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VILLA FORCES ROUTED

Col. Dodd's Troops Fell Upon the Mexicans Last Wednesday and Routed Them—Rode 290 Miles in 17 Hours and Took Them by Surprise—Villa Believed to Have Been Severely Wounded.

El Paso, (Tex.) Dispatch, March 21. Four hundred American cavalrymen under the command of Colonel Geo. A. Dodd, galloped down from the slope of the great continental divide, have fallen on the main body of Villa's bandits, at the San Geronimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled, to seek a hiding place in the mountains. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage.

Began Wednesday Evening. The fight began at 6 o'clock in the morning of March 29 and continued for several hours. First news of it was flashed into Juarez today.

Celebrating Massacre. For 17 hours, the veteran Colonel, with his troopers of the Seventh and Tenth cavalry, rode down the valley of the Santa Maria river. At the end of a 55 mile ride, they fell upon the unsuspecting Villa band, where 599 bandits were celebrating the massacre of 172 Carranza soldiers two days previously at Guerrero.

Villa Seriously Wounded. With one hip shattered, was hurried from the scene, barely in time to escape the onslaught of the Americans.

Bandits Flee. The bandits made brief but hopeless stand, then broke and fled, leaving 31 dead, including their commander, Gen. Hernandez. Two machine guns, a number of horses, rifles and munitions and equipment fell into the hands of the Americans.

Four Americans Wounded. Among the men wounded was Tablo Ro, a Villa lieutenant in the Columbus raid. The American casualties were four troopers wounded.

American soldiers did not linger on the field. For five hours they drove the enemy before them into the treacherous passes of mountain desert and canyon. They halted only after the chase had left them exhausted and had forced the fugitives into little bands of half dozen men each.

Villa's Career Ended. Villa's career has ended; his power has been broken. His death or capture is only a question of days, perhaps only hours.

Such is the inevitable conclusion reached here as little by little the details of "Dodd's ride" reaches the border.

It seems possible that the crippled bandit can't long remain even in the mountainous wastes in which he has sought refuge.

Scene of Victory. The scent of Col. Dodd's victory is a great valley lying at the head of the Santa Maria river. On the west rises the continental divide and to the east a trail made famous by Villa, which leads to Santa Ysabel, where Villa's men murdered 88 Americans.

It was toward Santa Ysabel that Villa was believed to be heading when the American troopers swept down upon his camp.

From the meager details reaching here from Mexican and American military sources, Colonel Dodd's men made their way unnoticed through the arroyos which split the foothills in all directions and were almost in the camp before the alarm was given.

Villa Taken to Secret Lair. Villa is reported to have been in a small tent, nursing his injury, when the crash of the American volley fire awoke the bandits to panic-stricken action. Unable to walk, he was placed in a light wagon and driven to some secret lair.

Thirty-one Bandits Known Killed. While 31 of the bandits are known to have been killed, it is said the number may have been much larger.

After the battle, the American soldiers released a large number of Gen. Carranza's men the bandit chief was holding.

Excitement in El Paso and along the border is at fever heat in expectation that at any moment the wires may flash the news of Villa's death or capture. Two days already have elapsed since the battle of San Geronimo, and it is not believed that the bandit chief can escape in his crippled condition.

KITCHIN WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HE'LL HAVE TO RAISE

Unwilling to Work on Revenue-Raising Schemes Until He Knows Size or Army Which Must Be Sustained. Washington Dispatch, April 2.

In the Senate during the past week there has been a general speeding up of business. The Army reorganization bill is well under way and Administration leaders are confident the measure will be in conference within three weeks. Appropriation bills are being taken up as rapidly as they come from the House. The legislative bill is about ready and can be passed in short order as soon as the army bill is out of the way. Everywhere there are signs of unusual legislative activity.

With defense legislation assuming tangible shape the revenue issue looms as the next important task before Congress. There is delay, however, in the Ways and Means Committee owing to the Senate's apparent determination to increase the standing army's peace strength over 140,000 as proposed in the Hay bill which has passed the House. Owing to uncertainty as to how much money will be required for army ex-

penditures, the Ways and Means Committee probably will defer action. Chairman Kitchin's original plan was to call a meeting of the committee to draft a tentative revenue-raising program as soon as the Hay bill passed the House. Scarcely had the bill been sent to the Senate, however, when word came to him that the standing army figure would be raised to 180,000. Such an increase, Mr. Kitchin said today, would require at least \$40,000,000 additional revenue yearly. He is unwilling to begin planning revenue-raising when there exists so much uncertainty about amount of money that will be needed.

