

FOLLOW VILLA TRAIL

U. S. CAVALRYMEN FOLLOW VEHICLE TRACKS—NEW CLEW TO BANDIT'S LAIR.

TROOPS HUNT DAY AND NIGHT

Rumor of Gathering of Villistas in Chihuahua Desert to Cut Expedition's Line of Communication Causes Fear on Border.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Columbus, N. M.—North from the town of Guerrero and east of the line of the Mexico Northwestern railroad, through Arroyos and over trails that lead through the buttes and canyons of the Sierra Tarahumare, American cavalrymen of the Seventh regiment are riding night and day, seeking Francisco Villa, according to latest reports received from field headquarters at Colonia Dublan.

Little information concerning the pursuit filtered over the border, and nothing definite was received from official sources. There were persistent reports, however, that the forces of Col. Dodd had captured the man who was once the "Robin Hood" of Mexico, but because of the difficulty in communication have been unable to make a report.

Late reports from the camp of Gen. J. J. Pershing at the front, stated that the track of a vehicle, believed to be a carriage carrying Villa in his flight, had been discovered.

Other advices said that the American cavalrymen were riding through the mountains in the teeth of a heavy gale, which mingled with snow and drizzling rain, cut through the army blouse and sweater into the very vitals of the men, but that not a single man indicated a desire to give up the search.

Army men here were considerably disturbed by numerous warnings from confidential sources that Villista adherents are gathering in the Chihuahua desert, both north and south of Ascension and near the motor trail leading from Columbus to Casas Grandes for the purpose of attempting to cut the American line of communication.

ZEPPELINS REPEAT RAID.

Fleet of Gas Bags Again Rains Death on Island.

London.—The coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked by zeppelins again Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the secretary of war.

The announcement says: "A zeppelin raid took place Sunday night when the coast of Scotland and the northern and southeastern counties of England were attacked. Bombs were dropped at various places."

With the exception of the big air raid of January 31, when the casualties were 67 persons killed and 117 injured, the zeppelin raids of Friday and Saturday nights caused greater loss of life than previous aerial attacks this year.

The total casualties for the two nights, according to an official report, were 55 persons killed and 166 wounded.

To Reopen Famous Case.

Washington, D. C.—The celebrated intermountain rate case begun in 1911 and disposed of three years later in the supreme court was reopened April 1 by the interstate commerce commission on petition of the Spokane Merchants' association and the Nevada railroad commission. A hearing will begin here April 24 and a decision will be rendered as speedily as possible.

Schwab Buys Mammoth Factory.

Baltimore, Md.—Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel company, financier and multimillionaire steel magnate, has purchased the Baltimore Sheet and Tin Plate company, the \$2,000,000 enterprise recently promoted by J. E. Aldred. The purchase will result in tripling the originally proposed size of the plant.

Ready for Gotch.

Freemont, Neb.—While here on his way from Lincoln to his home in Dodge, Joe Stecher declared he was ready any day now to tackle Frank Gotch. "Any sort of an arrangement suits me," said Stecher. "What I want is a chance at the champion who handed his crown to Ordeman."

Milk Famine in Chicago.

Chicago.—Chicago faced a shortage of milk April 1 as a result of action taken by 10,000 farmers of the milk producers' association, who demanded a higher price from the distributors. The normal daily supply of 1,750,000 quarts was cut to 75,000, it was said.

To Place a Big Loan.

New York.—The loan to be placed in this country by the Chinese government will probably amount to \$5,000,000 and the proceeds will be used in the purchase here of supplies, it was understood in banking circles.

Waite Signs a Confession.

New York.—What purports to be a formal confession by Dr. Arthur Waite that he murdered his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, was printed April 2 by the New York World.

SEIZED SHIP AT SEA

LONE GERMAN CAUSES REIGN OF TERROR ON BRITISH STEAMER.

THREATENED TO FIRE BOMBS

Teuton Confines Captain of Matoppo in Cabin and Disables Wireless—Finally Captured by U. S. Officers and Put in Irons.

