

MANY MEXICANS WERE PICKED OFF

Returned Troopers Tell of Their Desperate Fight.

HOW GEN. GOMEZ WAS SLAIN

Graphic Accounts Given By Bill Harris, the Sharpshooter, Who Brought Down the Mexican Commander.

El Paso.—A graphic story of the Carrizal fight from the lips of those who bore the brunt of it was told here by the returned troopers.

"It was treachery," they cried. "We thought they were friendly. They pretended to be until they had us surrounded. Then the slaughter began. We did not have a chance. The Mexicans even killed our wounded when the fight was over."

This last statement—one of the gravest charges that can grow out of civilized warfare—was corroborated by three of the American soldiers. These were Privates William D. Gibson and Luther Alexander, of Troop C, and Private Archie Jones, of Troop K.

Cut Men's Throats.

"The Mexicans—those who spoke English—bragged before us of having killed our wounded men," declared Gibson. "They got out their long knives and demonstrated how they had cut the throats of the fallen Americans after the battle was over.

"Yes, and I passed some of our wounded troops on the field during the battle," added Alexander; "afterward I saw that their throats had been cut. I wondered how their throats had been cut until I heard the Mexican soldiers bragging about having done it afterward."

Heroic Captain Morey.

Heroism, which may be rivaled, but never surpassed, was shown by Captain Morey, of Troop K, according to an eye-witness of his death. Among the group also were soldiers who accompanied Capt. Lewis Morey, Troop C, into the little adobe hut, where they took shelter from the withering fire of the Mexicans. The soldiers did not know that Captain Morey had escaped death. Shouts of joy rang out when they learned of it.

Among the group was the American trooper who killed the Carranza general, Gomez. Another told of killing the two operators of the Mexican machine gun, silencing it finally.

William, of Troop K, told of Captain Morey:

"When I saw that we were ambushed without shelter, I dashed to a little adobe hut about 200 yards away," he said. "There was Captain Morey sitting on the floor, his hand to his shoulder. Blood was pouring from a wound.

"Boys," he said, "we'll have to make a stand here." I looked out of the door and saw Mexicans swarming toward the hut. I told the captain.

"Save yourselves," he ordered. Three of the boys grabbed the captain and they rushed out of the door. We were surrounded immediately. Twenty Mexicans jumped on us. I did not see where Captain Morey went."

Gibson, of Troop C, saw Captain Morey a few minutes later.

"The captain and four other wounded men were hiding in a ditch," said he. "Twenty-five Mexicans were rushing toward them. I and seven others jumped up and ran away to attract the Mexicans away from Captain Morey. They captured us, but he escaped."

It was Gibson who killed the two Mexican machine-gun operators.

Bill Harris, first-class marksman, Troop K, Tenth Cavalry, is the man who fired the shot and killed General Gomez, the Mexican leader who lured the Americans into the trap at Carrizal. Here is the soldier's story:

Shot Six Mexicans.

"There was a corporal on my right. We were flat on our bellies. The corporal had shot six Mexicans. I got two out of the one clip and was reloading, when the corporal said: "Mighty hot, ain't it, Bill?" "Hotter'n hades," I said.

"Yes, boy," the corporal said, "but it ain't half so hot as it's going to be. Look ponder! That's a fankin' party, Bill; sure they're going to wipe us out—clean out this climate."

"The corporal did not need to tell me, I saw. They were coming right on—every which way.

"They've got an idea they are going to clean us up from the rear," I said.

"And I got a bunch 'em going to blow that idea right out of that officer's noodle," said the corporal.

"Then he reloaded. I did not pay much attention to him for the next few minutes. The Mexicans were sure shooting right at us. Right at my head. The sand looked like rain was hitting it. Then the corporal got plugged.

"I moved over and took his place. That gave him some cover. But he never said anything more about that Mexican general with the idea. I looked at him once. His head was wobbling in the sand.

He Killed Gomez.

"Then I got my sight fixed for 250 yards. Through it I could see the Mexican general galloping toward us,



MAJ. GEN. FRED FUNSTON

THE VITAL ISSUE NOT YET SETTLED

Troopers' Release Does Not Clear Horizon.

WAR MEASURES GO ON

American Troops Must Be Accorded the Right of Pursuing Raiders Across the Border—Protests Made By Both Sides.

Washington.—The Washington Government is awaiting full compliance with its demands by the de facto authorities of Mexico.

