

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRAY

With Villa Forces—30 Mexicans Killed—Four Troopers Wounded.

Washington, March 31.—Gen. Pershing, through Gen. Funston, reported to-day to the War Department that he had found Gen. Villa with 500 troops, near Guerrero.

In a fight with Villa's troops 30 Mexicans were killed, Gen. Pershing reported. Four American privates were injured, but none seriously. Two machine guns, many cavalry horses and much ammunition was captured by the Americans. The attack was a surprise on the Villa forces and culminated in a running fight in which they were driven for ten miles into the mountain northeast of the railway, where they separated into small bands.

The fight occurred about 6 p. m., March 29, near Guerrero, and the report came from the San Geronimo ranch. Villa was not present during the encounter and is reported to be suffering from a broken leg and a lame hip.

Funston's Dispatch.

Gen. Funston's dispatch from Fort Sam Houston, forwarding Gen. Pershing's dispatches, follows:

"San Geronimo Ranch, March 30.—Col. Dodd struck Villa's command, consisting of 500 men, at 6 o'clock March 29, at Guerrero. Villa, who is suffering from a broken leg and lame hip, was not present. Number Villas' dead known to be 30, probably others carried away dead. Dodd captured two machine guns, a large number of horses, saddles and arms. Our casualties: Four enlisted men wounded, none seriously. The attack was a surprise, the Villa troops being driven in a 10-mile running fight, and retreated to the mountains northeast of the railroad, where they separated into small bands.

A large number of Carranzista prisoners who were being held for execution by the Villa troops, were liberated during the fight.

"In order to reach Guerrero, Col. Dodd marched 55 miles in 17 hours and carried on the fight for five hours.

"Eliseo Fernandez, who commanded the Villa troops, was killed in the fight. With Villa permanently disabled, Lopez wounded and Fernandez dead, the blow administered is a serious one to Villa's band."

Immediate Pursuit.

The War Department also has information that the Carranzista Villa troops appeared to be assembling in the upper part of the San Maria Valley, and Col. Dodd was evidently planning pursuit to press the advantage of his initial victory.

Keep Your Skin Clear and Healthy.

There is only one way to have a clear, healthy complexion and that is to keep the bowels active and regular. Dr. King's New Life Pills will make your complexion healthy and clear, move the bowels gently, stimulate the liver, cleanse the system and purify the blood. A splendid spring medicine. 25c. at your druggist.—Adv. 3.

April Jobs for Farmers.

Plant best varieties of corn and cotton.

Plant hog grazing crops. Transplant tomatoes, egg plants and pepper plants to garden.

Plant cantaloupes, butter beans, cucumbers, okra and squash. Thin lettuce to 10 or 12 inches in the row. Thin celery, onions and beets.

If troubled with root knot plant sweet potatoes on sand where they have not been planted for several years.

Continue to plant snap beans about every ten days in order to have plenty throughout the season.

Give peaches second spraying about three weeks after first. Spray apples with arsenate of lead as soon as blooms have fallen. Repeat in eight days.

Plant a few hills of summer squash among cantaloupes to attract worms and then poison with arsenate of lead.

A good ration for young chickens is wheat bran or shorts and buttermilk. Grease their heads to kill lice.

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Calomel is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crushes into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without straining you up inside, and cannot sllivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.—Adv.

SAYS HE'S SPY, HOLDS UP SHIP.

Stow-away on Munitions Carrier Proves Terror to Crew.

Lewes, Del., March 30.—Ernest Schiller, a German, held up the captain of the British steamer Matoppo shortly after the vessel passed Sandy Hook last night, bound from New York for Vladivostok, with a cargo of munitions and war material.

Schiller, who was a stow-away, put the wireless out of operation, locked the captain in his room all night, and searched his papers and the ship's safe. The man is under arrest here, having been landed this afternoon.

The Matoppo passed out Sandy Hook at 6 o'clock last night and the attack on the captain was made two hours later. Schiller, it is said, had been a stow-away on the Matoppo five days. When well out to sea he appeared armed with two revolvers. It is alleged, and forced the captain into his cabin. The man told the captain that he had placed bombs in different parts of the ship.

The crew feared the man and when the steamer hove in sight of the Delaware Capes her course was changed and she sent up a signal for immediate assistance and at the same time a boat load of her crew went over the side to come ashore and summon help because the man threatened to blow up the ship. A tug boat and the steamer pilot boat Philadelphia responded, as did also the coast-guard crew stationed at Cape Henlopen, Del. The pilot boat picked up the ship's crew.

The man was brought ashore and is now in irons at the customs house in Lewes. He has money and papers belonging to the captain and mate.

When the Matoppo was in the Atlantic off Rehoboth Beach, Del., the German insisted upon being put ashore.

While the boat in which he was taken ashore was going toward the beach the pilot boat cut in and took the boat in tow. The German surrendered to coast guards in a power launch, throwing his weapons overboard.

Claims to Be a Spy.

Lewes, Del., March 31.—Ernest Schiller, who captured the British steamer Matoppo, and terrorized the crew of 56 men on Wednesday night after the ship sailed from New York for Vladivostok with railroad supplies for Russia, declared to-day he was a German spy, and says he was ordered to blow up the ship. The captain's plea for his wife and daughter prevented. He asked that he be kept ashore instead of being returned to the ship.

Capt. Berner, of the Matoppo, says Schiller is a former naval officer. Schiller has been told he will probably be taken to the British West Indies and tried for piracy. The act was outside the three-mile limit.

