

DE LA ROSA BANDITS MARCH ON UNGUARDED TOWNS ON BORDER

Troops Rushed Toward Threatened Points as Mexican Raiders Are Approaching American Territory

FUNSTON FEARS ATTACK

U. S. Commander Determined to Punish Mexicans for Army Assault

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 7.—General Funston announced yesterday that he had what appeared to be positive information that Luis de la Rosa was marching from a point south of Laredo in the direction of the border with the evident intention of raiding the country somewhere west of Rio Grande City. There are not now in that district enough American troops to prevent de la Rosa and his men from crossing.

General William A. Mann, commanding the American forces in that district, with headquarters at Laredo, has reported to General Funston that he is taking such measures as possible to strengthen the patrol toward the east and to guard Laredo.

To the east of Laredo, in Zapatas County, across the southern boundary of which de la Rosa is expected to move, there is only one troop of American cavalry.

At just what point on the border the Mexicans intend to attack was not learned, and it was not announced just how far away they were today, but they were said to be comparatively near.

If de la Rosa and his men reach the Rio Grande before American troops can head them off, enough force will be sent against them to drive them back into Mexico and, it was intimated, to run them down on Mexican soil.

De la Rosa was one of the leaders of the group that directed the raids west of Brownsville a year ago. Since then he has been a fugitive in his own country, with a price of \$1000 on his head, offered by the State of Texas.

The information that reached General Funston indicated that de la Rosa would not be more than two or three days at the most in getting to the border. If raiders strike American territory in Zapatas County little injury to the residents is anticipated, with the exception of one or two families. All the Mexicans, however, and a large number of horses and mules could be commandeered. However, General Mann has at Laredo and in its vicinity one squadron of cavalry, a regiment of infantry and a battalion of artillery. It is from this force that he has dispatched additional patrols eastward.

MARATHON, TEX., June 7.—Captain Andrew commanding the forces of the 6th Cavalry at Boquillas, has sent a detachment to Glenn Springs to investigate the rumor of another raid by Mexican bandits in that district. No evidence to support the rumor has been received here.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Although Secretary Lansing has begun drafting a reply to General Carranza's demand for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, its preparation had not progressed far enough for submission at yesterday's cabinet meeting, and Mexico was not discussed. Neither the State nor War Department had any new dispatches bearing on the situation.

CHINA'S NEW RULER WILL ASSUME OFFICE TODAY; FEAR REVOLT

Accession of Li Yuan Hung to Presidency of Republic Pregnant With Many Serious Developments

MONARCHISTS SUSPECTED

PEKIN, June 7.—Yuan Shi-kai, President of the Chinese Republic, died yesterday. Premier Tuan Chi-jui immediately advised Li Yuan Hung, the Vice President, of his accession to the presidency. Quiet prevails in the capital. The death of the President apparently solves the heated political crisis. The Vice President's succession to the presidency of the republic appears to meet the demands of the leaders of the southern provinces. Li Yuan Hung will take the oath of office today. The American and British commandants have advised their nationals living outside the legation quarters that it was safe to remain where they were for the present.

SITUATION IS COMPLETE

At a meeting of the Cabinet after the President's death a feeling of confidence in the Government's ability to maintain order was evident. The situation, however, is complex and developments may be of any character. While the death of the President robs the southern provinces of all grounds of hostility to the north, it also leaves them nothing with which to bargain. Consequently it may prove that his death will have an unfortunate effect upon the political situation instead of solving it.

NEGOTIATIONS WERE ON THE EVE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION ON THE BASIS OF THE RETIREMENT OF YUAN SHI-KAI IN FAVOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE FORMATION OF A COALITION CABINET IN WHICH THE SOUTHERNERS EXPECTED TO OBTAIN A PREDOMINATING POSITION. THEY WERE TO GUARANTEE YUAN SHI-KAI'S SAFETY. NOW THE SOUTHERNERS HAVE NOTHING TO BARGAIN WITH FOR POWER.

MAY HAVE MILITARY RULE. Premier Tuan Chi-jui, supported by the troops, may be able to set up a quasi-military Government, in which the South-eastern, if represented at all, will be in the minority.

CHANG SOULIN, GOVERNOR OF MUKDEN PROVINCE, MAY MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO REINSTATE THE MANCHU DYNASTY. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT FENG KUO-CHENG, GOVERNOR OF NANMING, ASPIRES TO THE PRESIDENCY.

Yuan Shi-kai died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in the palace, surrounded by his wives and older children. Rumors that he had committed suicide are stoutly denied by high officials. Uremia is given as the cause of death. He was reported to have been taken seriously ill on May 28.

CUTS OFF PORCH BREEZES

Neighbors Protest Before Judge Patterson Against Inclosing of Porch With Glass Sashes

Residents of the 3106 block South Broad street say it is bad enough for a householder to cut off breezes by draping his porch in heavy awnings, but when he incloses it with glass sashes, thus cutting off chances of air and light from neighbors' homes, then something should be done about it. That is what they say Frank N. Masterson, of 2119 South Broad street, has done. And this isn't all. They say he has the same intention of converting his home into a business establishment.

