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SPECIAL TRAIN FROM PLYMOUTH

Will Leave That Place at
Half Past Seven And Ar-
rive Here At Nine Forty
Five

An excursion train from Plymouth to Elizabeth City on Good Will Day July Fourth is now practically assured.

Manager Pugh of the Chamber of Commerce was officially notified by the Norfolk Southern this morning that this special train would be put on, no unforeseen contingency arising, and that, besides, special excursion rates would be given on that day from points in Currituck, Beaufort, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

The special train will leave Plymouth at 7:30 in the morning and arrive at Elizabeth City at 9:45. At Mackey's it will connect with the early trains from Columbia and Behaven. Returning in the evening it will leave Elizabeth City at 6:30 p. m.

The Norfolk Southern is also arranging to distribute flyers advertising the special service at points along the route.

Full details of the special's schedule and of the excursion fares will appear in to-morrow's paper.

JUST ROVING AROUND AMONG BURSTING SHELLS

London, June 27.—A Canadian artillery major played a side-splitting joke on the Germans for the benefit of the three American news association correspondents at the British war front in Belgium last week. From a commanding elevation and a safe distance the correspondents and the foreign office official who was escorting them had been watching a brisk "straf" between the Canadian batteries and the German big guns on the plain below them.

The Canadian started the row.

"Our armor, you see," explained a Canadian captain, "have located a lot of Bosch dugouts and we're going to bust 'em."

The "straf" was in full blast a few minutes later. The Germans responded enthusiastically.

"Don't stand up so's to show against the skyline," warned the colonel in charge of the party. "The Bosches could land a shell here if they wanted to."

"It isn't this party I'm worried about," he added, "but I don't want to get them in the habit of shelling this position. It would be bad for people who have to be here later." After awhile the "straf" subsided.

"Would you like to see one of our batteries?" asked the Canadian captain.

The party declared it would be more than delighted. The hill had to be descended and a big field crossed to get to the battery.

"You three chaps go ahead," said the colonel to the Canadian captain, and a couple of the correspondents.

"Now you two," he told the foreign office official and his own aide, after the first trio had gained a lead of 300 feet or so.

"Now we'll go," he concluded when the official and the aide had made a fair start.

"If we all went in a bunch," he pointed out to the correspondent who accompanied him, "the Bosches might think it worth while to land on us with a whizzbang."

The battery was encoined in a burrow with anybody could have passed unconsciously at a dozen-foot distance and an aviator could hardly find with a microscope. It has been there for months said the major who commanded it.

"Would you like to see a shot fired?" he inquired.

TROOPS HOT ON BANDIT TRAIL

Strong Detachments Of
Cavalry Acting With
Automobile Posses In
Effort to Effect Capture

SIX MEXICAN BANDITS
CAUGHT AND KILLED

(By United Press)
Columbus, New Mexico, June 28.—Six Mexicans, believed to have belonged to the band that murdered William Parker and his bride were exterminated this side of the border during the night.

Columbus, New Mexico, June 28.—Government troops are crossing the border on the hot trail of the Mexican bandits who murdered William Parker and his bride early Tuesday morning at their ranch 35 miles southwest of Hachita, New Mexico. Automobile posses are pressing the pursuit closest and these are being supported by strong cavalry patrols.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Parker were taken to Hachita last night at about midnight.

Details of the latest bandit outrage on American soil are particularly revolting.

Having lost a number of his cattle to cattle thieves recently Parker attempted to drive the bandit's off his ranch.

The trespassers drove the American back to his house, and there murdered both him and his wife—a bride of five months.

The remoteness of the region enabled the bandits to put some distance between themselves and their first pursuers but it is believed that there is now a good prospect for their capture.

The correspondents and the foreign official certainly did want to.

Hardly had the shell cleared the gun's muzzle before a funny idea seemed to strike the major he began to laugh uproariously. The others' eyes turned on him curiously.

"I was just thinking," said the major, "how that one lone shot will puzzle the Bosches. At first they'll think a bombardment's starting. Then, when nothing follows it, they'll get to worrying."

"I'll bet they lose sleep wondering what we fired that single shot for."

Besides, the bombardment being over, it's just time in the afternoon for 'em to be taking a bite of eat and our shell must have landed just right to mussy up the tea things."

Three or four Germans were killed, for all anybody knows, merely to give a good laugh to three correspondents, a foreign office official and a Canadian major.

Earlier the same day the colonel took the correspondents and their guardian official to see one of Belgium's ruined towns.

