

DOWN IN MEXICO

CARRANZA ORDERS 30,000 TROOPS TO EXTERMINATE BORDER BANDITS

New Troop Movements Already in Progress, and the Prompt Withdrawal of Recent Punitive Expedition Will Have Beneficial Effect

WASHINGTON — The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate bandits, according to information received Wednesday at the State Department.

Prompt withdrawal of the second expedition when it reached the end of the hot trail probably will have a beneficial effect on future negotiations with the de facto government, officials believe.

Review of Situation Stated.

Outstanding facts in the Mexican situation briefly told are these:

Colonel Sibley's four cavalry troops which entered Mexico nearly two weeks ago in search of the Glen Springs and Boquillas bandit raiders were back on the border with out casualties, having penetrated 186 miles into unknown country.

At Mexico City the Carranza government was preparing another note to be dispatched to the United States within a few days.

Officers of the Judge Advocate General's office were perusing military law to determine whether, in their opinion, 116 members of the Texas National Guard are subject to courtmartial for refusing to take the mustering oath to enter Federal service.

A Source of Greatness (Lyman Abbott)

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ning as high as three hundred bushels to the acre. Granville should rank high in the potato producing counties of the State in 1916.

It would be well for us to secure several million slips and bend our energies to raise a bumper crop. We could increase the wealth of Granville this year about three-quarters of a million dollars—perhaps a full million—by the sweet potato route.

We feel quite sure that if a sufficient quantity of sweet tubers are raised, the Granville Commercial Club will devise means of handling the crop to best advantage to the farmers.

The value of sweet potatoes at harvest time is around 50 cents per bushel. The average price realized by farmers in Granville during the past season was in the neighborhood of 75c per bushel.

Vice-President Marshal spoke at State Normal College at Greensboro, Tuesday.

Swiss Rendered Relief

Geneva—The little independent principality of Liechtenstein, with its 10,000 inhabitants, wedged in between Austria and Switzerland, which declared its neutrality and refused to send the 1,000 men asked for by Austria, would have starved had it not been for the assistance of the Swiss government.

Austria declared a "tacit blockade" and nothing was allowed to cross the frontier. The principality appealed to Switzerland, which at once responded, though it has not too much food of its own, and has been continuing its good work for the last twelve months.

Liechtenstein is Europe's smallest sovereign state, and celebrated in 1899 its second century of independence. The total area is 39,000 acres, and the reigning prince not only receives no salary, but pays an annual subsidy to his subjects.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association will be held in Winston-Salem, Zinzendorf hotel, May 30-June 1-2.

AROUND VERDUN

Dramatic Surprise Sprung on Germans, Driving Teutons From Most of Great Stronghold

LONDON—Furious counter attacks have been made by the Germans in efforts to regain the trenches along the mile and a quarter of trenches extending from east of Fort Douaumont to the east of Thiaumont farm, capturing in Wednesday's attacks. The only success of the Germans, however, was the recapture of a position to the north of Thiaumont farm.

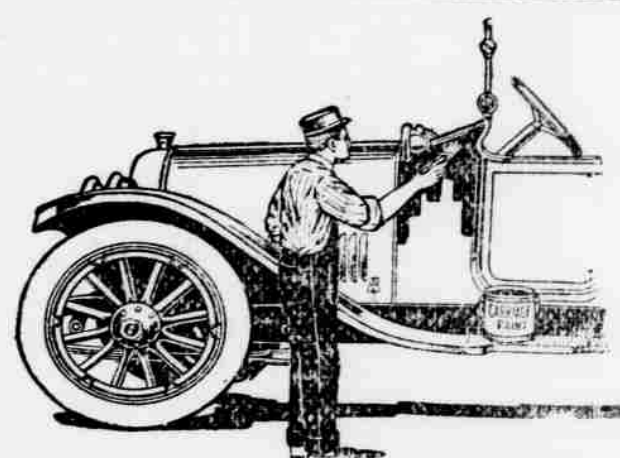
On the other side of the Meuse the battle has lost nothing in its intensity, but no ground has changed hands as a result, the French statement declares.

The latest official bulletins on the fighting along the Australian front indicate that the Austrians are continuing to gain ground in their drive in the southern Tyrol.