BRITISH ARTILLERYMAN, TRAPPED, PHONES RANGE FROM MIDST OF FOE

Germans Retake House in Which He is Repairing Wires. Officers Hold Jambalaya—Quick Wit Saves His Life and Brings Big Guns to Bear on Enemy

By ELLEN ADAIR
Written Specially for the Evening Ledger.
LOI DON, May 28.

My ever-cheery friend, the artilleryman, has been home on seven days' leave, bubbling over with the joy of life and with the glad realization that for one whole blissful week—as far as he is concerned—the bombs will cease from troubling and the field guns be at rest.

"It's glorious being back in dear, foolish, frivolous old London," said he, stretching his mud-encased limbs under the table of one of those gilded restaurants beloved of youthful officers on leave. "Twas only last night that the Boches were peppering us with their howitzers, and two of my men—poor devils—were blown sky high under my very nose. Gad! what a night we had! Half the trench fell in on top of me, and I've still got the pain in my little inside from the mud I swallowed. 'Twas a real case of the infernal gas-whiff that came 'fore I could grab my confounded mask!"

Across the leather "Sam Brown" bandolier of the artilleryman I noticed a long, dark, zigzag stain. His eyes followed my inquiring look, and "Sorry," he said, laconically, "I know it's frightfully bad form to come out to dine like this, but I can't get the infernal mark off, though I worked a couple of hours on it last afternoon."

"That's what comes of crawling out close to the German lines to mend the telephone wires," he said; "the snipers nearly blew my knuckles off. Gad! but I was lucky to escape that time!"

Then I remembered what the papers had said about his bravery, and how, with the right hand almost shattered, he had calmly kept on a dressing on it and continued mending the wires with the left hand, though badly wounded in the side and under constant enemy fire.

"Twas nothing at all," he said lightly; "the only thrilling time I ever had was quite another episode. 'Twasn't so very long ago, either. Did I tell you about it? I seem to forget things awfully quickly these days—my stupid head, you know!"

LA BATTAGLIA INFURIA TRA BUFERE DI NEVE DA L'ADIGE AL BRENTA

Gli Italiani Riguardano Terreno sul Monte Cengio—Violenti Attacchi Austriaci Respinti a Coni Zugna

TOBLACH BOMBARDATA

ROMA, 7 Giugno. La grande battaglia impegnata sulla fronte del Trentino tra le forze italiane e quelle austriache infuria sempre senza tregua, con la medesima violenza dei giorni scorsi. Sulle alpi si hanno violente tempeste di neve che hanno servito a coprire alcuni attacchi di sorpresa degli austriaci. I quali battono su tutta la fronte nella speranza di trovare il punto debole per sfondare la linea di resistenza italiana. I loro attacchi però sono stati tutti respinti, non solo, ma sul Monte Cengio gli italiani hanno anche guadagnato parte del terreno che avevano precedentemente perduto.

KITCHENER FU VITTIMA DELLE SPIE TEDESCHHE

L'Offensiva Russa Obblighera l'Austria a Ritirare Truppe dalla Fronte Italiana

Telegrammi da Londra dicono che la morte di lord Kitchener a bordo dell'incrociatore Hampshire ha causato un senso di profondo rammarico ed una certa depressione in tutta la Gran Bretagna, ma che la guerra continuerà con la stessa perseveranza con cui era condotta quando Kitchener era al Ministero della Guerra. Sembra che l'incrociatore sia stato silurato. Si dice che, nonostante la segretezza mantenuta circa il viaggio di lord Kitchener (egli si dirigeva in aereo a Pietroburgo per una missione speciale) alle tedesche informarono l'ammiraglio tedesco del viaggio, così che a Berlino si poté preparare l'attacco contro l'incrociatore che viaggiava solo.

I critici militari inglesi danno molta importanza all'offensiva russa contro le linee austriache della Besarabia, Bucovina, e Galizia, offensiva che ha dato già alle truppe dello czar 25.000 prigionieri, parecchi cannoni ed un buon numero di mitragliatrici. Si dice che questa offensiva obbligherà gli austriaci a ritirare truppe dalla fronte italiana ed abbandonare—re il piano di invasione dell'Italia.

Record Graduation at Columbia

NEW YORK, June 7.—Commencement exercises at Columbia University and Barnard College will be held today, when it was announced last night, the first named institution will present more degrees this year than any other university in the history of the world. The total of diplomas and degrees will be 2212, which is several hundred more than last year.

Connecticut Trolley Strike Ends

NORWICH, Conn., June 7.—The trolley-men of the Shore Line Electric Railway, who have been on strike since June 1, returned to work this morning. It is understood the settlement is a compromise.

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