It must have been once a quite a good-sized city, handsomely and substantially built, but the German guns had battered it completely to pieces.

Some tottering walls still stood, but there was not a whole building in the place.

"And they're still shelling it," said the colonel, "so don't linger, and when you cross the grand square keep close to what's left of the walls. If a shot should fall in the square while we're in it, the walls are some shelter."

"Don't look as if it would do much good to keep on shelling this place," commented a correspondent.

"It does us good," said the colonel, "for it wastes the Bosches' ammunition."

In this town is an emergency hos-

Proclamation

Elizabeth City is preparing to entertain all who come within her gates on July 4th. The hand of hospitality is extended and the voice of our people raised in greeting to her visitors upon that day, which bids fair to be the biggest in the history of our City

It is eminently proper that every citizen take a part in the festivities of the day, and each of us do our full part in letting all feel that our one desire is to make all happy, feel welcome and carry home with them pleasant recollections of the time spent with us.

I, therefore, as the Official Representative of Elizabeth City, sincerely ask that each merchant close his place of business at one o'clock, July 4th, in order that his employees may enter into this joyous occasion and further enable all of us to do our best toward the strangers who will be with us

Talk this: Do this: decorate and give one day to the town which we all love—and which is rapidly taking its place in the great march of industrial progress P. G. SAWYER, Mayor

Indictment Not Quashed

(By United Press)

London, June 28.—A motion by the defense, in the trial of Sir Roger Casement, to quash the indictment on the ground of its frailty was lost this morning after a lengthy hearing.

Sir Roger took the stand in his own behalf later in the day. He declared that the charges that the Irish Rebellion was inspired in Germany were untrue. He denied that he had received any money from Germany and said that Germany had neither directed his movements or offered to do so.

He also denied that he had asked Irish prisoners in Germany to join the Irish Rebellion.

NEW BUSINESS VENTURE

A new business establishment began operation Tuesday on Poindexter street just back of Mitchell's Department Store. The proprietors are Mrs. Mers' Junior Gilbert and William Jennings, Jr and the stock carried is mainly Pepsi Cola and chewing gum. The gentlemen in charge, of this new business are hustlers and have literally allowed no grass to grow under their feet.

pit in a cellar under a building which has not been quite so badly smashed up as the others. To get to it, you go down through a kind of out-door cellar stairway with a bomb proof cover.

While the party stood talking with the surgeon in charge, a German aeroplane appeared overhead.

"Quick!" cried the colonel. "Get cover!"

The tourists dove into the cellar like chipmunks and for about thirty minutes the aeroplane kept them copped up there.

"The other day a group of Irish Guards stood gawping at an aeroplane just like that," said the colonel, "and in less than two minutes a shell dropped near them. The aviator wireless their position to a German battery."

This was the nearest the correspondents and the foreign office officials came to being under fire.

The officers they met did their best to make the visitors think they were in awful danger. They were continually saying things like:

"The road we're going over now is shelled every day. You can't tell what minute a shell will drop here" and "Keep your head down or you'll draw the Bosches' fire."

But somehow nothing happened. There's no make-believe concerning the danger involved in crossing the Channel, but there doesn't seem to be much—for civilians—in roving a round battlefields.

BALKANS AGAIN CENTER INTEREST

Report That Roumania
May Enter The War
Causing Alarm And
Excitement at Bulgaria

(By United Press)

London, June 28.—Interest in the expected Grand Offensive of the Allied Army in France has suddenly shifted to the Balkans with revival of reports that Roumania is on the point of entering the war on the side of the allies.

A heavily censored dispatch from Bucharest via Athens, says that Bulgaria has closed its frontiers and is concentrating troops on the Roumanian border.

Bulgaria, it is declared, is uneasy about Roumania's attitude, especially since Greece has granted recent demands by the allies.

Villa Story Pure Fake

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C. June 28.—War minister Obregon branded as a fake today the report that Villa had been given a commission in Carranza's army. "All such reports," said the minister, "are fabrications pure and simple. Villa is outlawed and would not be given amnesty under any conditions."

MAN VIRGINIA WEDDINGS IN BETSEY THIS WEEK

Cupid is on the job again in Elizabeth City after a two weeks vacation.

On Monday Miss Madeline Frances Hebdgen and Mr. Willie W. Erite, both of Princess Anne county, were married here by justice of the peace J. W. Munden. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hebdgen and the groom is the son of Mrs. Frances Erite, all of Princess Anne.

On the same day Miss Bessie Louise Smith and Mr. Aruther Lloyd Hall, both of Norfolk county were also married here by Mr. Munden. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Norfolk County, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Hall of Portsmouth.