Release by General Carranza's order of the American prisoners taken at Carrizal has averted the probability of immediate retaliatory steps. It is possible that it has also helped to pave the way toward an attempt at peaceful settlement of the whole border situation. High officials made it very clear, however, that the vital point at issue—the future attitude of Mexican forces toward American troops in Northern Mexico, engaged in guarding the border and pursuing bandits who raided American territory—remains to be settled.

No Hint of Reply.

The State Department had no advice as to when a diplomatic reply to its demands might be expected. The Carranza government has adopted the unusual course of complying in fact with an urgent demand from a foreign government before it even acknowledged receipt of the note or made any statement of what it proposed to do.

Pending a satisfactory answer to its second and more far-reaching requirements, the United States will continue to hurry troops to the border and to take every step necessary in preparation for the carrying out of its purposes by force of arms.

May Stand By Order.

Intimations have come, it is understood, that Carranza intends to back up the orders issued to General Trevino directing that American troops be attacked if they moved in any direction in Mexico except toward the border. Officials are fully prepared for a reply of that character, despite the fact that the prisoners taken at Carrizal have been promptly surrendered on demand. They expect, however, that the reaffirmation of position will be made in a note free from hostile language and continuing the discussion of the advisability of the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

Apparently Secretary Lansing is determined to get a clear statement of intentions on which action by the United States can be founded. Carranza officials profess an earnest desire to avoid a clash, however, and a further struggle to fix diplomatically responsibility for hostilities that may come is foreshadowed.

U. S. CONSULATE LOOTED.

Government Property Confiscated, Shield Torn Down By Carranzistas.

Nogales, Ariz.—The American consulate at Nogales, Sonora, across the border from here, was looted by Carranza soldiers and the shield torn down. Consul Simplich fled to American soil in fear of his life.

United States Government property was confiscated by the looters. An appeal for aid has been made by Consul Simplich to General Calles, in charge of the Mexican troops.

The Carranza general refused to take any action concerning the report that his soldiers had fired on American troops. He declared his investigation showed the Mexicans had not crossed the border, but nevertheless were fired on by Americans.

U. S. TROOPS OVER BORDER.

Following Hot Trail Of Mexicans Who Murdered Rancher.

Columbus, N. M.—United States troops have crossed the border in pursuit of the Mexican bandits who shot to death William Parker and his bride.

Detachments of troops from Las Cruces, Alamo Nueco and Culbertson's ranch are on the trail of the Mexicans. Several horses which the bandits had driven from Parker's corral, were discovered within half a mile of the international line.

Lieut. Col. John C. Waterman, commanding the border patrol at Hachita, stated that two Mexicans employed by Parker have disappeared. They are believed to have been implicated with the bandits in the double murder.

CROWDING PERSHING.

Large Bodies Of Mexicans Said To Be Threatening.

Columbus, N. M.—According to reports received here, 10,000 Carranza cavalry have been mobilized at Bushlito, on the Mexico Northwestern Railroad. Twelve thousand men are at Villa Ahumada, 2,000 are at Guzman and General Bellas Calles, of Sonora, is moving large bodies of troops toward the Sonora-Chihuahua border. If these reports are true, the enveloping movement of the Mexicans around General Pershing's army is becoming more and more pronounced.

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THE ALLIES BEGIN A FRESH ATTACK

Marked Activity Along the Franco-Belgian Front.

GREAT GAS CLOUDS SENT UP

German War Office Announces This Apparently New Offensive By the British and the Northern Wing of the French Line.

Berlin (via London).—Marked activity continues in evidence along the Franco-Belgian front held by the British and the northern wing of the French line. Numerous gas clouds are being employed by the Entente forces in the operations. The War Office announced. The artillery fire on the German lines was especially intense in the vicinity of Somme.

The official statement says: "On the British front and the northern wing of the French army patrol fighting developed. Numerous gas and smoke clouds floated toward us. They did no damage to the Germans and at some places floated back to the enemy trenches. The enemy fire was directed with special intensity against us on both sides of the Somme."

"As a result of the bombardment of Neale, by the French, 22 of their own countrymen were either killed or wounded.

"On the right bank of the Meuse, French attacks northwest and west of the armored wood of Thiaumont and southwest of Fort Vaux were ineffective. In Chapire wood an enemy detachment of two officers and a few dozen men was surprised and its members made prisoners.

"On the eastern front follows: "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: German detachment which penetrated Russian positions south of Kekau, brought back 26 prisoners, one machine gun and one mine thrower. Another detachment, which entered Russian positions north of Mladizoi brought back one officer, 188 men, six machine guns and four mine throwers. Enemy patrol was driven off. Numerous bombs were dropped on the railway freight station at Dvinsk.

"Army group of Prince Leopold: The situation is unchanged.