Lewes, Del., April 1.—The British steamer Matoppo put in at this port on Thursday with a thrilling tale of piracy. A German stowaway, armed with two revolvers, had come within a hair's breadth of capturing single-handed the vessel and its cargo of war munitions destined for Russia.

Ernest Schuler, the German, is under arrest. He is in irons at the federal customs house in Lewes. He has in his possession money and papers belonging to the captain. Nothing can be learned about him.

The Matoppo weighed anchor at Sandy Hook at night, bound for Vladivostok with a cargo of war materials landed at New York. Two hours later Schuler came out of his hiding place.

He put the wireless out of operation, forced the captain into a cabin at the point of his guns, searched his papers and the ship's safe and until morning was in complete control of the ship.

The officers and crew of the ship were terrorized through the night by the man's declaration that he had placed bombs in different parts of the ship and that the vessel would be blown to bits if they tried to attack him.

After running the ship for a night Schuler was responsible for his own undoing. About noon, when the steamer was off Rehoboth bay, Delaware, he insisted on being put ashore. He was put over in a pilot boat, still with his two guns, and made for the shore.

In the meantime the Matoppo ran up a signal asking for immediate assistance. It was seen by the superintendent of the maritime exchange reporting station at the Delaware breakwater and the federal coast guard crew at Lewes immediately put off in its large power launch.

The launch reached Schuler's boat just as he was approaching the beach at Rehoboth. Schuler was ordered to surrender and come into the launch. He threw his revolvers overboard and came in. He was taken to the customs house and clapped in irons. Search is being made for bombs on the ship.

U. S. HOLDS GADSKI'S SPOUSE

German Navy Officer Is Arrested by Agents of the Department of Justice in Welland Plot.

New York, April 1.—Capt. Hans Tauscher, an officer of the German navy and the husband of Mme. Johanna Gadski, the opera singer, was arrested on Thursday by agents of the department of justice on a federal warrant charging him with being concerned in a conspiracy on September 14, 1914, to blow up the Welland canal in Canada.

Captain Tauscher's arrest followed disclosures made by Horst von der Goltz, alias Bridgman Taylor, who was brought here from the Tower of London. Captain Tauscher is head of the Tauscher Arms company and is the American representative of the Krupp Gun works of Essen, Germany.

WILSON AID TO WED HEIRESS

Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon Announces Her Engagement to Dr. Cary Grayson, U. S. N.

Washington, April 1.—Announcement was made at the White House on Thursday that Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, an heiress and former ward of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, had announced in New York the engagement to Dr. Cary T. Grayson, United States navy surgeon and personal friend, aide and physician to the president. Miss Gordon is the possessor of millions. Mr. Gordon died five years ago. He was a world-famous bridge builder. Miss Gordon's romance is the fourth in the White House since Woodrow Wilson became president. Mr. Wilson and his two daughters have been married since his term began.

Immigration Bill Wins Again.

Washington, April 1.—The Burnett immigration bill, twice passed by both house and senate and vetoed 10th times, once by former President Taft and the last time by President Wilson, again passed the house. The vote was 308 to 87. The house voted down a proposal by Representative Sabath of Illinois to strike out the literacy test.

New York Woman Held as Spy.

Rome, April 3.—Charlotte von Kuehn, a New York artist, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and banishment on a charge of doing secret service work for Germany in Lucerne. Another woman got the same sentence.

Bombs Kill Allied Troops.

Berlin, April 3.—Two hundred English and French soldiers were killed in German air raids on Saloniki March 30, according to Berlin reports received on Friday. Numerous barracks houses were destroyed.

WILL THE DOVE GET A LOOK-IN



WAITE KILLED PECKS 27 KILLED IN WRECK

DECLARES "MAN FROM EGYPT" MADE HIM DO IT.

Dentist Says He Gave Both Victims Germs and Fed Poison Also to Father-in-Law.

New York, March 30.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite confessed on Tuesday that he killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Peck, with disease germs and murdered his father-in-law, John E. Peck, with arsenic.