On Tuesday Miss Jennie Margaret Halstead and Mr. David Thomas Mitchell, both of Norfolk were married by Mr. Munden. The groom is the son of Mrs. Fannie Cohoon of Ocean View and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Halstead of Norfolk.

Reply of Carranza Is Looked For Now Hourly

But Only Thing So Far Forthcoming Is Protest As To Treatment Of Mexicans By Americans

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C. June 28.—From high administration officials it became known today that a reply from Carranza to the American note demanding the release of American prisoners in Chihuahua City is expected today.

The belief is based on a message from James Linn Rodgers, the President's Representative in Mexico City, dispatched from there at midnight.

ARREDONDO TEMPORIZES AND TRIFLES

Mexican Ambassador Arredondo has sent a note to the State Department protesting against alleged acts of American forces in Mexico and requesting that soldiers who committed the alleged acts be punished.

The protests were based on a dispatch from Mexico City saying that 300 residents of La Cruz were arrested by the American punitive expedition and subjected to maltreatment before being released.

It was claimed also that a column of three thousand American soldiers proceeding from San Geronimo to El Valle had committed many outrages which were attributed to the Apache scouts with the expedition.

CONGRESSMEN NERVOUS.
Several Democratic Congressmen were admittedly nervous over the War scare today, fearing its effect on the party fortunes.

While some politicians believe that a "War President" would be unbeatable news is beginning to come in from "back home" containing mutterings against open conflict in Mexico.

A candidate for governor of a Southern state is quoted as saying that a canvass of persons shows that the invasion of Mexico is decidedly unpopular in his state.

AMERICANS SHOULD LEAVE MEXICO

The government is redoubling its efforts to get the Americans out of Mexico. Under the direction of the Department of War, State and Navy the strongest efforts are being made to persuade to immediate departure from that country the numerous ones who insist on staying to the last minute.

CARRANZA MUST RELEASE PRISONERS

Carranza must release the American imprisoned in Chihuahua City by midnight or invite immediate invasion of his country by American troops who will undertake to effect their release by force.

There will be no delays in the light of Arredondo's demands for the release of Mexicans now imprisoned in California, and for the lifting of the embargo on food going into Mexico. "That" says President Wilson, "is another question."

The president is interested now solely in effecting the release of the American prisoners in Chihuahua. Though Carranza's refusal to release these prisoners might not mean an immediate declaration of war it would mean that an armed force would immediately go to their relief and the De Facto Government prepared to accept any sinister results that might follow it.

The British consul at Chihuahua City, who is looking after American interests there, reported to the state department Tuesday as follows:

"There are 21 privates and two

HOPE OF LOOT INSPIRES PEONS

Half Starved Men Told By
Their Officers That
They Will Find Food
and Clothes At El Paso

(By United Press)

El Paso June 28.—Hope of looting El Paso is said to be buoying up the half starved, poorly clothed peons in Carranza's Northern army. Reports reaching here from the interior of Mexico say that Carranza's officers have told their men they'll have food in plenty when they reach El Paso.

Heavy troop movements northward are in progress south of the border and it is estimated that about fifty-five thousand Carranzistas are being concentrated in Chihuahua City; but plans have been made to frustrate any looting parties.

The American troops, in the event of open hostilities, will assume the offensive instead of waiting for an attack.

TO LECTURE HERE ON PREVENTION OF INSANITY

One of the staff of the State Hospital will make a talk on "The Prevention of Insanity" at the Court House on Saturday, July, 1st at 8:15 P. M. Doctors, teachers and the general public are invited. The talk will be non-technical so that the laity may understand.

The speaker will be Dr. A. S. Pendleton of Henderson well known in the State and with a number of friends here.

Dr. Pendleton is a man of much ability and the news that he is to speak will no doubt bring a good crowd at the court house for the occasion.

Nothing Doing For Colonel

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C. June 28.—There are too many deserving Democrats to be taken care of in the event of war to give Roosevelt the rank of Major-General on condition of his raising an army division for service in Mexico.

This is what army administration officials here said in reply to a report to the effect that some such proposal was in the air.

Mrs. A. K. Kramer is spending some time at the Albemarle cottage.

Sergeants of Tenth cavalry and one white interpreter interned in penitentiary. Two are slightly wounded one through the shoulder and the other has flesh wound in knee. Both recovering and receiving medical attention. They are sufficiently fed and well treated. They have ample room for exercises. Am assured that there is no danger for their lives."