

HAVE VILLA IN TRAP

BANDIT TRACED TO BABRICORA LAKE REGION

NOT WORRIED OVER FINANCES

Conditions in France Said to be Very Satisfactory—German Offensive Again Slackens.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. El Paso, Tex.—Pancho Villa has been driven into a trap by the rapid advance of the American troops, according to information received in dispatches from the front, and in telegraphic messages to General Gabriel Gaviira, the Chihuahua commander at Juarez.

Everything seems now to depend on the ability of the Carranza garrisons to hold their end of the net. On three sides of the bandit chief, he is hemmed in by strong Carranza columns, while on the fourth the American soldiers are driving forward with amazing speed.

Villa is reported in the Babricora lake region on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, which he has ravaged several times in the past. Babricora is about fifty-five miles south of Galeana, where one section of the American expeditionary force has arrived and is pushing forward at the rate of thirty-three miles a day.

Offensive Again Slackens.

London.—The German offensive in the Verdun region, now nearing the end of its fourth week, has again slackened decidedly, both Paris and Berlin reporting the continued absence of infantry operations by either side. The big guns here and there along the front in the vicinity of the fortresses are intermittently pounding opposition positions, but the chief activity just at present seems to be by the airmen. Numerous raids by French aviators are reported by the Paris war office, the points bombarded including the railway stations of Conflans and Metz. The showers of heavy shells dropped are declared to have been effective in causing numerous explosions and fires.

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Conditions in France Declared to be Satisfactory.

Paris.—Although France spent more than 22,000,000,000 francs in 1915, the financial situation is satisfactory, thanks to the French internal loan which is being maintained above the rate of issue, said Felix Ribot, minister of finance, during a discussion of the appropriations required for the second quarter of 1916 in the chamber of deputies. With only one dissenting vote the chamber adopted the credit of 7,800,000,000 francs for the second quarter. This is equivalent to a daily expenditure of 87,000,000 francs.

Minister Ribot said that while France would soon be spending 90,000,000 francs a day, England would be spending 110,000,000, and she is able to support the imposition of new taxes much better, because France is concerned with the difficulty of purchasing supplies abroad, such as coal, grain and meat for the army and civil population.

Many Recruiting Substations.

Washington.—The recruiting officer at Omaha will have charge of tributary recruiting offices at Des Moines, Lincoln and Sioux City, under the plans now being made by the war department to enlist quickly the 20,000 additional men for the regular army, authorized by congress last week. One hundred and seventy-two substations will be opened in various parts of the United States.

Opens San Diego Exposition.

San Diego, Cal.—The Panama California international exposition was formally thrown open to the world Saturday with twenty nations participating as exhibitors to justify the "international" title for its second year of existence, and with approximately 20,000 visitors crowding its sunny courts and flower filled patios.

Mexicans Reported Excited.

Douglas, Ariz.—With Mexicans here and in Agua Prieta greatly excited over the American entry into Chihuahua, eight troops of the First cavalry have been placed near the border line facing Agua Prieta. Carranza soldiers mobilized at Cabullona, eighteen miles south of Douglas were reported to have informed Governor E. P. Calles of Sonora that he has sold out to the Americans. Messengers from Cabullona stated that the 3,000 troops there had ordered Calles not to visit their camp.

Sugar Prices are Soaring

New York.—The continued strong tone of the raw sugar market has sent the price of granulated to the highest level recorded since the outbreak of the European war. One of the largest American refiners quoted the granulated product at 7 cents while others advanced the price to 6.90 cents. The high price was attributed to the recent active demand for sugar from abroad, owing to the small European acreage of beet sugar and the large domestic buying.

FOR AVIATION RESERVE.

McMillen to Take Course in Private Aviation School.

Captain R. E. McMillen, aviator of the Nebraska national guard has been selected by the American Aero club of New York as one of the six aviators to be chosen to take a free course in the Curtis aviation school at Newport News. The club will advance \$200 to pay his expenses and will pay for his course of instruction in the use of the particular type of Curtis machine which he will be compelled to use. The club, for the alleged purpose of building up a reserve of aviators in case of need by the government in Mexico in chasing bandits through the mountains, says it will start with six men chosen to take the course of training. Adjutant General Hall has received notice of the club's offer and is willing to accept it.

Warman Wants Gasoline Embargo.

C. E. Harman, Nebraska food commissioner, has asked the democratic members of the Nebraska delegation in congress for an embargo on the exportation of American gasoline. He asks that this be done so that the exportation will not increase the price of the product in the United States to a prohibitive point.

