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VILLA IS FORGED BACK TO JAUREZ

Federals Attack in Numbers and Many Places.

MANY WOUNDED AND KILLED

Fighting Started Late Yesterday Afternoon—Foreigners in Oil District Are Still Apprehensive—Seek Aid.

El Paso, Texas, November 24.—A general Federal attack, front, right and left flank, directed toward Juarez practically simultaneously this afternoon by Generals Salazar, Rojas, Canaveo and Linda, drove in General Francisco Villa's skirmish line and developed separate engagements below Baucha, on the west, at Tierra Blanca in front, and along the border opposite Belen and Yistera, Texas, to the east.

The frontal attack on the Constitutionists under General Villa began at 4:30 about 25 miles south of Juarez, according to an American chauffeur, who reached Juarez at 6 o'clock this evening from Tierra Blanca. The artillery on both sides was engaged.

A report that the Federals were attempting a flank movement from the west reached Juarez about the hour the frontal attack was reported.

Two hundred mounted men were dispatched to Rancho Flores to hold the western mouth of the pass which entered the town from the west. Reports stated that General Villa's western flank under command of General Rodriguez and Colonel Talamantes had been engaged by the Federals at 5 o'clock.

These reports came from American employes of the Mexican Northwestern Railroad who reached Juarez last night from Belen. The reports stated that the Federals were first repulsed in an attempt to break the rebels' lines but returned with reinforcements and desperate fighting was on when the Americans left.

Simultaneously with the report of the attack on the west came a report that the skirmish line of the Constitutionists on the east of Belen was being driven in, and the Federals were advancing on Juarez. The remainder of the rebel force at Juarez was rushed to the region opposite Yistera and Belen while additional infantry reinforcements were hurried to Rancho Flores to help check the flank movement from the west.

On the American side all troops at Fort Bliss were ready for immediate action and Troop C, 13th Cavalry and a machine gun platoon, were ordered to El Paso to reinforce the border patrol.

Reports tonight from all sides declared that all the engagements with the Federal army were being fought from General Villa that he was holding the Federals back at the front and ordered ammunition and provisions rushed to Tierra Blanca.

Auxiliary hospitals are being fitted up in Juarez tonight, a large quantity of medical stores being exported from here.

Bore the development of the Federal assaults, General Villa ten miles from their position at Samalayuca early this morning, reoccupied the position at 3 o'clock and immediately began an advance on the rebel position seven miles north.

Federals Reinforced. The Federals were reinforced during the day by troops from Chihuahua. Reports reaching Juarez tonight say that General Pascual Orozco and General Salvador Mercado brought 2,000 additional Federal troops from the State capital and they engaged in the battle.

Reports reaching the United States border patrol east of Juarez tonight stated that General Pascual Orozco, with 4,000 men, attempted a charge from Samalayuca around the left wing of General Villa's army, to enter Juarez, but the rebel wing on the left was reinforced by troops from Villa's main body, and Orozco's forces were driven back.

The report also said that Chihuahua was evacuated by the Federals, and that the city had been occupied by rebel troops under General Manuel Chao.

Americans were ordered out of Juarez tonight by General N. Medina, commander of the rebel forces there. Detachments of rebel soldiers went through the streets, arresting every American they met, and escorting (Continued on Page Eight.)

DAY OF ANIMATION AT WHITE HOUSE

Happy Anticipation of Wedding Reigns Supreme.

FULL REHEARSAL LAST NIGHT

Elders Together With Jolly Younger Set Sit Down to Stately Dinner Given by President and Mrs. Wilson.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The flutter of happy anticipation over tomorrow's wedding of Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson and Francis Bowes Sayre reigned supreme at the White House today. Through the twilight hours in the softly diffused light of the East Room the entire bridal party rehearsed in detail the ceremony of tomorrow. Later the young folks were entertained at a dinner and dance by the officers of the United States ship Mayflower, the President's yacht, aboard that vessel, anchored at the navy yard.

The elders—that is, the relatives and members of the immediate family of the bride and groom—were the guests of the President and Mrs. Wilson at dinner at the White House. Secretary McAdoo was the only official present. The guests were grouped together in the State dining room amid decorations of palms and lilies and under the brilliant glow of silver chandeliers and crystal ornaments.

Just before the dinner the younger set prepared to motor to the navy yard persons walking through the grounds caught a glimpse of the bridal party in the distance. The bride wore a gown and robes and the ushers, best man and groom in evening attire. It was a happy scene, a reunion of companions of school and college days.

Three White House motors drew up under the north portico and a moment later the party of 12 whirled away to the navy yard.