"Army group of General von Linzingen: Southwest of Sokul we stormed Russian lines and took several hundred prisoners. Enemy counter-attacks were nowhere successful.

The Italian Drive.

Rome (via London).—Following up their recent successes on the Trentino front, the Italians have driven back the Austrians still further, the War Office announced. The Italians have captured Posina, Arserio, Mounts Flara, Taverle, Spitz, Kesserle and Cina Della Saette and the crests on the Caldera and Campanella.

"On the right of the Alpine troops varied the crests on the Caldera and Campanella, after much gallant fighting.

"Along the whole front there is considerable evidence of the enemy's methods. Arserio was destroyed by fire, Asiago and many smiling villages were reduced to smoldering ruins. Near Magna Besehl some hundred naked corpses of our soldiers were found in mire.

"In the Sugana Valley the situation is unchanged. In upper Vanel we occupied Masl di Tognola. There were no events of importance on the remainder of the front."

PANAMA REGULATIONS.

Bill Is Aimed To Keep Undesirables From Military Defenses.

Washington.—At the request of the War Department the Senate passed without debate a bill authorizing the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone to make regulations governing the right to enter any part of the zone. Senator Brandegee, explained that the object was to keep undesirable persons away from a vulnerable part of the military defenses of the United States.

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CAPTAIN MOREY BACK FROM DEAD

Plucky Officer Found By Relief Party.

HIS WOUNDS NOT DANGEROUS

Left in Desert To Die At Own Request, He Recovered Enough Strength To Drag Himself To Ranch Of American.

Field Headquarters, Mex. (by Wireless to Columbus, N. M.).—Twenty-three American soldiers are known to have lost their lives on the battlefield at Carrizal, according to a report to General Pershing from Major Jenkins, commanding the Eleventh Cavalry column, ordered to search the country in that vicinity for survivors.

The report told of the rescue in safety of Capt. Lewis S. Morey, after he had made a daring stand in the face of heavy Mexican odds and heroic personal sacrifices in an effort to save the lives of his men. Major Jenkins said he had evidence that nine American troopers, in addition to those previously reported dead, had been killed.

A note found on the body of Capt. Charles T. Boyd, the American commander, who lost his life in a charge on the Mexican machine gun trench, proved that General Felix Gomez, the Mexican commander, invited him into the town of Carrizal, and that he had refused and afterward conferred with Gomez outside the town. Neither the notebook of Captain Boyd nor that of Captain Morey, both of which were recovered, threw any new light on the clash, according to the report.

Left On Desert To Die.

After the first firing, Troop K, under Captain Morey's command, took refuge in a nearby adobe, Major Jenkins reported. Realizing that they were surrounded and outnumbered by Mexican troops, he ordered his men to leave the hut in small detachments, that their chances of escape might be increased.

Captain Morey, himself suffering with slight wounds, with four men, remained hidden throughout the day in the house, which was within 2,000 yards of the Carranza line.

That night, the party of four started afoot in an attempt to make their way back to the expeditionary command. However, Captain Morey soon became so weak from loss of blood that he was unable to walk, and, believing he was dying, he ordered his men to leave him and save themselves.

Showed Great Endurance.

This they did, but shortly afterward the wounded officer managed to rally enough strength to crawl to the ranch house of an American named McCabe, living about nine miles from Carrizal.

Major Jenkins reported that he had found Captain Morey hidden in McCabe's house and that his wounds were not dangerous.

Upon the receipt of the dispatch, General Pershing said 43 members of the command engaged had been accounted for and that one other is believed to be alive, but is lost in the desert. The remainder of the 54 men who made up the detachment are believed to have been killed or made prisoners.

SIoux INDIANS WOULD ENLIST.

1,500 Offer Services, But Are Told To Wait.

Washington.—Fifteen hundred Sioux Indians in South Dakota have offered to enlist in the military service of the United States in the Mexican emergency. The offer came in a letter to Senator Johnson, of South Dakota, who notified Secretary of War Baker. The Senator was informed that the Indians must refrain their patriotic desire to fight for their country unless there is a call for volunteers.

CARRANZA TO BAR VILLA.

Bandit Chief Won't Be Allowed To Join Army.

Washington.—A report that Francisco Villa and a body of his followers are to be mustered into the Carranza army in the event of war with the United States was officially denied by Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's Ambassador designate here.

Mr. Arredondo said he had been advised from Mexico City that under no circumstances would Villa or the bandits allied with him, be permitted to serve with the de facto troops.

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Pittsburgh, Pa., is agitating for a subway system, to cost \$46,000,000.

