

WITHDRAWAL OF FORCE DRAMATIC

Picturesque Incidents Crowd March; Refugees Guarded by U. S. Troopers

Temporary Field Headquarters, Penitentiary, Ojo Federico, Colahuaba, Feb. 2 (By airplane to Columbus).

Withdrawal of the American punitive expedition from Mexico, accompanied by rumors of Villa attacks and a curious collection of refugees, has seen quite as many dramatic and picturesque incidents as its entry ten months ago.

Despite the fact that Major-General Pershing received the formal withdrawal order from Washington as late as January 2, preliminary preparations to evacuate the occupied territory were begun more than a week previous to that date.

When the first provisional cavalry brigade broke camp at Colonia Dublan, January 31, the 10,750 American soldiers in Mexico were moving with clocklike precision toward the border.

This was the day that the military headquarters, who left before the cavalry in order that they might arrive at Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, with the cavalry at Palomas it is planned to assemble the entire expedition, which will cross the line into Columbus as a unit on February 5.

Guarding Refugees—Because of rumors that Villa forces were close on the heels of the retreating troops and occupying the camps as soon as they were evacuated, cavalry patrols and airplanes were used in numerous reconnaissance missions.

Preparations for sending forward and guarding the refugees, who began to move as soon as it was evident that the Americans were leaving, were improvised hurriedly. The bands were registered, assigned to camps near the lines and escorted north by cavalry as soon as the parties threatened to become too large to handle.

The trip from San Joaquin was an especially hard one for the refugees. The wells at Charcos were dry when they reached Chocolate Pass and the animals were starved for two days and nights. Investigation of the reason for the delay of one cart disclosed that a child had been born. The march, however, was delayed only a few moments.

Those who have had dealings with the troops fear to stay in Mexico in view of the threats by Villa against the expedition. The others, however, announcing their fear to stay after the Americans leave, state that no serious attempt would be made to keep Villa out of Northern Chihuahua.

Expedition's Death Toll—Simple but impressive ceremonies marked the hauling down of the Stars and Stripes when Dublin was abandoned Wednesday morning. It was the expedition which has served on foreign soil numbers 288 officers, 10,463 men, 9,441 animals and 460 wagons.

The expedition's death toll, both from battle and disease, has been: Two officers have been killed and one has died; forty enlisted men have succumbed, battle and disease claiming equal shares. Not a single death was caused by disease usually epidemic among troops unused to this country.

Cette Only French Port Through Which Swiss May Get Food Supplies

DEPARTMENTS WORK ON ACCOUNT

Getting Up Statements Showing What Their Expenditures Have Been Lately

Capitol Hill departments are fairly humming with activity on their financial statements and incidentally doing some probing of the way money has been spent under the Brumbaugh and Tener administrations so that they will be able to furnish first hand information to the Auditor General and also to have things in shape in case explanations are asked.

Under the terms of the Daix resolution the departments must inform the Legislature as soon as possible how much they have spent between June 1, 1915, and December 31 last and what they will need for the two year appropriation period as well as their estimates for deficiencies. This means an immense amount of work and will probably result in the making of a complete statement known in a long time.

In some of the departments things are being calculated down to a nicety, all sorts of expenditures being itemized. The Public Service Commission, which has had a very complete system of accounting, can tell for what purpose most of the postage stamps it used the last two years were employed.

Directors Here—Commissioner of Health Dixon held conferences here yesterday with the directors of the State sanatoria, matters of administration being discussed.

Under Control—The Department of Health has gotten the typhoid outbreak under complete control. There have been nearly ninety cases reported.

To Act on Merger—The Public Service Commission will act next week on the proposed Western Maryland merger. The executive session will be held on Monday.

To Argue Important Case—Deputy Attorney General Harcest will argue in the supreme court next week the case of Stratford vs. the Franklin Paper Mill Co., which comes from Delaware county and involves the important point whether a state tax settlement must be sued out in another county instead of here.

Men Go on Duty—The men enlisted in the State Police yesterday will go on immediate duty and will be assigned to places as soon as possible.

Don't Like the Signal.—W. G. Newbold, of this city, yesterday filed an informal complaint against the trolley car on the State street bridge. He avers that it gets out of order and does not like the way the cars are run by it. The official investigator will detail his staff to look up the matter.

Smallpox Rounded Up.—The State health authorities have rounded up all of the persons in the labor camp near Johnstown where smallpox developed.

Printing Was Expensive.—The printing of the Frontier Forts and Gettysburg Semicentennial extra editions, authorized last year because of the big demand for them, cost over \$40,000, according to estimates made to-day.

McDevitt Has New Plan.—Harry S. McDevitt, counsel for the Economy and Efficiency Commission, has been working on a plan to reduce the size of the State government. He would abolish about thirty bureaus or commissions and have their duties taken over by others.

Wild Dogs Found.—Cambria county game warden reports that he has found colonies of wild dogs in the mountains near some places where the State has been trying to increase the number of game. The dogs will be destroyed, as there are no owners and no license.

Toll Roads.—Highway Commissioner Black was last evening waited upon by a delegation from the West Chester Pike Committee, who seek to have that portion of State Highway Route 135, from Philadelphia city line to Newtown Square, in Delaware county, freed from toll.

QUIETEST WEEK IN STEEL TRADE

Traffic Troubles Are Given as the Cause of Falling Off

Still beset by traffic troubles, the steel trade has had one of the quietest weeks in many, as though January ends with even more assurance of full operations far into the year than existed at its opening.