Several more weeks may pass before the Naval Committee makes even a preliminary report to Mr. Kitchin on what it will require. Its hearings which have been in progress for four months will close this week. Secretary Daniels, who began to testify Friday, will be the last witness. Thus far his testimony has been only a statement of his general views about the Navy's needs.

Items From the Wingate Correspondent.

Wingate, April 3.—Mrs. Wiley Hefner visited in Charlotte last Thursday, returning Friday afternoon.

Prof. H. J. Langston left Friday afternoon on a visit to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Austin and children of Palmersville arrived Friday at the home of Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meigs. Mr. Austin and family will spend the summer at their farm home near Sincerity.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bivens delighted us with a brief call Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Suttle, who assisted our pastor in the protracted meeting at Meadow Branch during the past week, returned to his home in Cleveland county Saturday. Bro. Suttle's sermons were highly appreciated by our people.

Mrs. R. L. Womble and Mrs. Nannie Biggers were pleasant callers at our home Sunday morning.

Misses Gladys Hefner and Bessie Boggan accompanied by Mr. Boyce Griffin spent Sunday with their friend Miss Lou Braswell of Cedar Grove community.

Implicit obedience to all legitimate, wise and wholesome authority would hide a multitude of crimes and save many a one from destruction of soul, body and character. Think about it, parents and begin in time.

The revival meeting at Meadow Branch church closed Saturday night with twenty-eight additions to the church.

The public school department of the Wingate school closed last Friday. The high school will run on for two or three weeks more.

Well, I'll have to ring off for I am out of breath and out of material from which to make much of a letter this time. Will say, however, that last Thursday, March 30, was the 46th anniversary of our wedding—Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T. For forty-six years we have shuffled and scuffled, wobbled and hobbled, hustled and hustled and meandered and wandered along over life's rough pathway seeking joy and happiness. Well, we have found some mixed in with a lot of sorrow and sadness, all necessary, I reckon, for our ultimate good.

O. P. TIMIST.

The Democratic Primary.

Correspondence of The Journal.

It seems that June is a bad time for a primary. About eighty per cent of the voters are farmers and a June primary means disfranchisement to many of them. It leaves the balance of power in the hands of the healers, the politicians and the dependent voters.

The office of county commissioner and of legislator are the most important. On them depend to a great extent the general welfare as to roads, schools, courts and property rights. And yet they are carelessly selected and carelessly elected with a rush.

The County Democratic Committee is undemocratic in its origin and in the creation of its individual members. In casting about one time to see how they were elected, I found that they elected themselves. They called the primary. The Democratic primary in Union county virtually means election. So you see it is possible for the so-called Democratic committee to control the election.

One man went to the legislature from Union some years ago and about seven hundred votes. He was not a real representative. There should be a general State primary for all officers fixed at a date to suit the farmers.

All primaries out of season and all convention are undemocratic, unrepresentative and misrepresentative. They make many recruits for the opposing party.

A democratic politician can be just as rotten as a republican politician when he under takes to usurp authority and power. VOTER.

Burglar Locks Clerk in Vault; Steals \$556. Greensboro Dispatch, April 2.

Gilbert Newell, 17 years old, employed as clerk by the North Carolina Public Service Corporation, owners of the street car system here, was attacked by a burglar this morning shortly after 3 o'clock, forced into the company's vault, locked in, and \$556 in cash stolen. Newell, when discovered this morning about eight o'clock was, in a semi-conscious condition from suffocation while his face was bruised.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT APRIL SEVENTH.

Fine Program Arranged by Supt. Nisbet for Big Day—All School People Expected to Be In Parade—Let Everybody Come and Make it the Biggest Day of All Commencements.

The county school commencement has been one of the great Union county events. This year it promises to be bigger and better than ever. Supt. Nisbet has arranged a fine program. The exercises will begin Thursday evening with a debate, and the full day's proceeding will start on Saturday at 10:30. The following is the official program:

Friday evening, April 7, 8 o'clock, at Graded school building—public debate. Opening prayer by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar; question: "Resolved, That President Wilson's Preparedness Policy is necessary; affirmative, Thomas Little, Bright Trull, Edward Helms, Austin Carson; negative, Lloyd Price, Vann Hanson, George Presson, Joseph Taylor.

Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a. m.—All schools to come together at Lancaster Avenue Graded School building. All school boards, trustees, and committees of the county are requested to be present, and join in forming the line of march for the street parade, which will be at 11:30 o'clock. Annual address at 12 o'clock by

Rev. J. E. Abernethy of Monroe. The seventh grade graduates will assemble at the High school building for the purpose of receiving their certificates and having a picture made.

Declamers' and reciters' contest at Graded school auditorium, at 2:30 p. m.—Declamers: Mincey Pursor, J. A. Mullie, Leroy Griffin, D. K. Love, Richard McManus, Henry Garmon, Claud Gaddy, Horace Helms, Sanford Bardeau.

Reciters—Miss Lula Helms, "The Famine"; Miss Alma Smith, "Ann Eliza's Retribution"; Miss Dezzie Simpson, "The Skeptic's Daughter"; Miss Louisa Short, "The Bear Story"; Miss Vilma Harkley, "The Trial of Rebecca"; Miss Edna Long, "The Mustard Plaster"; Miss Thelma Lee Norwood, "Stealing Chickens"; Miss Odessa Curlee.

Basket ball games, conducted by Prof. J. T. Yeargin for the boys and by Mrs. Dr. Marvin Smith for the girls.

Exhibits from the various school of the county will be found on exhibition in the halls and some of the class rooms of the Lancaster Avenue Graded school building.

ture, building houses, etc., yet some of this valuable timber is being cut off the soil every year and destroyed. Some of it even allowed to rot after being cut down in the woods. Is there not some way to prevent so much waste of timber that some day will be worth more than the land on which it stands is now bringing on the market. It seems to me that wood working factories in Monroe, such as furniture, spoke and handle factories, would be a paying investment and would furnish a market for this most valuable timber.

PROGRESS.

Union County Man Accidentally Killed in Charlotte. Charlotte Observer, Monday.

Succumbing to a pistol shot wound in his head, self-inflicted, presumably through accident while he was cleaning the weapon, Mr. S. A. Simpson died yesterday morning at three o'clock at the Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been taken for medical treatment immediately after the pistol was discharged.

Surgeons found it inadvisable to probe for the bullet. It entered the forehead, penetrated the brain and lodged in the rear portion of the head near the left ear, judging from indications.

The wound—recognized from the start as almost certainly fatal—was received yesterday morning about 20 minutes past midnight. Mr. Simpson was in his store at the corner of Second and McDowell streets. A clerk, Horace Hovis, was in the store but did not witness the occurrence.

Mr. Simpson was 28 years of age and was a native of Union county. The body was taken to the home in that county yesterday afternoon through the country. The funeral will be conducted there this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of Tryon street Methodist church, and the pastor of the Methodist church at Matthews. Interment will be at Fairview burying ground four miles from Matthews. Mr. Simpson was a member of Tryon street church. He had lived here about 10 years and had owned the store two and a half years.

Mr. Simpson, who was unmarried, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Simpson, and by four sisters and nine brothers. One sister, Mrs. E. S. Howie of this city is unable to attend the funeral. Another, Miss Bessie Simpson, with a number of friends accompanied the body yesterday. Messrs. J. T. O. L. and J. R. Simpson of Birmingham, and Mr. Henry Simpson, a member of the junior class in the State University at Chapel Hill, were expected to arrive last night. One brother, Mr. W. H. Simpson, is in the United States navy and will be unable to come. Four brothers, Messrs. Charles, Murray, Philip and Howard, and two sisters, Misses Katie and Mary Simpson, live at the home place near Antioch, in Union county.

Virginia Mob After a Negro. Petersburg (Va.) Dispatch April 2.

A mob of 1,000 people made up largely of enraged citizens from Notoway and Pinwiddle counties, to night surrounded the Petersburg jail in which is confined John Williams, a negro, who was arrested this afternoon not far from this city after a chase by armed possees since last Thursday when he is alleged to have criminally assaulted a young woman, 19, at her home near Blackstone. The mob has stoned the jail but no attempt has been made to seize the prisoner.