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Harrisburg.—The appeal of the City of Altoona from the decision of Compensation Referee Jacob Snyder allowing compensation to the widow of Policeman D. G. Galderwood, fatally hurt while on duty, has been dismissed by the State Workmen's Compensation Board in an opinion by Commissioner John A. Scott. The case presents some unusual features because of the claim of the city that the policeman died of acute nephritis, not produced by his injury when he was thrown from a street car and that the policeman had left his beat without permission. The widow claimed that the man was thrown while stepping on a street car and that he died of concussion of the brain and paralysis, nine days after the accident. The decision finds that the policeman died from results of the fall.

Mr. Scott finds that by his contract of service the policeman was, in some sense, always in the employ of the city, always subject to duty, at call, and that on the night of the accident he was on a special assignment. He also says "The fact that the deceased immediately after the accident proceeded to the performance of his further duties under adverse conditions to some extent supports the view that he had not left his duties for purposes of his own."

Governor Accepts P. O. S. Of A. Official.

A telegram of thanks from Governor Brumbaugh for the offer of 10,000 volunteers for Mexican service from the Patriotic Order Sons of America was received by Colonel William W. Schank, commander of the First Regiment Reserves of the Order.

Governor Brumbaugh accepted them as part of the State's contribution to the defenses of the nation and forwarded the offer to Secretary of War Baker. A conference was held between the officers of the Pennsylvania State camp and the officers of the national organization and it was decided to offer the services of every member of the order in the United States.

Plans now are being developed by the officers of the National Camp, including J. C. Strayer, York, Pa., national president; William J. Heaps, Baltimore, Md., national vice-president; Samuel Roberts, Conshohocken, Pa., national master of forms, and Charles H. Stees, national secretary, to start a recruiting campaign throughout the country among the members of the P. O. S. of A.

The campaign for recruits among the 125,000 members in Pennsylvania was opened Monday. This does not include 5,000 members of the forty companies of the Pennsylvania Reserves. All of these men have passed a medical examination similar to that given the National Guardsmen and are ready to leave for the Mexican border in twenty-four hours.

Complete plans have been drawn up for the mobilization of the forty reserve companies into battalions, and the officers have been assured that should a call for volunteers be made this organization would be among the first to be called.

Fire Marshal's Fees Held Up.

The twenty-five hundred assistants to the State Fire Marshal will receive no more fees nor mileage until the next Legislature either transfers funds of that department for the purpose, or passes a deficiency bill to cover expenses incurred, according to an opinion rendered the State Fire Marshal by the Attorney General's Department. The \$10,000 set aside by the State as a contingent fund has been exhausted and the marshal is informed that there is no other fund from which the fees and mileage may be drawn.

The Attorney General's department also holds, in an opinion rendered in response to an inquiry of the State Board of Education that, although an architect in his contract with a local school board may reserve the right of property in his plans and specifications for a school building, he cannot interfere with the authority of the State Board to file and retain a copy of the plans and specifications among its records.

O'Neil Makes Pledge.

"If I cannot be the real Insurance Commissioner, I won't sit here and draw a fat salary while someone else is doing the work," declared J. Denny O'Neil, of Pittsburgh, newly appointed Insurance Commissioner, who was sworn in on his arrival in Harrisburg by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Samuel W. McCulloch. Acting Commissioner, introduced Mr. O'Neil to the duties of the office.

O'Neil refused to state whether he would retain McCulloch as deputy, saying he has not yet consulted with the Governor. "I intend to learn all there is to know about my job," smiled O'Neil. "For I intend to conduct a strictly business administration."

60 Per Cent. Peach Crop.

The peach crop of Pennsylvania will be about sixty per cent. of normal, according to Department of Agriculture reports. The counties where the crop will be unusually small are Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Forest, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Union, Warren and Wyoming. In Fayette, Indiana, Somerset and Westmoreland Counties there are practically no peaches.

Decrease in Spring Pigs.

The number of hogs to be slaughtered next fall by the farmers of Pennsylvania will be considerably smaller than for many years as the production of home-raised pigs this spring was ten per cent. smaller than last year. Reports of the Department of Agriculture indicate that there was a big decrease in the number of spring pigs. The high price of hogs in the fall prompted the farmers to sell off their brood sows too closely and the spring pig crop is away below the average.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Eliza Sprangle, of Altoona, who died June 19, left an estate valued at \$35,000, all to charity. In ignoring her relatives, she was complying with the wishes of her late husband, John A. Sprangle, a merchant, according to her counsel. The bulk of her fortune, \$20,000, was left to the Theological Department of Lincoln University, Lower Oxford, Chester County. These other bequests are made: \$5,000 to the Passavant Memorial Home for the Care of Epileptics, at Rochester, Beaver County, Pa.; \$5,000 to the Altoona Hospital, Altoona. If her estate fails to realize \$35,000, the bequests shall be reduced proportionately; if it exceeds that sum, the bequests will be increased correspondingly. The fortune consists of realty in Altoona and cash.