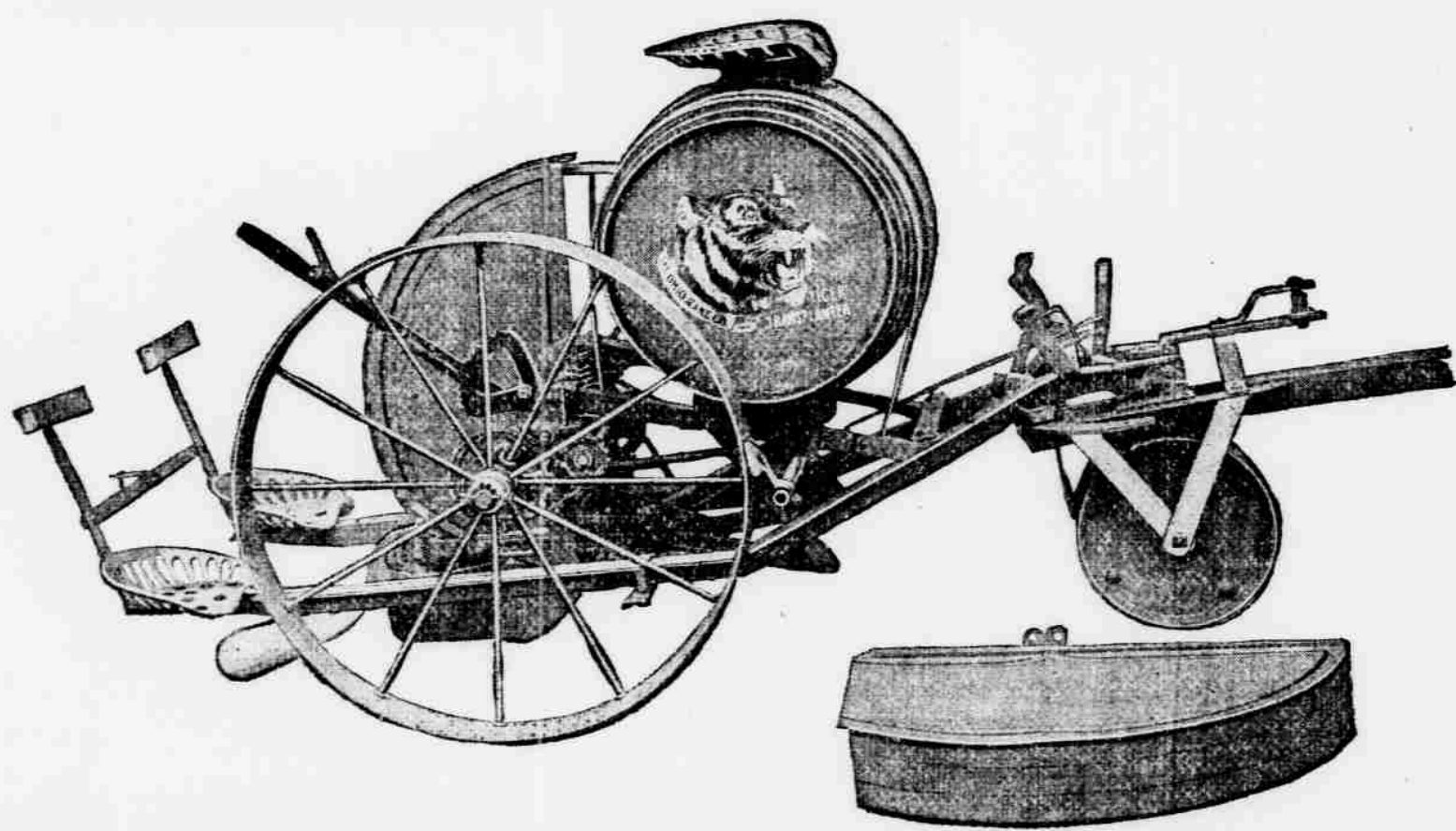
The current Austrian report claims important successes on the Lavarone plateau east of the Astico valley. The official statement from Rome, while recording the repulse of Austrian attacks in other sections, is silent as to the result of the fighting in the Lavarone region.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith of Ekin will give the Southern Methodist Board of Missions \$5,000 to build a church in China and will also pay the salary of a young pastor for the charge—\$900 a year.

Carson Griffett, a patient at the State Hospital in Raleigh, imagined himself a squirrel, climbed a big oak in the Hospital grounds and refused to come down. The Raleigh firemen were called on for help and with their aerial fire truck they removed the man from the tree.