Last Event of Day. It was the last event of a day of animation throughout official Washington. The news that the members of the diplomatic corps had decided at the last minute to wear their respective uniforms heightened interest in the event and it promises to be as brilliant a function as has ever taken place at the executive mansion. The diplomats wore convention morning dress at the Roosevelt wedding. Today Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador at present, and the other members of the diplomatic corps, as a special compliment to the President the ambassadors and ministers will be expected to appear in their full uniform at present, in the uniforms of the military and naval aides, will lend a little more of the official atmosphere than was at first expected.

Today's rehearsal took place in the East Room where tomorrow hundreds of guests in handsome dress will be gathered. Earlier today the rehearsal had been variously entertained by their hosts.

Secretary Bryan had given a luncheon for Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the man at which clergymen of all denominations were present. Trunks and automobiles were passing to and fro rapidly in the White House grounds. The President forsook his usual game of golf and devoted the afternoon to the wedding preparations.

The bridal party assembled in the state dining room and to the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin played by the United States marine band, they issued forth by two moving in slow step along the red carpeted corridor that borders the red, blue and green rooms, and passed into the historic East room where an altar massed in palms and flowers has been erected.

How It Will Be. Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., and Dr. Gilbert Horrax, the first two ushers, were escorted by a uniformed aide. They were followed by the bride, Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, daughter of the President, and Miss Agnes White, of Baltimore, then Miss Angeline Mitchell Scott, of Princeton, N. J., and Miss Marjorie Brown, of Atlanta. The bride was escorted by Mr. Wilson, who walked alone, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of the President.

The procession was repeated twice, on the exit march the playing of Beethoven's wedding march. After the rehearsal Mrs. Wilson served tea to the party and the company separated for the evening functions.

President Emerson. Neither members of the family nor officials of the railroad in the city had been advised of his illness. The fact that they had not received any word of his illness taken to mean that his condition is not regarded as serious. An official of the Coast Line stated last night that he had been advised that President Emerson would return to Wilmington today, arriving in his private car attached to the regular train from the south at 9:30 A. M. He knew nothing of Mr. Emerson's reported illness.

President Emerson and other officials of the Coast Line, including Mr. Henry Walters, chairman of the board of directors; Mr. J. R. Kenly, third vice president; Mr. E. B. Pleasants, chief engineer; Messrs. Michael Jenkins, Waldo Newcomer and Alexander Hamilton, members of the board of directors, and Mr. Lyman Delano, assistant to the president, had been on a tour of the system in Georgia and Florida, using a special train.

Waycross, Ga., November 24.—Seri-ously ill from acute indigestion, T. M. Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, early tonight was taken aboard a special train which will take him to his home in Wilmington, N. C. Physicians described his condition as "extremely hopeful."

President Emerson was stricken yesterday at Dupont, Ga., while en route with a party of road officials on an inspection tour to Montgomery, Ala. He was brought today to Waycross last night, and spent today in a local hospital.

President Emerson's train is expected to reach Wilmington tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT EMERSON ILL; IS RUSHED HOME

INDICT M'GUIRE FROM TESTIMONY

Former Mayor of Syracuse Solicited from Corporation

WAS BROTHER OF WITNESS

John Doe Proceedings in New York Bring Out Some Startling Facts Concerning the Running of State Government.

New York, November 24.—James K. McGuire, former mayor of Syracuse, N. Y., and partner with his brother, George H. McGuire, in the business of bond State highway contractors, was indicted today on the charge of soliciting a campaign contribution from a corporation.

The indictment was based on testimony given before the grand jury by his brother and by Fillmore Condit, New York agent of the Union Oil Co., of California, that he had sought to obtain from the Union company a contribution of \$5,000 in return for paving the way for the company to sell asphalt to the State of New York. According to the testimony the McGuires were to get a commission of one cent a gallon on all asphalt the State or State road contractors bought from the Union concern.

McGuire's indictment preceding testimony at the John Doe inquiry this afternoon by which District Attorney Whitman sought to show that an effort had been made to influence Condit not to implicate the Democratic party in his testimony. The district attorney called as a witness Arthur B. Chamberlain, of New York, an asphalt commission broker, who is "personally known," Condit says, to Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, and Charles F. Murphy, Jr., the latter's nephew, who is a partner of George H. McGuire in the bonding business.

Chamberlain was asked if he had not called Condit recently in regard to his appearance before the grand jury and said to him: "You must not say that that \$5,000 contribution was payable to the Democratic party. We want to remind you of that typewritten statement in regard to this matter which you gave us last August. We are arranging things at Albany so that your products will be accepted. Now you treat us right and we will treat you right."