In his letter to the democratic members of the Nebraska delegation Mr. Harman says the price of gasoline has almost doubled in four years and the price has jumped in one year from 10 cents a gallon to 18 1/2 cents and 20 cents a gallon. He says the price in Nebraska is now too high and in eastern states it is unreasonable. He has been informed that the price in some states is 40 cents a gallon and the owners of automobiles in many cases have ceased to use their cars. He believes an embargo on exportation of the American gasoline will not only conserve an American resource, but will be made easier on people's pocket books.

Government Aid for State Roads.

A copy of the bill which has been favorably reported in the United States senate, proposing government aid to the states in the construction of good roads, has been received by State Engineer Johnson as a member of the American Association of State Highway Officials. The bill proposes the following appropriations:

First year, \$5,000,000; second, \$10,000,000; third, \$15,000,000; fourth \$25,000,000; fifth, \$50,000,000.

These sums are to be given to the states which will spend equal amounts of their own money as they receive funds from the government. One-third of the federal appropriations will be apportioned on the basis of mileage of all roads within the state, one-third on the basis of the state's area and one-third in proportion to the population of the state.

Ready for Mobilization.

General orders have been issued by Adjutant General Hall of the Nebraska national guard to the captains of the thirty-two companies throughout the state regarding mobilization, so as to be prepared for a quick assembling of troops should a mobilization order be issued. In addition, General Hall has called for four new companies of infantry in the guard, and they are being organized at David City, Schuyler, Wayne and Omaha. According to General Hall, the addition of the four companies will put the national guard into first-class condition, and it will be fully ready for mobilization should such an order come.

Would Protect American Flag.

The use of the American flag on paper napkins, which are crumpled and thrown away, in advertisements which are usually destroyed, are desecrations of the flag, according to Mrs. A. K. Gault of Omaha, a prominent member of the state Daughters of the Revolution. Mrs. Gault introduced a resolution for the Omaha chapter of the D. A. R. at the state conference that a printed list of such misuses of the flag be prepared and distributed generously by the "Daughters." Mrs. Gault believes that despite the present work of the D. A. R., the desecration of the flag is general.

Fourteen counties of the state and their treasurers are made defendants in an injunction suit brought in federal court by the Great Northern railway. The total amount of money involved is \$16.40. The case originated over the taxing of the sleeping cars of the defendant while they were in use on the Burlington system in this state.

Discuss Mobilization of N. N. G.

Mobilization of the national guard of Nebraska under plans of a different nature than were proposed by the military board a couple of years ago, when it looked as if Mexican intervention was in sight, is likely to take place if Nebraska troops are called into the field this time. Definite plans have not been announced by General Hall, but it is known that he is considering the advisability of going into the matter at length with his military advisers.

Worms Destroying Library Records

Two worms, a sixteenth of an inch long and one-thirty-second of an inch wide, were captured by State Librarian Lindsey in an examination of the books in the state house basement which have been raided by an army of the pests during the past month. "They are doing hundreds of dollars' worth of harm," said Mr. Lindsey. "But the fact that there is no room in the state library for our books prevents us from saving our records. Most of the damage thus far has been done to court records.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Spelling will be it, in the schools of Lancaster county this spring, for some eight thousand students in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades are already plugging away in preparation for a big spelling bee to be held at Lincoln April 28. It will be one of the old fashioned kind of spelling bees where the speller will have to stand up and face a rapid fire test in oral spelling.

Five silver cups have been offered as a special premium to be awarded at the national swine show in Omaha October 2 to 7. The trophies will be of handsome design and are expected to bring out keen competition. They will be offered for the best boar and three gilts farrowed since February 1 this year, in the following breeds: Poland China, Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire and Chester Whites.

That it pays well to feed hogs in Box Butte county even though the corn has to be shipped in to do it, is shown in the case of E. L. Gregg, breeder. He bought sixty-one head of hogs at the yards in Alliance and fed them corn for sixty-two days and sold the porkers at a clear gain of \$309. They showed an average gain of 85 pounds each.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson of Boone precinct, Boone county, who passed away at her home recently, at the age of 86 years, took a larger part in populating Boone county than any other person, it is believed. Mrs. Johnson had fourteen children, thirty-one grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

C. E. Shea, who has conducted the Broken Bow Republican for something over a year, has sold the plant to J. K. Hewett, who has for some years been a member of the Alliance Times force. Mr. Hewett, the new editor, is a practical newspaper man and under his management the paper will be republican in politics.