In making the confession he laid the groundwork for his defense on the plea of mental irresponsibility. He attributed two natures to himself—a good and an evil one—and said that the evil nature, a stranger to his real self, dominated him when he committed the crimes.

The essential part of the dentist's confession was made to District Attorney Swann and Assistant District Attorneys Mancusco and Brothers in the presence of former Assistant Attorney Walter R. Deuel, who has been engaged as counsel for Doctor Waite.

The lawyers walked into the private room of the alcoholic ward, to which Doctor Waite had been removed, and found the man lying on a bed rubbing his hand across his forehead, seemingly in a shaken and uncertain condition. "Don't you remember me?" asked Mr. Brothers. "You talked to me last Friday."

"Did I?" asked Doctor Waite. There was a moment's pause before Doctor Waite spoke again.

"Oh, but that doesn't matter," he said; "it's all over now. I did it all. I killed Mrs. Peck and Mr. Peck. The man from Egypt made me do it. He was after me for a long time. I couldn't shake him off. I wasn't able to get rid of him until last night."

"He's gone now, but I couldn't get away from him for a long time. I don't know what his name was. I asked him and he didn't tell me. I was afraid of him. I told Clara about him."

By "Clara" Doctor Waite meant his wife, who is now in Grand Rapids. Representatives of the district attorney's office are searching for the undertaker who embalmed the body of Peck. Mr. Swann declared Waite had told him that he had made an agreement with the undertaker that for a consideration of \$9,000 the latter would testify that he had used arsenic in the fluid with which he embalmed Peck's body.

Earlier in the day Doctor Waite talked freely to his brother and Raymond C. Schindler, the private detective employed by the Peck family.

More Airships for Mexico.

San Diego, Cal., March 30.—Capt. V. Clark, aeronautical engineer of the signal corps aviation school here, and Lieut. Thomas DeWitt Milling, junior military aviator and instructor in flying, have received instructions to proceed to Washington to inspect, purchase and test a number of new aeroplanes to be sent to the expeditionary forces operating in Mexico.

Pullman Shops Strike Ends.

Chicago, April 1.—Five hundred strikers of the Pullman car works, who struck two weeks ago for an increase in wages from 20 to 25 cents an hour, returned to work. They agreed to accept a two-cent increase.

Train Robbers Take Mail.

Shreveport, La., April 1.—Robbers boarded Texas & Pacific mail train No. 23 at the station here as it was pulling out. They bound two mail clerks and took two pouches of registered mail.

THREE FAST TRAINS IN CRASH IN OHIO.

Rear Collision Between Two East-Bound Trains Sideswiped by West-Bound Twentieth Century Limited.

Cleveland, O., March 31.—State, federal and railroad investigation of the double wreck on Wednesday on the Lake Shore railroad at Amherst, O., near here, which cost the lives of fully twenty-seven persons and injured forty, was begun here.

Railroad officers declare the blame for the crash which piled up the Twentieth Century flyer and two other crack Lake Shore passenger trains into a tangled heap of junk probably will be shared by two railroad employees.

The railroad company, in an official statement explaining the wreck, declared the first section of train No. 86, after stopping at the interlocking tower at Amherst, had started ahead at five or ten miles an hour. The second section ran into the first. Two rear cars of the first section fell over on the west-bound track just as the Twentieth Century Limited, bound for Chicago, was approaching. The Twentieth Century collided with part of the wreckage on the west-bound tracks. The Twentieth Century was derailed except for the three rear cars. All of the passengers killed or seriously hurt were in the rear car of the first section of train No. 86.

CHAIN OF AERO RELAYS

American Army Aviators Establish New System to Expedite Work.

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Colonia Dublan, by Motor to Columbus, N. M., April 1.—A complete chain of aviation relays from the American border to the front has been established. The main base is at field headquarters. The advantage of the relay is that it enables the planes to travel with fairly light loads from one station to the next.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, April 1.—The Russian hospital ship Portugal has been torpedoed and sunk. There were many wounded soldiers on board at the time.

Berne, Switzerland, April 1.—Two aeroplanes of unknown nationality, dropped five large bombs at dawn this morning on the Swiss village of Porrentruy, near the French frontier. Some damage to property was caused.

