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PERSHING PLACING TROOPS FOR CRISIS

AMERICANS MEETING OPPOSITION EVERYWHERE ON SOUTHERN FRONT.

TREACHERY USED AT PARRAL

Pursuit of Villa, Whose Death Is Not Believed, Is Now a Secondary Matter With U. S. Forces.

With General Pershing, Nampiquia, Mexico (by radio, to Columbus, N. M.) — A contingent of 650 United States cavalrymen, the largest concentration camp at the front in the campaign, is still holding Santa Cruz ranch, north of Parral.

News of the Parral fight between American troopers and Mexicans is spreading in Chihuahua City and General Pershing is disposing infantry, cavalry and artillery to meet a crisis.

The Villa pursuit is now secondary. Our troops everywhere in the south are meeting opposition and native guides are unobtainable.

It is reported that the German consul at Parral aided in inciting the civilians and Carranza troops against the American cavalry.

General Pershing has shifted his headquarters 180 miles northward to Nampiquia.

Treachery at Parral.

Army officers state that Major Tompkins received a written threat from General Lozano, commander of the Carranza garrison at Parral, that the American troops would be attacked if they advanced to the city. According to the same officers the fight at Parral was the result of treachery, Major Tompkins' men being ambushed by soldiers of the Parral garrison.

The attack on the American troops is deeply resented by the officers, who assert that the hostility of the Carranza garrison has blocked the best trail to Villa's hiding place.

Villa Leader Said to Have 2,000 Men.

El Paso, Texas.—A government secret service man has received information which he has transmitted to Washington as coming from apparently reliable sources to the effect that General Pedro Bracamonte has about 2,000 men at Sombrerete, near the Durango-Zacatecas line. It is said that several months ago Bracamonte, one of Villa's most trusted commanders, was sent to the central part of the republic to "arouse the people against the gringos." This is the first heard of him since. The significance the government agent attaches to this is that if it is true and if Villa is alive he may be heading toward Sombrerete to join forces with Bracamonte.

GERMANS RENEW OFFENSIVE.

French Repulse Teutons With Heavy Losses Over Two and a Half Mile Front at Verdun.

London.—Again the Germans have launched a powerful infantry attack against the French positions extending from the River Meuse to Dourmont, and again they have been swept back, except where they obtained a footing in a small portion of the Chauffour wood, by the guns of the French. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the attacking forces along the two and a half miles of battle front.

On British Front.

On the British front in Belgium and France the heavy bombardment by the British and Germans continue unabated.

In Galicia, along the Sirha river, the Teutons have made several attempts against Russian trenches, but all of them were repulsed, according to Petrograd.

The big guns on both sides are in action along most of the Austro-Italian front. In the Sugana valley, the Austrians delivered attacks against the Italians from the Laganza torrent to Mont Collo, but they were everywhere repulsed.

In Asiatic Turkey.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians on the Black sea coast have captured the town of Sormeneh and pushed farther westward against the retreating Turks to Arsene Kolessi, less than 12 miles from the important fortified town of Trebizond.

Road Bond Election at Hillbroke. Election to determine whether \$140,000 road bonds shall be issued in the Hubbard City precinct has been ordered for May 24.

MEXICAN REPORTS CLAIM VILLA IS DEAD

BODY TAKEN IN CHARGE BY CARRANCISTA TROOPS AND TAKEN TO CHIHUAHUA.

U. S. TROOPS MAY RETURN

Neither State or War Department at Washington Has Confirmation From Americans.

Mexico City.—Monday morning it was announced at the war department here that official advices had been received stating that Francisco Villa was dead, and that death had resulted from a mortal wound received recently at San Francisco de la Borda, Chihuahua.

El Paso, Texas.—Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez Sunday by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current, both here and in Juarez. Sunday's accounts were the most circumstantial, and apparently reliable, yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials, including Gen. George Bell Jr., but the Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliability. The messages, in the order in which they were received, were as follows:

The dispatcher of the Mexican northwestern railroad at Juarez reported to Gen. Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard a conversation over the telegraph wires to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of Carranza troops.

General Gavira notified Consul Andres Garcia here, who rushed messages to the telegraph operators at Madera and Cuauhtulachic asking for information.

The Madera and Cuauhtulachic operators answered, confirming the report, and stating the body was being taken to Chihuahua.

In reply to these messages telegrams were sent to the Carranza generals in the field and officials in Mexico City, Chihuahua and other points asking confirmation.