There was unveiled at Carlisle a monument in memory of Mollie Pitcher, the "heroine of Monmouth," before an assembly comprising State and national officials, representatives of leading patriotic organizations and suffrage clubs from all over the East. The tablet was designed by J. Otto Schweizer. The unveiling ceremonies occurred directly over Molly Pitcher's grave in what is known as the "Old Graveyard." The principal address at the unveiling was made by Governor Brumbaugh.

John Lauer, twenty years old, and Harry Miller, thirty-one, of Lancaster, employees of a plumbing concern, were involved in a city sewer trap in that city. Lauer, when the trap was opened to locate some trouble, started to descend the ladder, but was overcome by gas and fell into eight feet of water. Miller was told of the accident and, hastening from the shop, started down to rescue Lauer. He also was overcome by the gas and met the same fate. Both bodies were recovered.

Over 300 delegates were present at the session of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and allied organizations, including the Wild Life League of Pennsylvania at Reading. Addresses were made by Dr. Joseph Kalbfuss, representing the State Game Association, and Nelson R. McNaughton, representing the State Department of Forestry.

The Chester City Council passed finally an ordinance to increase the indebtedness of the city \$100,000 to provide money for the erecting of a new municipal building. A small portion of this money will be used in motorizing the few pieces of city fire apparatus which are still horse-drawn and making some other minor municipal improvements.

A volunteer company of 150 men was organized at the Dauphin County Court House. The call for the organization was issued by veterans of the Spanish-American War. The company will be drilled so that it may be ready to report for the front as soon as a call for volunteers is issued.

Michael Prete, fifty-three years old, owner of a peanut store in Allentown, shot his wife and himself. She is in a serious condition, but there is a chance for her recovery, but the surgeons at the Allentown Hospital, to which both were taken, believe Prete will die.

Daniel Guptill, of Everson, Fayette County, a member of the National Guard, was injured fatally while leaning from a car window as the train was going into Huntingdon.

Simon Zoogby, sixty years old, a leading business man of Shenandoah, after seeing his daughter off on her wedding tour, went home and fell dead of heart disease.

Prospects for a large huckleberry crop at Albrightsville are very encouraging. The berries will ripen late owing to the continued cool and wet weather.

Just half an hour after he began work at the Bethlehem Steel Works, Frank Tato, while overheated, drank a cup of cold water and fell dead. He was thirty-six years old.

Six-year-old Forest Mushlitz, of Friedensville, while playing in a hay loft, fell to the ground and probably has a fractured skull and spine.

Mayor McDowell, of Chester, is selecting a committee of representative citizens to look after the families of the members of Companies B and G, Sixth Regiment, of that city, who might suffer as a result of their relatives being summoned to colors.

Stella Sperling, aged twenty-four, is in the Allentown Hospital, dying from a fractured skull. She was one of a party of four motorcyclists riding tandem on the Schnecksville pike, when the machine she was on struck a dog and she fell off.

Draining a bottle of medicine during his mother's absence, John, the three-year-old son of Harry Burke, of Craig Village, is dead.

Picking a torpedo with a knife resulted in an explosion, which cost Leonard Levine, aged five years, of Mahanoy City, his sight.

Washington Camp, No. 680, Patriotic Sons of America, of Enola, is planning the organization of a volunteer company as soon as volunteers are called.

NO JAP WARSHIPS FOUND.

Admiral Winslow Completes Search Of West Coast Of Mexico.

Washington.—Admiral Winslow reported that his fleet had made a complete survey of the Mexican West Coast and had found no trace of Japanese warships, whose presence there had been rumored. The Admiral forwarded an unconfirmed report that a "Yan" leader named Ochs had been granted amnesty and commissioned as a general in the Carranza army.

BROWNSVILLE EASTERN BASE.

Facilities To Supply 40,000 Men Provided By Depot.

Brownsville, Texas.—Facilities to supply 40,000 men have been provided by the establishment of a depot quartermaster's headquarters here, it was announced at Fort Brown. Several hundred carloads of freight, with all kinds of equipment, is now moving toward Brownsville, and it was stated this would be the base for the eastern division of the army.

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