The Dodge county board of supervisors instructed County Attorney S. S. Sidner to bring suit against the nineteen insurance companies which have insurance on the county courthouse, destroyed by fire at Fremont three months ago, to force the payment of the full amount of the loss, \$40,000.

George Crumrine, an aged farmer, living one mile south of Phillips, Hamilton county, was injured, perhaps fatally, when he was run over by his own automobile. The aged man suffered a serious scalp wound. The top of the head had been torn almost completely off.

John Dobbs, a grain dealer of Beatrice, who has just inspected a number of winter wheat fields in Gage county, reports that the crop is in excellent condition, having passed through the winter in good shape.

Four train loads of horses, consisting of 116 cars, were shipped from Grand Island last week for the French and Italian governments. This was the largest shipment of horses ever made out of Grand Island.

Excavation work on the annex to the Clarke hotel, Hastings, has commenced. The addition will cost \$60,000, and will consist of fifty-four rooms and a banquet room with a seating capacity of 300 persons.

A movement is on foot for a new rural high school in Maple township, involving the six districts of the township in its support and benefits. Sentiment seems largely in favor of the proposed new school.

The Lincoln city commissioners have put a ban on bonfires and none will be allowed in that city this spring. The reason for it is the likelihood of fires being communicated to other property.

The West Point council has raised the saloon license fee to \$700. Ever since the enactment of the Slocumb law the license has been the minimum \$500. There are eight saloons in the city.

Farmers of Midland township, Gage county, have organized a Gopher club, for the purpose of combating the pest. Each member is to be taxed a small amount to finance the club.

A recruiting station of the U. S. army has been opened at Lincoln. It is in charge of an officer from the headquarters at Omaha.

A free dental dispensary is being planned in Omaha.

"Idaho Bill" Pearson, frontier showman, of Hastings, announces he intends to organize a troop of rough riders for service in Mexico. He will seek recruits among the cowboys of Arizona.

At a special election the city of Kearney voted out saloons by a majority of 322 votes, the largest ever recorded against the saloons. The election was a lively affair, the total vote being only thirty-two less than the total vote cast at the general election in 1914.

The annual old fiddlers' contest will be held at the Young Men's Christian association, Omaha, on March 27. All the contestants must be 50 years or more. In past years contestants have attended from all over the state of Nebraska.

By a vote of 650 to 176 Norfolk voted \$50,000 bonds for paving street intersections. This means about six miles of paving in Norfolk this summer.

The city gas plant at Ponca will be discontinued after April 30. Electricity will be used.

HELPS INDUSTRIES

PRICE OF POTASH HAS GONE UP TO \$500 PER TON.

BUGS CAUSE OTHERS TROUBLE

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

The war is assisting an infant Nebraska industry to grow. During the past week announcement was made of a new company being organized to take potash from the briny lakes in the neighborhood of Antioch, and northeast of Alliance. For some months a company has been shipping concentrated brine from these lakes. The water contains a strong solution of potash. Potash is not found in all the lakes, but in a few the water contains it in solution and in some of them there is a deep deposit at the bottom of a mixture that yields potash in a larger quantity. This is brought to the surface, concentrated and the concentrate shipped to market in tank cars. The demand for war munitions has increased the demand for potash so that the price has gone up from \$29 a ton, the normal price before the war, to \$500 a ton. At the latter price the product is said to be too valuable for use as fertilizer, although it is an excellent fertilizer and at lower prices finds a ready market in some agricultural sections.

The United States geological survey has shown an interest in this matter since the demand now exceeds the supply and the price has gone up. It has instituted a wide search for potash deposits.

Have Troubles in Other States.

Since discovering a few days ago that "book beetles" had been eating in the buildings of 1,000 copies of the 1903 session laws of Nebraska, stored in the basement of the capitol, Clerk Lindsay of the supreme court has found out that other states are also having trouble with the same pest. He has sent some of the grubs which do the damage to Professor Bruner at the University of Nebraska, and the latter is making an investigation to determine where they come from, what they feed on, and how to get rid of them.

Some bound volumes of the Louisiana court reports have just come by mail to the supreme court clerk's office and also an old set of twenty volumes of the Texas Reporter. All of these books contained the little worms which develop into "book beetles," and all had been damaged to some extent.