Troops Return at Once If Villa Dead

Washington.—American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unusual statement Sunday night, commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken from Cusel to Chihuahua City by special train.

Neither the state nor war department had any confirmatory advices on the subject from American sources.

Reports reaching El Paso and other border points were forwarded for information, but neither American consuls nor military authorities in Mexico were heard from.

There was no attempt here to disguise eager interest in the reported killing of the bandit. Every message was closely scrutinized by the state department and sent to the White House. In some quarters there was a disposition to credit them, despite the fact that border reports generally have been viewed with so much suspicion since the pursuit began.

Other Facts Indicate Bandit Dead.

Apart from the telegrams there are some known facts which have been pointed out by Mexican officials as lending strong support to the report that the bandit chief's career had been closed by death.

Villa had been suffering for more than a year from a virulent form of blood poisoning. He was treated for this disease while in Juarez by one of the best known physicians in El Paso.

The physician stated that the condition of the bandit was such that even a minor wound would be fatal in ten days, unless treated promptly and with the best medical skill and care.

Another unofficial message received at Juarez stated that Villa's death and burial were revealed by a former colonel of the bandit band, who had been captured and was under sentence of death. This colonel offered to show his captors Villa's grave in return for his life.

AN EPITOME OF EVENTS

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

EUROPEAN WAR HAPPENINGS

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Found Here.

The French losses in killed and wounded in fighting around Verdun, says the Overseas News agency, are computed to have reached, up to the present time, a total of 150,000 officers and men.

Defeat of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia by the British is reported officially. In an engagement on the Tigris the Turks were driven back from one and one-half to three miles.

Officers' casualty lists for February show that the British army lost 283 killed, 597 wounded and 15 missing, a total of 875. This brings the aggregate loss since the beginning of the war to 23,982, of whom 7,420 have been killed or have died of wounds; 14,755 wounded and 1,787 are missing or prisoners of war.

"A great injustice to the officers and men of the Thirteenth cavalry," was the way General Funston characterized the recent declaration of Senator Fall, in a report he sent to the adjutant general at Washington. General Funston's report was in effect a reply to the criticism that Senator Fall made of the conduct of the troops at Columbus when that town was raided a month ago by Villa.

Petitions asking for a vote next July on the proposed submission in 1917 of a prohibition amendment to the state constitution have been received from 124 of the 262 counties of the state, indicating general interest in the campaign. A total of 15,649 names have been counted already, although the petitions were mailed out only two weeks ago by the Anti-Saloon league of Texas, which is conducting the campaign.

An examination of the country in the vicinity of Quanah, has been made by Carroll H. Wegemann of the United States geological survey, to determine, if possible, the geological structure of the area and the presence or absence of anticline, which might be effective in producing accumulations of oil and gas.

The boll weevil will infest the cotton section of the south before its progress is checked, according to the report of a special committee of the chamber of commerce of the United States made publicly.

Attempts to destroy the weevil by spraying and poisoning have met with scant success, because the weevils bore into the plant.

The Scandinavian-American line steamship United States arrived at Christiania, having left 10,000 bags of parcel mail at Kirkwall by order of the British authorities there, says a Copenhagen dispatch. The dispatch adds that 50,000 bags of California fruit were also taken from the vessel.

A temporary change in the method of assessing demurrage charges on interstate freight not destined for export will be effective throughout the state April 21. The charge will be doubled when five days have elapsed after arrival of a car.

General Pershing's Camp at the Front.—About 40 mounted men, believed to be Villa men, attacked an automobile supply train and were driven off after a short fight. There were no American casualties. One Villa bandit was killed.

London.—A royal proclamation was issued extending the list of articles which hereafter will be treated as actual contraband. Included in the list are gold, silver and paper money and all negotiable instruments and realizable securities.

Production in the Northwestern Louisiana fields has been practically unchanged, in daily average, for the last month. The compilation for the week just closed gives a daily average total of 37,440 barrels for all the fields.

Capture by a German torpedo boat of the Swedish steamship Vega, from Stockholm to Copenhagen, is reported from Copenhagen. The message says the Swedish government has demanded release of the steamship.

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LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

John Mocho was attending to business in Capitan yesterday.

Monroe Reed and family moved out to the Tucson Ranger Station last Monday.

Robt Leslie sr., of White Oaks, was looking after business in Capitan Monday.

Lightning Seed Sowers for sale at Titsworth Co's.

