

HERRERA JOINS THE FORCES OF BANDIT VILLA

PROBLEM OF THE U.S. BEING MADE MORE DIFFICULT

All Northern Mexico Is Said to Be Seething With Open Revolution.

MAY DISARM MEXICANS ALONG THE BORDER

Understood a Strong Recommendation to That Effect Has Been Made.

El Paso, March 23.—Francisco Villa has established a basis to the westward of Naniquila to reorganize his command and recruit new men for his army. It was reported here today. At this new base it was said, Villa would lay plans to operate with the force under General Luis Herrera, who is understood to have renounced the de facto government. The American army base at Columbus has had no news of Villa for several days.

General Herrera is said to be moving northward to effect a junction with Villa, and this, in connection with the report that the Carranza garrison at Torreon had revolted, has occasioned grave concern among the American army officers in El Paso.

El Paso, March 23.—Private advices reaching here today confirmed reports that General Luis Herrera had joined the Villa forces at Chihuahua and left little room for doubt that American forces had reached a point fraught with far-reaching and perhaps serious consequences to this country.

Not only was it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it was asserted with equal confidence that Torreon, is also in the hands of Villa forces and that all northern Mexico is seething with open revolution against the de facto government. So grave was the situation here that military authorities planned today drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes and what would be practically be martial law in "Little Chihuahua," the heart of the El Paso Mexican section.

It is understood that government officials here have sent to Washington a recommendation couched in the strongest terms urging that steps be taken to disarm all Mexicans along the border, taking the right of forcible entry and search, if necessary.

The Washington authorities, heretofore, have opposed such a step, on the ground that it would be interpreted by the Mexicans as discriminating against them and in violation of their rights. It is now insisted by the local authorities that the time has passed for any delicacy in handling the situation.

Whatever may happen in Juarez, there is no supposition here that any attack would be made on El Paso from the other side of the river, but there is the greatest apprehension that an outbreak on one side would be followed by an outbreak on the other.

Efforts to Forestall Trouble. El Paso, March 23.—There are about 2,000 Mexicans in this city, out of a total population of 7,000. The military and civil authorities have made vigorous efforts to forestall trouble by arresting every Mexican who was suspected of inciting their countrymen against Americans. That such a system, apparently organized, has been carried on for some time has been well known.

No Confirmation in Washington. Washington, March 23.—Confirmation of the report that the Carranza garrison of 2,000 under Luis Herrera at Chihuahua had revolted and joined Villa was still lacking today at the war department, although a dispatch to that effect was passed last night by the United States army censor at Columbus. The war department insists that General Funston's message

5,000 HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF NASHVILLE FIRE

Swept East Nashville Wednesday, Causing One Death and \$1,500,000 Loss.

MANY PERSONS INJURED BUT NONE SERIOUSLY

Blaze Starts From a Lighted Ball of Yarn Thrown Into a Vacant Lot.

Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Citizens, civic and church organizations of Nashville today were caring for 5,000 persons made homeless by the fire that swept east Nashville late yesterday, destroying 600 residences and causing one death and a property loss of \$1,500,000.

The one fatality was that of a negro. Many other persons were injured but none seriously.

The blaze started from a lighted ball of yarn thrown into a grassy vacant lot by a small boy. A planing mill first was destroyed. The flames next raced into an extensive negro settlement and were fanned by a high wind that quickly consumed every house in the quarter. The fire then broke out into two distinct blazes, one going east on Seventh street and the other down Fifth avenue. An area of thirty-five blocks was swept clean, many of the costliest residences of Nashville, several churches and one charitable institution being burned.

U. S. OPENS IRRIGATED TRACT IN NEBRASKA

Alliance, Neb., March 23.—About 14,000 acres of fertile land in the valley of the North Platte, adapted for general farming, livestock and dairying, will be opened tomorrow to homesteaders. The land office here will receive entries for the 40 to 80 acre tracts for which water is now available from the North Platte Irrigation Project. The land for the most part is fairly smooth and is said to be easily prepared for crops.