Denied Conversation. Chamberlain denied having made any such demand. He admitted having called Condit up but said it was for the sole purpose of telling him that "we were arranging things at Albany so that your products would be fair and open to everybody."

Condit testified that he told Chamberlain of the McGuires' efforts to hold him up in August of last year, and that Chamberlain said to him: "I don't believe that the McGuires were authorized to make any such offer. I am going up to 'fourteenth street' (Tammany Hall) and see about it."

Chamberlain was not asked today whether he had gone to Tammany (Continued on Page Four.)

SLASHED TO DEATH

Affray at Washington, N. C., Proves Fatal

Ben Ormond Dies of Fourteen Wounds Received in Fight With Joshua Mills in Barber Shop Saturday.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, N. C., November 24.—Ben Ormond, the white man who was so fearfully mangled in a cutting affray in a barber shop here Saturday night by Joshua Mills, died at the Washington hospital Sunday night about 10 o'clock. He was about 40 years of age and a widower, a native of Greene county, and had been living in this county for several years, running a farm near this city.

Mills made good his escape and hasn't been arrested. The local police seem to think Mills' face was slashed in several places, two deep cuts in his throat, his arm cut through the muscle to the bone, a long, deep cut across his left side to the ribs, and several stabs in the breast and back.

As soon as the two men could be separated, Ormond was taken to the Washington hospital, with blood streaming from fourteen wounds, his body a mass of bloody gore, and in an almost dying condition. Dr. Taylor rendered all surgical aid that could be given to the unfortunate man, who was expected to die at any time.

Foreigners along the east coast of Mexico, where the great oil fields are situated, are still apprehensive regarding the rebel war in that territory. They have appealed to Washington.

Mr. T. M. Emerson, president of the Coast Line, was taken seriously sick with acute indigestion while en route to Alabama with other officials. He was brought home this morning on a special train.

James K. McGuire, former mayor of Syracuse, N. Y., was indicted for soliciting contributions from corporations. He was indicted on the testimony of his brother, George H. McGuire, at the John Doe proceedings in New York.

LIED. ELLINGTON WAS CAROLINIAN

Remains of Aviator Being Brought to Fayetteville.

LIEUT. KELLY ALSO KILLED

Deceased Was a Brother of J. O. Ellington of Fayetteville, and Was Prominently Connected in North Carolina.

San Diego, Cal., November 24.—Two intrepid navigators of the air, Lieutenants Hugh M. Kelly and Eric L. Ellington, U. S. A., attached to the camp of the First Aero Corps, were instantly killed at North Island today when they fell from an altitude of 80 or more feet in a dual control biplane.

Within eight minutes after Lieutenant Ellington had waved his hand as a signal to the mechanics to let go the biplane, the army aviator and his brother officer were dead.

Lieutenant Ellington, a skillful pilot, occupied the instructor's seat in the biplane with Lieutenant Kelly at his side. The latter, a comparative novice in the art of flying, was receiving instructions in the handling of the control levers. Owing to the general arrangement of the controlling wires, Lieutenant Ellington could be at all times absolute master of the machine.

The engine, one of six cylinders and 60 horse power, was working perfectly at the time the biplane was at a height of 300 feet, circled and then began a volplane which was to have brought them back to the hangars. According to Captain Cowan, in command of the aviation post, the biplane glided at a normal angle for about 200 feet. Then the engine, which was throttled at the beginning of the volplane, was thrown open.

Whether at this instant the aeroplanists temporarily lost control of the machine, or the initial impetus of the revolving propeller when the biplane was at so low an altitude, caused the machine to tip forward can only be conjectured. But the spectators of the flight saw the biplane suddenly pitched to the earth. The impact probably killed both men but the motor made death sure by crushing them.

No Reason for Accident. Eric L. Ellington and Hugh M. Kelly, first division army aviation corps, were killed today in a fall of about 80 feet in an aeroplane. The accident (Continued on Page Eight.)

Two Men Drowned In Carolina Mine

FRED BOWDEN FALLS 90 FEET INTO WATER—WILL CROW FOLLOWS.

Waxhaw, N. C., Nov. 24.—Going down in the shaft to find out what was the matter with a pump; Fred J. Bowden, an experienced employe of the Howie mine, some miles from here, yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, was brushed from the bucket by a slipping "billet" of the hoist, fell 90 feet in the water and was drowned.

Then Will Crow, another young miner, went down to see what had happened to Bowden and met with a similar fate. He was also drowned.

The hoist engineer, getting no response from the two men, gave the alarm and a rescuing party recovered the bodies.