London, April 1.—Two thousand munition workers are now on strike in the government gun factories in the Clyde district and reports from Glasgow said the labor troubles threatened to spread. Less than 400 strikers have returned to work in spite of the pressure of union leaders.

Planes for Big Warships.

Seattle, April 3.—The Puget sound navy yard has been informed that all large war vessels will carry aeroplanes and equipment for launching them. Orders have been received to build launching ways on the deck.

Quake Shocks Recorded.

Washington, April 3.—The seismograph at Georgetown university recorded severe earthquake shocks lasting almost an hour. It was estimated that the quake took place some 3,500 miles from Washington.

SHOT SELF TO DEATH

E. P. CUMMINGS, HEAD OF MICHIGAN SCHOOLS, ENDS LIFE AS BROTHER DRINKS POISON.

COMMITS DEED AT CHICAGO

Nothing Found by Police to Indicate Suicide Compact—Shot Once Before—Believed His Case Was Hopeless—Wrote Two Letters.

Chicago, April 3.—Edward P. Cummings, superintendent of schools of Lansing, Mich., shot himself to death in the Stratford hotel here. At practically the same time Dr. Herbert Cummings, his brother, swallowed poison in Grand Haven, Mich.

Nothing has been found to indicate a suicide compact. Police and relatives believe neither brother knew of the other's act. Doctor Cummings is still alive, but his condition makes discussion of the death of his brother impossible.

E. P. Cummings, who until last November was president of the State Teachers' association of Michigan, feared he was losing his mind, according to the belief expressed by his physician and close friends in Lansing. It is said that for many months Mr. Cummings has been under a severe nervous strain. His mother, suffering from a mental derangement, caused him considerable anxiety while she was residing in his home.

Mr. Cummings had been at Daytona Beach for two months in an effort to recuperate, following injuries received when he shot himself last December. According to friends and relatives, at that time, he shot himself accidentally while cleaning his shotgun after a hunting trip. Part of his heart was torn away and the fear that he never would recover his strength as a result of his injury, is said to have been one of the causes of his suicide.

Doctor Cummings swallowed the poison while recovering from injuries sustained recently when he slashed his wrists with a knife. The Grand Haven police assert he previously had made four attempts to end his life.

Cummings registered at the hotel as "R. S. Brown, Detroit."

He left two letters—one to his widow and the other to Mr. Seagrave. In them he said he killed himself because he "didn't want to become a burden to his family and the state."

FRENCH DRIVEN FROM TOWN

Germans Capture Strong Position at Malancourt—Another Town Is Menaced—Paris Admits Loss.

London, April 3.—The crown prince has resumed his great drive on Verdun with furious attacks on both sides of the River Meuse.

The strongly fortified village of Malancourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, was captured by the Germans on Thursday night. Frontal attacks by massed German legions drove the French out of the village, an important highway communication point, but the French still hold redoubts commanding the highway. The Germans captured 328 prisoners.

Three heavy German infantry attacks were preceded by a terrific bombardment from German batteries on the heights surrounding the town. The German war office announced defensive positions on both sides were captured.

The French hold on the village of Bethincourt, two miles east of Malancourt, is seriously threatened by the capture of Malancourt.

French experts estimate that the Germans have lost 20,000 men in the renewal of the struggle about Verdun.

Paris, April 3.—French troops have evacuated the ruined village of Malancourt the war office announced on Thursday.

The Germans drove the French out of the village at night, attacking heavily three times after a violent bombardment. In massed attacks the enemy advanced on Malancourt, attacking in three different places. After a terrible struggle, raging for several hours, the French advance guard battalion evacuated, having inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

299 ARE SAVED FROM SHIP

Liner Chiyo Maru Grounded in Fog on One of the Loma Islands South of Hongkong.

Shanghai, April 3.—The large trans-Pacific passenger liner Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog on one of the Lema islands, south of Hongkong. Nine tug-boats and launches from a British torpedo-boat destroyer have gone to its assistance and are taking off its 299 passengers from San Francisco and Manila.