The lands will be disposed of by a drawing, which increases an equal chance for all applicants. Under the terms of the reclamation law, entries are granted twenty years' time within which to meet the charges for water right. The second payment is not required until five years after the date of making entry.

MORE LETTERS AS TO COMMUTATION

Gov. Craig's Mail Consists Chiefly of Views on Warren-Christy Matter.

Raleigh, March 23.—Governor Craig's mail today consisted largely of letters in which the writers expressed opinions of his action in commuting the sentences of Mrs. Warren and Samuel Christy. There were three letters of disapproval and a score expressing approval.

Judge H. G. Connor, of the United States court, and Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, were among those who approved the governor's action.

HARDIN CRITZ KILLED BY FALL FROM TRAIN

A telegram was received this morning stating that Mr. Hardin Critz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Critz, of this city, was killed by a fall from the train last night near Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Critz had been with his father on a trip in Western Florida, and they were on their way home. No particulars of his death had been learned when the Sentinel went to press.

MISSOURI PLANS FOR STATE CENTENNIAL IN 1920

St. Louis, March 23.—A committee of prominent Missourians met here recently and formulated the early plans for the celebration in 1920 of the centennial of the State. It was decided to organize a committee of One Thousand, to be composed of five representatives of each of the counties and others from the state at large, representing the vocations, industries and institutions of the people. All of the arrangements will be made by this committee, which will meet in Kansas City early in the fall.

STORM DOES DAMAGE IN WILSON SECTION

Wilson, N. C., March 23.—Houses were unroofed, outbuildings demolished, windows blown in and chimneys destroyed in this section last night by a heavy windstorm, according to

Night Patrol Protecting El Paso and the Army Commander of the Guard



FRENCH CLINGING TO PART OF HILL

Germans Gain a Footing Northwest of Verdun—Bombardment Continues.

The French are still clinging to a part of the little hill of Haucourt, southwest of Malancourt, on which the Germans gained a foothold last evening in an attack along the front between Avoucourt wood and Malancourt, northwest of Verdun.

Paris announces today that the German infantry attacks in this sector were not resumed during the night and even the fire of the heavy artillery diminished in violence.

The bombardment east of the Meuse was continued with undiminished intensity. The persistence with which the Germans are pounding the French positions near Vaux and Damloup in this region indicates that they probably are preparing for a new attempt to break in the sector where their lines have been nearest to the heart of the stronghold.

Besides driving hard against the German positions along the Dvina below Dvinsk on the northern end of the Russian line, where Petrograd declares some successes have been scored, the Russians are displaying notable activity in Galicia.

The Austrians report lively artillery fire along their front east with infantry advances at some points. These are declared to have been repulsed.

The sinking of the Norwegian bark Lindfield, bound from Portland, Oregon, for British ports, is announced from London. Thirty members of her crew were rescued. Another vessel sunk was the French bark Boignaville. Twenty-three of her crew were saved.

PHYSICIAN WAS FOUND IN STUPOR

Detectives Go to Arrest Dr. Waite in Connection With Millionaire's Death.

New York, March 23.—Detectives sent today to arrest Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in connection with the death of John E. Peck, millionaire druggist, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, found him in a condition of stupor as a result of an opiate, self-administered. Physicians at noon today were working on him to save his life.

The order for Dr. Waite's apprehension was decided upon by the district attorney, following the receipt of information from Grand Rapids indicating that Peck may have been poisoned.

This information was received last night from representatives of his who went to Grand Rapids, including the medical examiner, who performed an autopsy on Peck's body which had been sent there soon after his death here March 12.

President Goes To Philadelphia. Washington, March 23.—President Wilson left here today for Philadelphia.



Colonel Charles W. Taylor is commander of the border patrol at El Paso which protects the city from an attack by Mexican bandits. These soldiers and many more like them line the border day and night.