OUTLINES

Chairman Owen, of the Currency committee, yesterday opened the debate on the administration currency bill. Senator Hitchcock will follow him today.

Attorney General McReynolds is looking for an alleged cold storage trust. If it is found there will be a Congressional investigation. The combine is supposed to be partly responsible for the present high cost of living.

Railroads east of the Mississippi river are demanding permission to increase their freight rates 5 per cent because of increased cost of operation.

Lieut. Ellington, who was yesterday killed when an aeroplane which he was driving fell, was a brother of J. O. Ellington, of Fayetteville. His remains are being brought to Fayetteville for interment.

New York markets: Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 13.50; middling Gulf 13.75. Money on call steady 2 3/4 to 3 per cent; ruling rates 2 3/4; closing 2 7/8 to 3. Wheat firm No. 2 red 97 1/2 to 99; No. 1 Northern Duluth 97 1/2 to 98; corn barely steady, 52 1/2. Flour steady. Roasin steady. Turpentine steady.

CHAIRMAN OWEN OPENED DEBATE

Bank Reserve Concentrated in New York.

ATTACKS STOCK EXCHANGE

Urges Speedy Action on Bill and Declares That It Will Remedy the Present Conditions—Hitchcock Follows Him.

Washington, November 24.—Under the present system the bank reserves of the country are concentrated largely in New York, where they are loaned in speculative accounts on the New York stock exchange, Senator Owen asserted today in opening the debate on the administration currency bill in the Senate. He declared that the administration bill as reported by the Democrats of the Banking Committee would remedy this condition.

Senator Owen reviewed the details of the bill and urged that by the creation of a market for discounted commercial paper and by mobilizing the reserves in public utility regional banks, the measure would remove the great dangers of the present financial system.

Declaring that at present New York banks who hold a large percentage of the country's reserves are forced to place those reserves in call loans on the stock exchange, the Senator said: "We are advised by representative New York bankers that the great banks there would be glad to have the system improved by the establishment of Federal reserve banks strong enough to furnish money on demand against good commercial bills and thus enable the New York banks to withdraw their funds from the stock exchange—which place such funds in the service of legitimate industry and commerce. This will be one of the great benefits of the pending measure, that if it will withdraw from the gambling enterprises on the stock exchange the bank reserves of the country, and enable such reserves to be used for the commerce of the Nation."

Explains Security. In detail Senator Owen explained the security which would be behind the new currency, which, under the bill would be issued against commercial paper, besides the security pointed out, the notes would be secured by the liability of the member bank discounting the paper, the liability of its stockholders, and the liability of the reserve bank issuing the notes and its stockholding banks, a thirty-three and one-third per cent gold reserve and the guarantee of the United States.

Senator Owen urged speedy action on the bill, declaring that banks and the public were suffering from the "holding back" to discover just what form the explanation would take. He said that the differences between the two divisions of the Senate Committee should be adjusted and as chairman, expressed his willingness (Continued on Page Eight.)

WILL INVESTIGATE An Alleged Cold Storage Conspiracy

Attorney McReynolds Looking for Combine to Force Price of Products Up—Congressional Investigation.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Another Federal investigation into the high cost of living, promising criminal prosecutions if Attorney General McReynolds can find an alleged cold storage conspiracy, got under way today and a Congressional investigation of a different phase of the cost of living problem was threatened. While special agents of the Department of Justice are sifting charges that eggs, poultry and dairy products are being conspired to force up in price to maintain high prices and even force them higher, Representative Britin, of Illinois, is preparing to ask for a Congressional investigation into prices of meat.

The proposal for a meat investigation was prompted by an announcement that the navy had bought nearly 300,000 pounds of Australian fresh beef at a half a cent a pound lower than the best prices of American packers and 120,000 pounds of canned corned beef from the Australian packers at eight cents a pound cheaper than the lowest price in the United States.

The price paid was 11.90 cents a pound for the fresh beef and 15.37 cents for the canned product.

Announcing his intention to ask for a Congressional investigation of the navy's beef contract, Congressman Britin declared he wanted to develop why the public could not benefit by the advantage of buying from Australia if the navy could do so.

Representative McKellar, of Tennessee, has pending in the House a bill to prohibit inter-State transportation of any food products kept in cold storage more than 90 days. He contends its enactment into law would go far toward solving the cold storage question.

Agents of the Department of Justice are concentrating the marines at several principal cities. They will report particularly on eggs and dairy products and will attempt to make an estimate of the quantities in cold storage and how long they have been there.