Another peculiar discovery was made when a copy of the 1913 session laws of Nebraska was taken out of its original paper wrapping and found to be infested with the embryo beetles. The wrapping itself was intact. The inference from this is that the eggs are deposited by the parent insect in the leather, paste or other raw material that goes into the binding, and that the young ones hatch out in the book and eat their way out.

County Treasury Examiners

Ma honey and Stech have gone to Omaha under orders from State Auditor Smith, and are checking over the county treasurer's books for a year back in order to find out how much he was owing to the state at the beginning of every month. The auditor has announced that Ure will be charged with the penalty of 10 per cent interest on monies so held by him. The amount of interest is likely to run above \$5,000. It is expected that Ure will resist payment, which means that the auditor may have to bring suit to collect the penalty. Other county treasurers who failed to remit monthly after being directed by State Treasurer Hall to do so will also have the penalty charged against them for the times they have been respectively delinquent.

Dr. F. S. Marnell of Nebraska City has been appointed pathologist or second assistant physician at the Lincoln hospital for the insane. Dr. Marnell has been a practicing physician for many years, and had four years' experience as physician at the state hospital for insane at Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

Oppose the Anti-Convict Labor Bill.

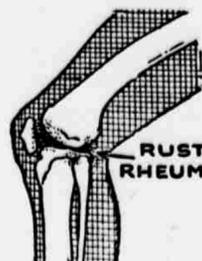
The Nebraska state board of control will join the boards of many other states to lobby against the passage of bills in congress directed against convict made goods. The Nebraska board has practically abandoned the contract labor system and is gradually branching out in the work of manufacturing goods by convict labor directly under state supervision. Warden W. T. Fenton of the state penitentiary has been authorized by the Nebraska board to attend a hearing before the senate committee on education and labor.

Requests Filing for the Kaiser.

Secretary of State Pool has received a petition nominating Wilhelm Hohenzollern for president of the United States. It was received by mail. Mr. Pool is of the opinion that the petition is not genuine but the prank of a joker, and he will not file it. It supports to be signed by democrats living in Lincoln. Twenty-eight names are attached to it. Johannes Schmoker, Anheuser-Busch, Fritz von Hintenberg, Stark Liebig, Karl Kusselbaum and other names are on the petition.

DRINK HOT WATER AND RID JOINTS OF RHEUMATIC RUST

Why rheumatism and lumbago sufferers should drink phosphated hot water each morning before breakfast



Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incombustible material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken day after day leaves in the alimentary canal a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not completely eliminated each day, becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. From this mass of left-over waste material, toxins and ptomaine-like poisons, called uric acid, is formed and then sucked into the blood where it continues to circulate, collecting grain by grain in the joints of the body much like rust collects on the hinge as shown above.

Men and women who suffer from lumbago, rheumatism or sore, stiff, aching joints should begin drinking phosphated hot water, not as a means to magic relief from pain, but to prevent more uric acid forming in the system. Before eating breakfast each morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will first neutralize and then wash out of the stom-

ach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's accumulation of toxins and poisons; thus, cleansing, sweetening, and freshening the entire alimentary canal, each morning, before putting more food into the stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to make any rheumatic or lumbago sufferer an enthusiast on the morning inside bath.

Millions of people keep their joints free from these rheumatic acids by practicing this daily internal sanitation. A glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate, drunk before breakfast, is wonderfully invigorating; besides, it is an excellent health measure because it cleanses the alimentary organs of all the waste, gases and sour fermentations, making one look and feel clean, sweet and fresh all day.

Those who try this for one week may find themselves free from sick headaches, constipation, bilious attacks, salowness, nasty breath and stomach acidity.

No Barber Bill to Pay.

There is a barber's shop in Cape Town at which Sir Leander Starr Jameson can always have a haircut and shave for nothing. Years ago "Doctor Jim," then in practice, attended the barber's wife during a dangerous illness. Though his skill she recovered. The husband was deeply grateful; but he was not in a position to pay. Instead, he offered to give "Doctor Jim" a free haircut and shave for the rest of his life. Whenever Sir Leander is in Cape Town he goes to the shop, and the barber carries out his bargain.

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Explained.

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Children for Farm Work.

The Kent (England) education committee has again decided to release children twelve years of age and upwards from school attendance for employment in agriculture during the summer months. Children of not less than twelve years of age are also to be released this year for employment in home duties if thereby their mothers can be employed in agriculture.

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