Begin Suit to Bar Liquor.

Butler, Mo., April 3.—Injunction suits have been filed here by prosecuting attorney DeWitt C. Chastain, seeking to prevent three railroads from transporting intoxicating liquors into the county.

Forty-Five British Sailors Drown.

London, April 3.—Forty-five sailors of the British cruiser Conquest were drowned through the capsizing of a cutter during a gale, it was officially announced. The cutter was being towed by the cruiser.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

According to the report of the insurance commission, policies in force in the state will aggregate \$1,110,909,000.

Bank deposits in the state increased \$30,000,000 during the past year, the largest amount ever reported, according to figures by the state banking board.

Democratic names cannot appear on republican ballots, nor vice versa, nor can members of either party pose as progressives, according to a ruling of Secretary of State Poul.

Preparations are being made for maneuvers of the national guards at some point in the state, to be held on a gigantic scale, in event of being called into action in Mexico.

Several towns over the state have engaged supervisors and will conduct public school gardens during the summer, in co-operation with the extension service of the college of agriculture.

General Hall is of the belief that if the war department looks favorably upon an interstate maneuver, the event may be held even if the guardsmen are not called upon to go to the front this summer.

State Treasurer G. E. Hall has decided to pay out all fees in his possession for the support of state boards and departments except fees paid to him by State Food Commissioner Harman's oil and food departments.

Miss Bertha M. Ludwig, has been appointed matron of the state hospital for insane at Norfolk. She is a graduate nurse and has served as supervisor in the state hospital for insane at Hastings and is now an employe at the state hospital for insane at Lincoln.

Dr. Cummins, secretary of the board of secretaries of the state board of health, says that when people get accustomed to frequent baths, and learn to keep clean, personally, they will have become so pleased with the result that annual "clean up" proclamations will not be necessary.

Attorney General Reed has assured the several interested county officials who have written him regarding the case of the Great Northern Railway company vs. Blaine county, involving the constitutionality of an assessment that he will give the matter personal attention in the federal court, and will prepare the necessary pleading.

Nearly half of the farmers in fifty-nine counties of the state will be unable to supply their own seed corn this spring, and the department of agronomy at the state farm at Lincoln has secured a list of names of farmers who have seed for sale and who can supply those less unfortunate.

Nearly two thousand persons are on the regular monthly payroll of the state of Nebraska. The exact number as shown by the warrant register of the state auditor's office is 1,953, of whom more than one-third are inmates of the fifteen institutions under the board of control, about the same number employed in the university and normal schools, 223 are departmental employes and 68 are judges and reporters of the district court.

Secretary of State Pool has ordered another 10,000 automobile number plates and he is not certain that will be enough to supply the growing demand. The numbers ordered run from 70,000 to 80,000. The secretary of state is now selling plates numbered above 63,000. As this is the first year under the new law that plates have been sold in numerical order it is now certain that there are more than 63,000 automobiles owned in Nebraska.

The buildings started last year at the state farm are rapidly nearing completion. The dairy building, boiler house and horse barn will be occupied some time this spring. On the new city campus of the state university work will soon start on the construction of the botany and chemistry buildings, excavating for which is practically complete. All that remains to be done on the dairy building is the construction of the roof. The boiler house is complete. The equipment for this building is expected to arrive May 1.

Capt. R. E. McMillan and Edgar Baginell, the two men sent from Nebraska to be trained as aviators for service in the United States army, are now at Newport News, Va., and have begun their course of instruction at the Curtis school located there.

Food Commissioner Harman has gone to Chicago to confer with a government official in regard to the investigations in progress regarding certain patent medicines, especially those advertised as "cures" which are believed to be fraudulent.

Brown and Keya Paha counties have applied jointly to the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage for a state aid bridge to be constructed over the Niobrara river at McLean crossing, to take the place of an old structure which was carried out by the ice this spring.

State Hotel Commissioner P. F. Ackerman has reminded hotel keepers that spring is here and that they should indulge in house cleaning, and has designated April 5 as a day to be devoted to that purpose.