In summarizing the situation, the Iron Age of to-day says: "That the United States Steel Corporation, with all the constriction of traffic late in the year and the shortage of coke, earned \$106,000,000 in the last quarter of 1916, or far more than in the previous three months, indicates the advance the steel companies have made into their higher-priced orders. But even so, considerable shipments are still going out at close to a 2c basis for heavy products; hence larger earnings are yet to come.

In the Pittsburgh district some mills are believed to have shipped more product in the past fortnight than they booked in new business, but generally the cutting down of shipments has caused a slight gain in unfilled orders in January. At Chicago consumers of the heavier forms of rolled steel have crowded the mills with specifications and emergency orders, so that even in the absence of large new contracts the accumulation on the books has increased.

In the Central West there is some easing up of the pressure on sheet and bar mills. Some sheet mills that have been quoting the top of the market for prompt shipment are now taking such business at \$5 lower. On heavier products, however, prices are both early and later shipments are firm if not higher.

The desire of foreign buyers to get all the steel possible from this country is seen here and there in the acceptance of more steel with upper limits in phosphorus and sulphur. In a recent inquiry for 40,000 tons of 4 1/2-inch round, 0.37 was allowed on phosphorus and sulphur.

Italy's inquiries for bar wire, steel bars and ship plates continue, but ocean freights are a distinctly limiting factor in all export trade.

Teachers of Nineteen Schools Districts to Hold Annual Institute

The annual institute of teachers of seven boroughs and twelve townships of Dauphin county will be held in the high school auditorium Saturday, February 4. Teachers from the following districts will attend: Dauphin, Highspire, Hummelstown, Rte. 1, Middletown, Penbrook, Royaltown, Conewago township, Derry township, East Hanover, Londonderry, Lower Paxton, Lower Swatara, Middle Paxton, Rush, South Hanover, Susquehanna, Swatara and West Hanover townships.

The morning program will be divided into three parts: High and grammar, primary and rural. The high school section will be addressed by Principal Charles Lose, of the Lock Haven Normal School. Miss Johnson, of the Millersville State Normal School, will address the primary and Superintendent E. M. Rapp, of Berks county, the teachers of the rural section. The trio of speakers will address a general meeting in the afternoon.

The committee in charge is composed of C. S. Davis, chairman; C. W. Jarrett, W. A. Gosney, J. G. W. Zimmerman, H. C. Smith, G. W. Henry, L. W. Bell, L. B. Hauer, Anna Eisenhauser, S. E. Peters and F. E. Stengle.

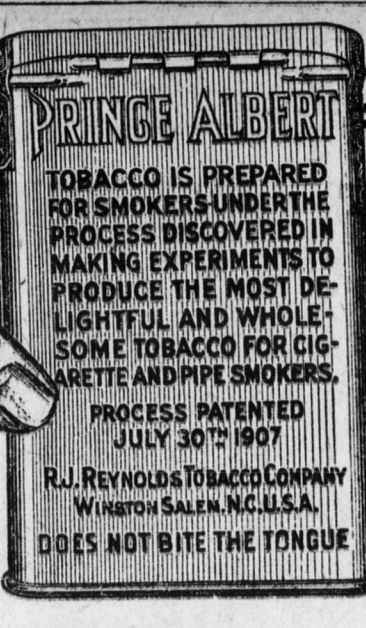
Steeltown Snapshots

Lodge to Elect.—At a special meeting of the Modern Woodmen Lodge this evening delegates to the county camp will be elected. State representative M. H. Wyckoff will address the meeting.

To Play at Fair.—The Steeltown Band will furnish music at the Paxtang Hook and Ladder Fire Company fair in the firehouse in Front street this evening.

Commission Meeting.—Opening of a playground at the Major Bent school house in Franklin street and closing the East End grounds was discussed at a meeting of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission last night.

Senior Class Play.—The ninth annual senior class play in honor of the Junior class will be given in the High School Auditorium to-night. The title of the play is "Much Ado About Betty." Twenty students will take part.



Advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco. Text includes: 'You pay for quality when you buy P. A.', 'PRINCE ALBERT has a real value that premiums or coupons can't produce—quality!', 'Flash-it-hot-off-the-reel, Prince Albert will let you cut loose on that old jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette like a hungry fox after a chicken!'

Advertisement for Resinol Soap: 'My pimples are all gone! Resinol Soap did it'

Advertisement for American Driver: 'American Driver Overtakes Leaders, but Cannot Win'

Advertisement for Rev. Dubs: 'Rev. Dubs Home From China to Regain His Health'

Advertisement for Thompson's receivership: 'THOMPSON KEEPS HIS RECEIVER IN WAR TO PEACE IN TRADE STARTED'.

Advertisement for YESTERDAY'S LATE FLASHES: 'OPERATORS DISPUTE CONNOLLY'S TESTIMONY', 'STOCKS SUBJECT TO SELLING', 'CUT EASTER VACATION'.

Advertisement for My Pimples are all gone!

Advertisement for American Driver Overtakes Leaders

Advertisement for Rev. Dubs Home From China

Advertisement for Mrs. Byrne in Hospital: 'Mrs. Byrne in Hospital After Release From Jail'

Advertisement for Stock Transfer Ledger and The Telegraph Printing Co.

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