Two riot calls were turned in and police and deputy sheriffs have been reinforced by the local company of the National Guard which had been held in readiness in its Armory since the negro was locked up.

The fire department was also called out and streams of water were turned on the crowd in an effort to disperse it. Late tonight it was reported that additional mobs were forming outside the city for a march on the jail.

Going Slow in Sussex Matter. Washington Dispatch, April 2.

Official judgment still is suspended here on the cases of the British Channel steamer Sussex and other merchant ships carrying American citizens, which recently have met with disaster in the war zone. Secretary Lansing said tonight that no additional information had been received.

Prof. James Mark Baldwin of Baltimore, whose daughter was seriously injured in the explosion on the cross-channel steamer Sussex, wired President Wilson from Paris as follows:

"A woman traveling where her right was, carrying an American passport, stricken on the Sussex, hovering between life and death, demands that reparation for assault on American life and liberty be exacted. (Signed) "MARK BALDWIN."

ASK CANDIDATES TO TALK. Farmers' Union Want to Know How They Stand on Various Propositions.

The State Council of the Farmers' Union, in session in Raleigh last week, adopted resolutions seeking to ascertain the position of various candidates for State offices on matters that the Union is vitally interested in. Following are the resolutions:

Whereas, believing that our farmers would appreciate knowing more definitely how candidates stand on all the really important issues before the State, therefore be it

Resolved, by the State Council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, that we hereby instruct our secretary to send to the avowed candidates for Governor and other State offices in each political party, and to other candidates as soon as they announce themselves, a copy of this resolution, and offer such candidates an opportunity to express themselves as briefly and explicitly as possible on the measures affecting rural interests approved at the last session of the State Farmers' Union as follows (including submission of appropriate constitutional amendment where necessary):

(1.) Repeal of the merchants' crop lien; (2.) provisions permitting neighborhoods to adopt race segregation in land ownership; (3.) a just and equitable system of taxation, (a) lightening the burdens upon labor by putting a larger proportion on inheritances, (b) with constitutional provision for a lower rate on resident than on absentee landlords and (c) increased rate on land held out of use; (4.) provision for incorporating rural communities; (5.) initiative and referendum; (6.) a stringent anti-union law and laws regulating bonds of public service corporations; (7.) giving some official authority to regulate insurance rates; (8.) a State warehouse system somewhat like the South Carolina plan; (9.) a simplified and popularized Torrens system of registering land titles; (10.) provision for furnishing text-books to the people at cost.

Resolved, 2. That candidates' answers be printed on the Farmers' Union page of the Progressive Farmer as far as practicable. 3. That we suggest that each local Union assign county legislative candidates to express themselves on these issues through the local press of each county, together with the questions of salary instead of fee system for county officers, abolition of county treasurer's office, or substituting commission form of government. 4. The purpose of this entire resolution is not to threaten, entreat or endorse any candidate but simply to get the facts, letting the people act for themselves. 5. That the State secretary send five copies of this resolution to each Local Union president for use in the manner suggested.

Clarence Poe, who is one of the leading members of the council, says that this is not a case of the Union's going into politics, for resolution No. 4 makes it clear that the only purpose is to get publicity of opinion from candidates on matters almost wholly affecting rural interests.

Hung Negro From Court House Balcony. Idabel, Okla., Dispatch, 3rd.

After listening to evidence at the preliminary hearing here today of Oscar Martin, a negro charged with having attacked a thirteen-year-old girl, a mob of several hundred men overpowered court attaches and hanged the negro from a second story balcony of the court house.

A prearranged signal the mob sprang up from among the spectators at the conclusion of the evidence. While court officers were held prisoners the negro was dragged to the balcony from which he was thrown after one end of a rope had been placed around his neck and the other made secure to a post.

The mob dispersed within a few minutes and no further disorder is anticipated.

Deserted Wife and Children to Run Off With School Girl. Asheville Dispatch, April 2.

Berry Hensley, erstwhile of Asheville, is one sort of example of kindness to criminals. Under a suspended sentence for selling liquor Hensley was instructed to attend the Chapman meeting, then in progress in Asheville. He did so, professed conversion, was conspicuous in religious circles for a time. Then he deserted his wife and two children and ran away with an Asheville school girl.