FUNSTON WANTS MORE AEROPLANES

Asks for Eight Additional of Flying Craft—Supply Situation Good.

Washington, March 23.—General Funston has been uneasy, it was said today, over the supply situation in Mexico but had reported no shortage.

The navy department was without advices from Tampico, where a disquieting situation has been indicated in unofficial reports.

General Funston today asked for eight more aeroplanes. He wants four to go to Columbus to fly with General Pershing's column and four others to be sent to his headquarters.

The disposition of the administration to discourage agitation of the Mexican situation in congress was evidenced by Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, when Senator Johnston, of South Dakota, read a telegram from Yankton, offering a company of men to the army.

Senator Smoot, Republican, agreed with the Democratic senator. "The introduction of communications of this kind at this time is rather ill-advised," said Senator Stone. "The situation in Mexico, as we all know, is acute, and whatever tends to add to the acuteness of this situation I regard as something that would better be left undone."

SOCIETY WEDDING AT WASHINGTON THIS P. M.

Washington, March 23.—Miss Margaretta Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Porter Morse, will be the bride of Charles Gravenberg, of New Orleans, in a pretty society wedding this afternoon at St. Matthew's church. Magistrate Thomas S. Lee will perform the ceremony. Mrs. Joseph J. Ryan, of New York, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor, and the groom's brother, Marion Gravenberg, will act as best man. A reception will follow at the country home of the Morges.

FLORIDA GOOD ROADS CONVENTION AT ST. AUGUSTINE

St. Augustine, Fla., March 23.—The Florida State Good Roads Association opened here today its annual convention. It is the nineteenth annual gathering, and some 2,500 automobiles have come from all sections of the State. Florida is making great headway in road improvements, but there

AUGUSTA FIRE ENTAILS LOSS OF MILLIONS

WIND STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN THIS SECTION

The heaviest wind storm in many years and one doing the greatest damage throughout this section passed over the city Wednesday afternoon late. Not only did the heavy gale raze trees and telephone and electric poles to the ground, but many buildings were damaged.

Probably the greatest damage to any one building was to the Winston water station. The west wall of the brick building, located at the boiler room section of the building, was blown in, putting one of the boilers out of commission. A part of the roof was torn off. The accident did some damage to the machinery inside the building, but the plant was not paralyzed by the occurrence. A force of hands was immediately put to work repairing the damage which will amount to several hundred dollars.

A part of the roof was torn off the new storage building of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company on Cherry street, and parts of chimneys were turned over in many sections of the city. Many of them were torn away down to the roofs of dwellings. Numbers of roofs were damaged, slate being blown from the roof of the West End Methodist church.

The Southern Public Utilities Company suffered considerably from the falling of poles and delay in street railway traffic. Soon after the wind reached its height Mr. B. J. Pfohl at the office of the company, corner of Third and Main streets, was notified that eleven poles were down on the main line of the system on the Southside hill, and that in all scattered in every section of the city a total of 25 or 30 poles were down. Every force available was put to work to restore traffic and restore the service lines that had been put out of commission, and before ten o'clock, perfect service both on the ear system and the power and light circuits was restored.

Managed W. B. Little, of the Bell Telephone Company, reports very little damage to his lines, service being only slightly interrupted.

Secretary and Treasurer F. N. Fraff, of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Forsyth and Stokes counties, stated this morning that he had learned of considerable damage in the county, the gale having passed practically over the entire county. East of the city the corn crib of W. A. Beeson and numerous other barns and out buildings were either blown down or unroofed. Many dwellings were slightly damaged. This organization carries the bulk of the insurance in the rural districts of Forsyth and Stokes counties, covering losses from tornado, fire and water, but up to noon today no claim had been filed with the secretary.