District court in Carrizozo has been postponed until May the 8th.

Dr. Price has bought a Ford car, something he needed in conducting his practice.

Mrs. Ben Leslie and sister, Mrs. Jessie Leslie, were shopping in Capitan Tuesday.

Parties are figuring on the proposition of establishing a sanitarium in Capitan.

For Sale—Dynamite, Blasting Caps and Fuse.

The Titsworth Co.

Judge Luceo, of Arabela, attended the Republican convention in Capitan last Saturday.

Ed Hoagland, the saw mill man near Alto, was in town last Saturday.

Just received a shipment of genuine Navajo rugs.

The Titsworth Co.

Mr. Geo. Montgomery, of Capitan, and J. F. Lackey, of near Alto, are now in the employ of the Capitan Merc. Co.

Barney Burch, who returned home two weeks ago from Cutler, this state, is now down with measles.

Mr. Will Blanchard was a delegate to the Republican county convention in Capitan last Saturday.

A Turkey Dinner will be served at the Capitan Hotel Friday April 26th.

Mrs. A. Bolt,
Proprietor.

WANTED—One dozen laying Pullets and unrelated Rooster; state breed and price F. O. B. Capitan. Address

R. H. West,

Box 24 Alto, N. M.

Ed Pfingston was down from the Nogales yesterday. He had his name marked up another year on the Mountaineer's subscription list.

C. N. Webb has sold his stock cattle to Lee Prude, who ranches near Walnut on Carrizozo Flats. Mr. Webb retains his lease on the VW Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gumm, of Carrizozo, were in town Tuesday. The object of Mrs. Gumm's trip was to visit the Tucson school.

Just received a car load of Portland cement.

The Titsworth Co.

Under Sheriff John Baird and Frank W. Guernsey, Democratic county chairman, are shaking hands with Capitan people today and have just paid the Mountaineer man a call.

The Capitan Merc. Co. have this year's Irish potatoes, boiled ham and minced ham; also, fresh strawberries and fresh string beans on hand.

Just received a car load of steel roofing.

The Titsworth Co.

Mr. J. F. Allison, of the Glencoe community, was in Capitan Wednesday. He stated that there will be considerable fruit on the Ruidoso this year, notwithstanding the late freezes.

The following are donations of money and work in the Norton hill: The Titsworth Co. 4 days

work with man and team; P. G. Peters 4 days work with man and team; Fisher Lumber Co. one day's work with man and team and \$5 cash; Newk Kemp one-half day with team; C. C. Merchant one-half day with team; A. C. Dahlke \$5; John W. Norton \$5; S. T. Gray \$4; Ira Taylor one-half day's work with team.

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County School Notes.

Institute—June 10th to July 1st.

A. E. Templeton of Rabenton will complete the term of the Upper Glencoe school.

The eight months term at Alpine has closed.

Prof. L. W. Rhoone has just completed a successful seven months term at Alpine. This district plans to have two teachers another term.

Nogal district expect to begin their term early in July.

Teen Boys' and Girls' Industrial clubs have been formed in the county since the visit of Prof. W. T. Conway. The club, chartered on the show pig and corn club on the upper Ruidoso, a poultry and canning club at Hondo, a sewing club at San Patricio, a pigeon club at Glencoe, and

two sewing clubs, a cooking club and a poultry club at Carrizozo. Arrangements will be made to have these clubs exhibit at the October County Field Day, and the winners given a trip to the Industrial Camp at the State Fair.

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An educational conference will be held in Las Vegas early in June. The Hon. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education will be the guest of honor.

Plans for an education survey of the state will be discussed.

Mrs. W. L. Gram.

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Chas. A. Siringo, live stock sanitary inspector, arrested two

parties named Francisco Lancer and Graciosa Baca, living in the Paradise Valley country, the first of this week, on a charge of killing a boar belonging to the Block Ranch people. He took the accused to Carrizozo and lodged them in jail to await the action of the grand jury.

J. V. Tully was over from Glencoe last Saturday attending the Republican county convention, and while here advanced his own subscription to the Mountaineer another year and paid another dollar to have the per cent to a friend in California. It's being whispered about that J. V. has his eye on the Republican nomination for sheriff of Lincoln county. He has many strong friends and should he conclude to make the race he will be found a fast horse from start to finish.

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Lincoln Notes.

Parsons Nuggets.