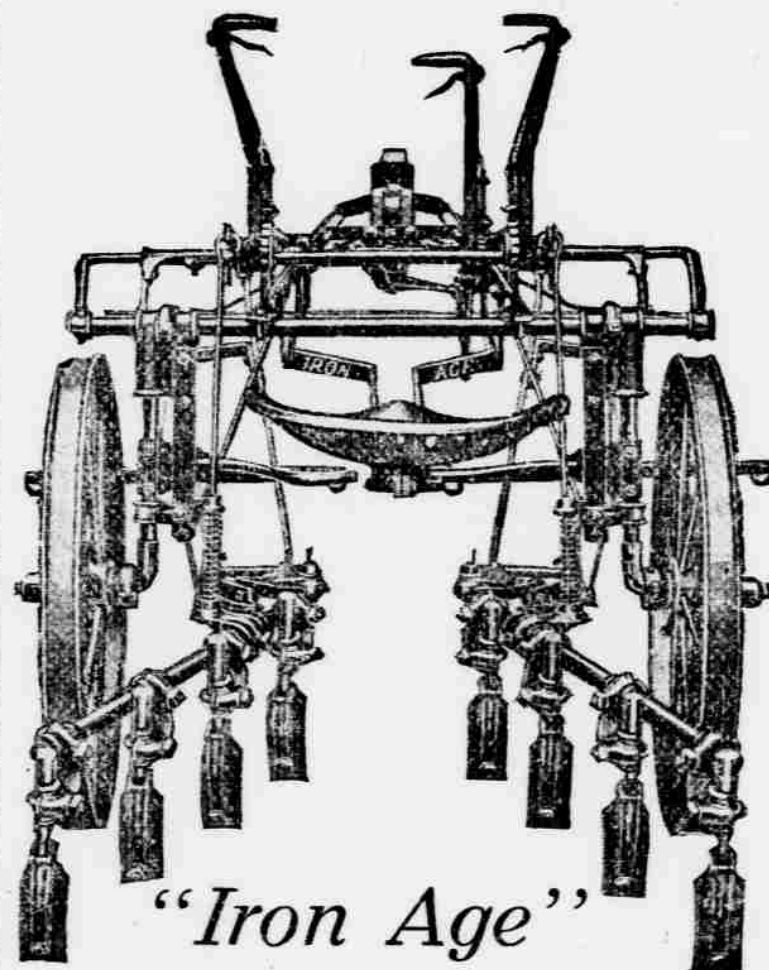


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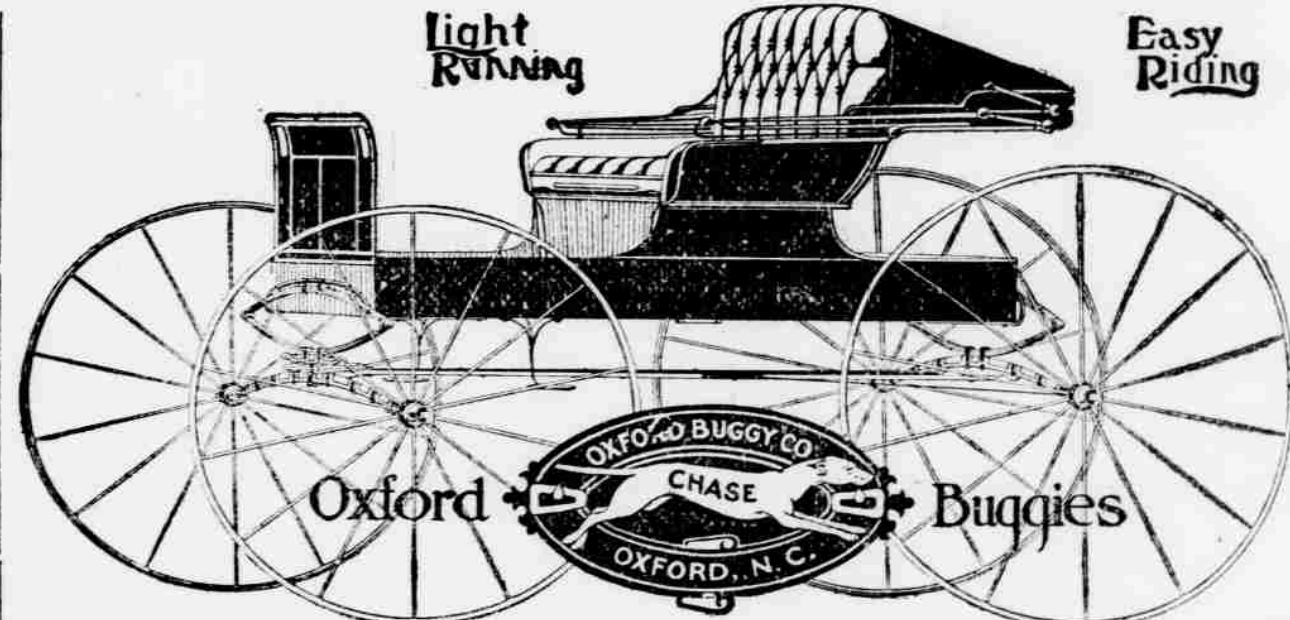
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