He was arrested in Indianapolis a few days ago, charged with white slavery—taking the Asheville girl from one state to another for immoral purposes.

BUCKING MR. LANEY. Old Scapegoat Tries His Hand at Poetry After Telling the News of the Washaw Country.

Correspondence of The Journal. Waxhaw, April 3.—Mr. W. P. Wingate and family spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. Jesse A. Williams was a visitor in Wingate yesterday. Mr. Murray Clark was here yesterday with his people at Union.

Miss Nell Kraus of Greenwood, spent yesterday in town. Mrs. M. N. Austin is rapidly recovering from her recent operation for appendicitis in the Charlotte hospital and will return home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bennett of Monroe, were visitors here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bedman, Jr., have moved in their beautiful residence on South Providence street.

Mr. Fred Plyler, Messrs. Edna May King, Kathleen Austin, Mary and Mattie Plyler were visitors in Charlotte Friday.

Our new barber, Mr. Zeb Mullis, left Thursday for Atlanta to take a course in the barber college. Miss May Cunningham was the delightful hostess to a number of the young people Friday night.

Mr. Henry Belk took in the field day exercises at Lancaster Friday, and was enthusiastic. Who could fail to be?

Saturday was another big busy day here. Mighty few April fool jokes were played, as everybody was too busy to fool with anything. Mrs. Emily Houston has been visiting Mrs. Will Chearn in Sanford the past week.

Miss Ruth McCain is right sick. The attending physicians fear she has appendicitis.

All of the principal business houses go to closing at 6:30, beginning today and lasting through the summer, Saturdays excepted.

Mr. Theron McGuire, who has been working at Great Falls for some time, spent Saturday and Sunday in town. Mr. E. C. Bingham and Miss Cora Coan were married at the Presbyterian parsonage yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. E. Robertson officiated. Both of the contracting parties are well known here and in the Washaw Baptist church community where they reside.

Rev. G. W. Belk of Hendersonville, visited relatives here part of last week. He preached an excellent sermon to an appreciative audience at the Presbyterian church here Thursday night.

Miss Faye Cunningham of Rockingham is spending a few days with her people. Her mother, Mrs. O. E. Cunningham, is in High Point with her son, Mr. Oscar, who is right sick in the hospital there.

The Robindale school, taught by Miss Ethel Boyte, closes this week. On account of the absence of many of the larger pupils, who were called to work on the farm, we understand that there will be no closing exercises.

We are having a fine rain today, which is not in the least unwelcome. It will allay the dust in town, and give the country people and work stock some much needed rest before the rush of spring planting is on.

The Jackson Forest school in charge of Mr. F. V. Hinson will close Friday with exercises by the students in the forenoon. A picnic dinner and later an address by Mr. J. C. M. Vann. At night there will be a play by the students.

Dr. W. R. McCain, who only recently returned home from the hospital in Charlotte, where he was detained several weeks by an infected sore on his leg, has had a recurrence of his trouble, and is again (we hope only temporarily) confined to his room.

Oh, come now, father O. P. T., you know that I was addressing my remarks to the new-comers and that they in no-wise included you or any of the others who have some claim to being veterans at the game. I read your first letter to The Journal and its mighty few of the subsequent ones that I have misread, and I can say honestly that I have never criticized one of them, either in thought or action.

The Rehobeth school, Miss Gertrude Worley and Miss Addie Mae Abernethy, teachers, will close Friday. The J. O. U. A. M. of Trinity will present the school with a flag and a bible. At noon a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds, and in the afternoon, Prof. Mudge of the Marshville high school will make an address, which is expected to be followed by a ball game. Down along old Twelve-Mile. The yellow backs are biting. I'll do this stunt by one o'clock. And to that creek go kiting.

Run up and down for about a mile. The banks with hocks I'll jamble. All loaded with the choicest bait. To make them fishes scramble. Oh, T. B. L., you may excel, In rounding up the sinners. But I can beat you any day. A-catching little minners. —SCAPEGOAT.

Graham County Man Gets 90 Years in Pen. Ed Williams of Graham county holds the record in North Carolina for a long prison sentence. He butchered up his father-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, consequently, got 90 years. He was delivered to State's Prison.

Williams was brought to Raleigh by J. A. Ammons, sheriff of Graham county, where the triple murder occurred, the sentences to run consecutively.