ROADS WANT FIVE PER CENT. RAISE

Rates Not Commensurate With Cost of Operation

PROFITS HAVE FALLEN OFF

Amount of Wages Has Increased While Roads Have Been Forced to Reduce Freight Rates, Commission Hearing.

Washington, Nov. 24.—That railroad earnings are not commensurate with the increased cost of operations, higher taxes and wages and additions to equipment necessary to meet commercial demands of the country, was submitted today to the Inter-State Commerce Commission by representatives of the railroads arguing for a general increase of 5 per cent in freight rates.

The claims filed by railroads operating in the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, was upheld in a preliminary outline of the railroad situation by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, representing for the occasion the Eastern roads, and Frederick A. Delano, president of the Wabash Railroad, on behalf of the Central Traffic Association.

Statistics tending to show the curtailment of earnings as compared to increased costs were submitted by an accounting committee composed of C. M. Bunting, comptroller of the Pennsylvania Railroad; W. C. Wishart, statistician of the New York Central lines; W. H. Williams third vice president of the Delaware & Hudson Company; C. P. Crawford, comptroller of the Erie Railroad, and George M. Delano, second vice president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Expend Large Amount. President Willard, in an opening statement, asserted that railroads in the territory concerned had expended in property investments in the last three years \$800,000,000 and that in the year 1913 the earnings were \$16,311,321 less than for the year 1910.

He argued that the 5 per cent applied for was not as much as the railroads were entitled to and in this he was supported by President Delano, who argued for the railroads in Central territory and urged that in fixing rates the commission should regard no particular territory. Figures for the first two months of the present year, Mr. Delano said, were less encouraging even than the results since 1910 when an appeal for a 10 per cent increase in rates was denied.

Figures submitted by Mr. Shriver for 49 railroads in the territory involved showed that the net operating income for 1913 had actually decreased more than \$14,000,000, while operating expenses and taxes had increased \$201,000,000 since 1910.

Interests of the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio systems showed that the net operating income had decreased \$3,350,710 since 1910. The net operating income for the period the property investment for these three roads had increased 51.60 per cent; gross earnings 63.35 per cent; but the net operating income had increased only 24.80 per cent.

C. M. Bunting, of the Pennsylvania, testified that the return on property investment of that system had shown a declining tendency since 1905 and a steady decline since 1910.

"Between the years 1910 and 1913," said he, "there was an increase of \$20,138,000 in the net operating income and a decrease in the net operating income of \$11,485,511. In other words, the Pennsylvania system was \$11,485,511 short of receiving one per cent additional return on its enlarged investment. The percentage of return on property investment in (Continued on Page 4.)

MARINES GO TO FLORIDA

750 Ordered There by Secretary Daniels as a Result of Roosevelt's Trip.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Daniels today ordered 750 marines from Philadelphia to Pensacola, Fla., to be stationed on the reservation at joining the navy yard. They will leave later this week on the transport Prairie.

Secretary Daniels' order was the result of the favorable report of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who found the Pensacola reservation especially adapted to the advance base work being carried on by the marine corps. Mr. Daniels had earlier announced his intention of sending 800 marines to Pensacola at the conclusion of their advanced base operations at Culebra, Porto Rico and Guantanamo, Cuba, early next year.

The marines ordered today to Pensacola will take part in those exercises. It is Secretary Daniels' intention to concentrate the marines at several principal stations, one at Pensacola, others on the Pacific coast, Canal Zone and at Philadelphia.

It is not intended to open the Pensacola yard for industrial purposes. The new division of destroyers going into commission will use Pensacola as a base this winter.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—The transport Prairie, which will take the 750 marines from the Philadelphia navy yard to Pensacola, is in dry dock, but will be ready to leave with the marines Thursday night. It is understood that detachments of marines from other North Atlantic stations will be transferred here to make up the quota of men needed at the Philadelphia yard.

POINT TO ALLEGED INCONSISTENCIES

Virginia Cities Fight Carolina Rate Reductions

CITE LEGISLATIVE RECORDS

Travis Secures Copy of Petition Filed With Inter-State Commerce Commission—Graig for Thanking for All Convicts.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., November 24.—Chairman E. L. Travis, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, returning from Washington this morning, brought with him a copy of the petition on the part of Virginia cities intervening before the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the matter of the petition of railroad companies and North Carolina for permission to violate the long and short haul clause in applying the reduced inter-State freight rates agreed upon by the special session of the Carolina Legislature and the carriers.

The Virginia cities are making a fight for corresponding reductions in local freight rates from Virginia to North Carolina points as compared with the proposed rates from the West to North Carolina that are made on less than the combination of the local and the carriers.

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