a great scarcity. A great portion of the people have not seen sugar or coffee for a long time. These commodities are only procurable by a very few of the richest classes.

FILM COMPANY APPEALS AGAINST CENSORS

Appeals to the courts was filed today by ex-Congressman H. O. Moon, representing the Lubin Film Company, that the photoplay "Dollars and Women," prohibited from exhibition by the Pennsylvania Board of Censors, should not be censored. In the appeal it is stated that the film follows closely the story "Dollars and Cents," that appeared recently in a reputable magazine. It is said the film cost thousands of dollars to produce. The case will be heard in Court of Common Pleas, No. 4, on Monday. The allegations made by the censors are the scenes depicting birth.

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