Mr. Frank English and family "Dodge it" over from Carrizozo Sunday to visit Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, little Glenroses mining for an extended visit.

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R. S. Johnson and Taylor Lewis are here for a few days looking after mining interests.

W. Robinson, Harry Lucas and Tommie Jennings have gone to the roughs on Three Sisters bear hunting. They expect to meet Bruno as he comes out after his long winter nap.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Weller are in a business trip to the Bonita this week and while there were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lauder Jennings.

Eben Stayton has been quite sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grafton, but is improving

Miss Mary Walters and sister Mrs. and Brothers Willie and Harry Norman motored to Santa Fe Wednesday to visit their sister, Miss Lupo, who is at training college in that city. They expect to remain ten days or two weeks.

Mr. Tom Roach is back at his old job at Dr. Laws.

It is reported, but not confirmed, that Dr. Laws has sold his Sanitarium to a Dr. Bull of El Paso.

The trait is reported to have been killed by the freeze last week.

The Bonita Creek has been up considerably of late, caused from the melting snows. Cars have had some trouble crossing.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico.

April 11, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Jose Carrillo, of Timie, N. M., who, on March 15, 1911, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 23544, for 160 acres, Section 24, Township 9, Range 17; N. M., P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register or Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Roswell, New Mexico, on May 13, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Procopio Gutierrez, Manuel Sinerio Carrillo, Meliton Sabedra, Francisco Annal, all of Timie, New Mexico.

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COMING EVENTS.
 April 27 Republican State Convention at Alamogordo
 May 24 Democratic State Convention at Albuquerque
 June 6 "Teachety" Meeting at East Las Vegas
 July 4-6 Cowboys' Reunion at Las Vegas
 Sept 4-7 State Tennis Tournament at Roswell
 Oct. 6 New Mexico Bankers Association Convention at Grand Canyon, Ariz.

Taos is to have a new jail.
 Roswell is to have a summer school.

The smallpox epidemic at Clovis is about ended.

Fire destroyed the livery barn of A. S. Beck at Clovis.
 Deming will observe April 15 to 22 as Dress Up Week.

T. W. Gorman has been appointed postmaster at Tucumcari.

Santa Fe Presbyterians are planning to erect a new church building.

A local branch of the American Red Cross is being organized in Silver City.

Clayton has a mysterious poison case which nearly cost the life of J. W. Van Horn.

The body of Charles C. Brainerd, the Tyrone bartender was buried in Silver City.

A Silver City trained nurse, Miss Emmeline Silva, has been stricken with typhus at El Paso.

F. W. Nations has shipped 1,000 head of Angora goats from his ranch near Montoya to market.

A "Sunlight Meeting" of farmers to hear the gospel of better farming was a new departure at Auga Fria.

The \$20,000 issue of Domingo power extension bonds carried at the recent election by a vote of 75 to 25.

Orders have been issued for the establishment of an underground telephone system at Fort Bayard.

Peter Glazier killed a mountain lion near Cimarron which measured seven feet ten inches from tip to tip.

At the recent elections water bonds were voted by the citizens of Cimarron, East Las Vegas and Las Cruces.

Contracts for boots are being signed up and the acreage this year on the Maxwell tract will be fully 500 acres.

More than 200 natives, men, women and children, were confirmed by Bishop Schuler, of El Paso, at San Jose.

The Borderland Tire Manufacturing Company with an authorized capital of \$150,000 has been organized in Las Cruces.

Repairs and improvements totaling \$15,000 will be made at Glendcroft in preparation for the summer rush of tourists.

The sum of approximately \$15,000 will be spent on beautifying and improving Glendcroft before the resort opens about May 1.

The streets around the State Capitol building in Santa Fe will be paved, \$10,000 having been appropriated for that purpose.

The Santa Fe Railway Company is enlarging the stockyards and making numerous repairs at Arriba, three miles north of Las Vegas.

Petitions asking the county commissioners to establish county agricultural agent are being circulated among taxpayers of Union County.

Spring conditions in the Estancia Valley were never better, the recent snows having put the ground in excellent condition for crops. The bean acreage will be more than doubled this year.

Gov. McDonald appointed W. P. Southard of Albuquerque a member of the State Fair Commission to succeed Robert E. Putney, resigned.

Mamie D. McCullough, of Albu, Vincente Martinez of La Llenda, H. R. Van Peters of Las Vegas, and J. D. Allen of Magdalena, have been commissioned notaries public by Governor McDonald.