Probably the heaviest wind passed over the western part of the county. The roof of the home of Mrs. Alex Stimpson at Lewisville was torn off. In Vienna township the feed barn of Mr. Fred Ziglar, one on the farm of Mr. Grant Farrington, barns of Messrs. Will Ziglar and H. Algood, were among the buildings reported demolished, and several residences suffered lesser damage.

Some remarkable tales have been going the rounds since the gale. It is said that a farmer living west of the city was engaged in hauling sand to Reynolds, and that when the gale began he was on route to his destination with a load. His colored helper was on the wagon. It is stated that practically all the sand was blown from the wagon, and the wind so terrified the colored man that he leaped from the wagon, dropped to his knees and prayed, declaring "O Lord, I've never called on yer befo'; please help me dis time."

It is also reported that a woman was blown from her feet but other than fright and a slight shock from the fall, no injury was suffered.

It was with difficulty that vehicles made their way along the streets during a few minutes of the storm. Associated with the devastation on Southside, is the following story: Mr. Frank Reid, who runs a grocery at 201 Main street, asked a friend home to supper. At the foot of the hill the passengers of the car they rode in got out and marched up the prostrate poles, and picking their way between the entangled wires. As the two approached Mr. Reid's home on the corner of Gloria avenue, his eleven-year-old daughter, Dorothy, came rushing down the street to meet them. Her cheeks flushed and eyes shined with excitement. "Oh, papa," she said, "I never want to skate again. I was out on the porch skating when all of those poles went tumbling down smash, all at the same time. They made an awful noise. I was so scared when I saw them blown over. Yes, I was scared most to death, and I never want to skate again, never, never."

On entering the house and attempting to turn on the lights Mr. Reid found that the current was off. Before supper was over it was on again and ere an hour had passed all poles

TWENTY BLOCKS IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION BURNED

Six Business Blocks Also Involved in Disastrous Conflagration.

FIRE BROUGHT TO HALT AT EARLY HOUR

Estimates Place the Number of Residences Destroyed Between 600 and 700

Augusta, Ga., March 23.—Twenty blocks in the residential section of Augusta today presented the appearance of a swept prairie and the bare testimony of Augusta's most disastrous of recent years.

The fire, which raged for more than nine hours last night, leaving a loss estimated at \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, brought to a halt early today what it had crossed Great street.

An area of about one square mile was ravaged by flames, which were driven by a heavy gale. The Augusta fire was powerless and apparatus sent from Columbus, Charleston, Savannah and other cities. The wind subsided just one o'clock and it was not then that the firemen could begin their fight.

Starting in the Dyer building at the corner of Eighth and streets, the fire spread rapidly "Cotton Row," in the rear, and around the Empire Life building and then, by leaps and bounds, destroyed block after block, kept the sixth on Broad street. The flames cut a pass from three blocks wide for blocks on Broad street, down the east boundary, the end city. The flames leaped a block from the south on Elbert street and cut their third to Greene street.

Estimates today placed the number of residences destroyed between 600 and 700, in some of the finest old homes of Augusta. No estimate can be placed on the value of the contents of these homes. The fire saved practically nothing today over 2,000 persons were less. Many spent the night in the streets, while others in the halls of the large hotels. Leading citizens today began plans for relief. The council was called to meet at one o'clock to consider what was necessary. A general meeting of citizens was called noon.

Many Narrow Escapes. There were many narrow escapes, but no one has been seriously injured. Several have been sent to the hospital suffering from burns and scalds.

Practically destroyed. The twelve-story building piled by the Augusta Chronicle was practically destroyed. Herald building also was destroyed. Cotton factors today estimate that the fire destroyed about 600,000 worth of cotton which stored in the warehouses along the river front.

"Miracle Block." The sixth block on Broad street proved the "miracle block." The flames leaped over this block one building was damaged at 6:30 o'clock this morning. The blaze was extinguished about midnight. The damage had been done. On the part of the firemen threatened flame in the section of the city at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Several small stores were destroyed.

Chronicling. The Chronicle today