April came in like a lion in Santa Fe with several light snowfalls culminating in a fall that covered the landscape to a depth of a couple of inches, the trees and shrubbery being loaded down with a white coating.

Farmers under the Rio Grande project will save \$25,000 a year until the project has been opened formally, it is believed, as a result of a revision of the contract covering operation and maintenance of the project units.

A judgment for \$54,000 was awarded in favor of the defunct First State Bank of Las Cruces against W. N. Illegor, surely on the bond of M. O. Illegor, former treasurer of the State College, which had about \$75,000 in the bank when it failed.

A rifle club is being organized in Silver City, to be under the direction of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice in the United States.

On behalf of constituents, Congressman Hernandez asked the U. S. Indian Department to widen the sheep trail across the Jicarilla reservation.

All the canned tomatoes in the plant of the Lakewood Truck & Fruit Growers' Association, have been sold to jobbers. The supply amounts to four carloads.

LEADS TO EVASION

Plan of Collecting Income Tax Is Criticized.

New York World Advises a Change in Methods, and Presents Arguments Upholding Its Vision of the Situation.

Secretary McAdoo is right in the view that the income tax needs "tightening up." But it needs tightening up in more ways than requiring the taxable citizen to make a detailed return of deductions from gross income.

The honest assessment of the tax suffers primarily from the attempt to "collect at the source." This amounts to an effort on the part of the government to turn over the collection of the individual tax to the corporations at their own instead of the government's expense. Work which the government's tax collectors are paid for doing is passed on to those who are forced to do it without compensation and at no end of trouble.

This is not fair to the collecting corporations. It is demoralizing to the government's own collection service. It has resulted in indecent confusion. It cannot but result in many evasions which are not the intent of the taxpayer.

Taxable incomes may be derived from a single corporate source, from several corporate sources, from no corporate source, or partly from one and from the other source. This exposes the assessment to no end of complications wide open even to honest evasions. But when the work is further divided between corporation assessors for incomes of corporate origin and government assessors and collectors for other incomes, how is an effective assessment fairly to be expected? Government collectors who are required to shirk two-thirds of their work cannot be depended on to perform the other third.

Let the government go to the individual in the first place, and count upon the corporations only as information bureaus in getting at the individual and his taxable income. This is the simple way. It must, accordingly, be the more effective way. It is more in harmony with that spirit of the tax which seeks to bring the individual into a direct pocket relation with the government and the way the government is managed.—New York World.

Loaning Government Money.

True it is that in 1858 the Republican national platform denounced the Democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pot banks," but President Harrison and his secretary of the treasury continued the same policy during every month of his four years of occupancy of the White House.

So it was under Cleveland's second administration, so it was under McKinley's administrations, so it was under Roosevelt's administrations;

and what bankers and what business man so forgetful as to fail to remember the score of millions of dollars in United States treasury funds which Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou piled into the vaults of the banks of New York city when the panic of 1907, under a Republican administration, brought pallor to the bankers' checks as their vault shelves were emptied of their own stocks of currency?

—Republican Death Knell.

The Republican leaders have sounded the death knell of their party by proclaiming that it is a party of the North and not of the South, not a national organization, but a sectional organization, declared Col. William F. Sapp, Democratic national committeeman of Kansas, in a recent interview.

"The Republican national committee has voted to reduce the Southern representation in the convention. This is in a virtual declaration that the Republican party does not represent the South, but the North alone; it is not a national organization."

There has been a lot of apparent enthusiasm among the Republicans of late, for what reason I am unable to understand. Certainly they cannot base their optimism on poor business conditions, for an old friend of mine back in Kansas expressed it, "business is gettin' better every day and the Republicans are throwin' a fit."

—Need for More Democrats.

The World calls it "a disappointing congress." Well, it's a Democratic congress, isn't it?—The Herald.

The Sixty-third congress had a much larger Democratic majority than this congress, and its record of great constructive legislation has never been surpassed. The Herald will have to advance another explanation. Perhaps there are not enough Democrats in the Sixty-fourth congress.—New York World.

America in Leading Position.

The reason for making the dollar the measure of the world's money is simply that the United States has taken the lead in commerce for the first time in history and that foreign nations are obliged to pay in money, for they have relatively little return of exports.

Will Start a Stampede.

"Let the G. O. P. come to us," says George W. Perkins. Shake your checkbooks at 'em, George, and the coming will start.—Houston Post.

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