Federal and British representatives here will examine Schiller. Those who saw Schiller believe him irresponsible, and don't believe the story of his career. He says he was born in Germany, and withheld is right name. He has been in America for a year, and was sent to England shortly after the war broke out and enlisted in the British navy. He declared several thousand Germans are in the British navy.

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Aggravated Malleious Mischief.

(Charleston News and Courier.)

Edward Jackson was painfully burned about the legs as well as given the scare of his life Tuesday night. With Jackson, Danna and Robert Brown he is a delivery boy at a special messenger service at No. 116 Anson street. Tuesday night Jackson laid down to sleep and while snoring away was suddenly awakened by flames about him.

On investigation Jackson found that he was the victim of an alleged prank by his comrades, and at once made a report of the affair to the police, who arrested Danna and Brown. Both of them were taken before Magistrate Lunn on a charge of malicious mischief, pouring oil on Jackson and setting him on fire. Danna was released, but Brown is being held in jail, Magistrate Lunn stated.

Sapp Succeeds Dominick.

Columbia, March 31.—Claude N. Sapp, of Lancaster, has been appointed Assistant Attorney General. Announcement of the appointment was made by Attorney General Peoples. Mr. Sapp succeeds F. H. Dominick, of Newberry, who resigned and returned to his home in Newberry two weeks ago.

CHARGE MURDER TO DENTIST.

Dr. Waite is Formally Accused of Poisoning Rich Father-in-Law.

New York, March 31.—The grand jury to-day returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Dr. Arthur W. Waite, accusing him of poisoning his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids.

The indictment contains two counts, one that Waite administered arsenic to his father-in-law on March 12, "intending wilfully to kill and murder" him; the second that same day he administered to Peck "a certain deadly poison to the said grand jury unknown."

Men from the district attorney's office were supposed to be digging somewhere in the sand at the end of Long Island for the \$9,000 in bills which Eugene O. Kane, the man who embalmed the body of John E. Peck, said last night he received from Dr. Arthur W. Waite.

The money was "forced" upon Kane, Kane said, as a bribe to induce him to swear that the embalming fluid contained arsenic, the poison from which Peck died, and to place the poison in a sample of the fluid which the prosecutor had asked for. After Kane had told where he had buried the money Assistant District Attorney Dooling and a number of detectives, armed with spades, started last night for the scene in automobiles.

District Attorney Swann was waiting to hear from them to-day, meanwhile keeping Kane under surveillance. Kane says he did not intend to swear as Waite desired him to, and that he did not put arsenic in the fluid.

Big Roll of Money Found.

New York, March 31.—Buried under a tree at the extreme tip of Long Island, a detective late to-day found a roll of bills which Eugene O. Kane, the embalmer, asserted was forced upon him by Dr. Arthur W. Waite in an effort to induce him to swear there was arsenic in the embalming fluid used on the body of Waite's father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., for whose murder the young dentist was indicted to-day. The roll totalled only \$7,800 when found by the detective. Kane said he never counted the money and the police did not know whether Waite's count was accurate.

Detective Caniffe, accompanied by three other men, went to the tip of Long Island, where Kane told the district attorney he had buried the money. Kane led the way to a grove. One of the trees was conspicuously tall and under it was buried a roll of bills.

According to the story told by Waite he also gave Kane a check for \$9,400, which Kane admitted having accepted. This check has not yet been located.

THE WATERMELON.

(Progressive Farmer.)

It's none too early to make up your mind that you are going to gladden the whole summer by having the finest watermelon patch you have ever had. A farmer in the South whose family doesn't feast on this luscious farm product from July to September is simply cheating himself and them out of some of his best opportunities for joyous living. As Mark Twain, himself Southern born, well said on one occasion:

"The true Southern watermelon is a hore apart, not to be mentioned with commoner things. It is chief of this world's luxuries, king by grace of God over all the fruits of the earth. When one has tasted it, he knows what the angels eat. It was not a Southern watermelon that Eve took; we know it because she repented."

How to Grow Watermelons.

Query: Please give the best methods of growing watermelons on sandy land? How much fertilizer should I use? Does it pay to prune the vines?

Answer: There are thousands of acres in melons grown where I live. Our growers prepare the land in December or January and check it out 8 by 8 feet and put half a bushel or more of manure in each check and let it lie till spring to rot. Then they add a handful of a good fertilizer on this at planting time and mix it well and make up the hill and plant. When a good stand is secured thin to two plants. Then scatter a table-spoonful of nitrate of soda around each hill and cultivate clean. Never prune the vines at all. In the absence of manure, put in the hill about a bushel of black mold from the woods and then mix cotton seed meal and acid phosphate equally and put a handful of this well mixed in the woods mold and cover and make the hill.

Chicago and Albany lead in the average number of people per telephone with 6.1 for each phone.

GERMANS TAKE MALANCOURT.

French Hold Outskirts—Liquid Fire Attack on Douaumont.

London, March 31.—German pressure on the Malancourt-Bethincourt salient northwest of Verdun has proved too much for the French on the westerly end of the position and they have been forced out of Malancourt village.

The German guns had been violently bombarding the village for many hours after the recent success of the Crown Prince's troops in reaching the outskirts. Last night the infantry charged in masses simultaneously from three sides, furiously engaging the French battalion holding the village.

After an all-night struggle the French evacuated the village, which had been laid in ruins by the bombardment and the storm of battle raging in its streets after the infantry entered it. Gen. Pertinax's troops still hold the outskirts, the Paris bulletin asserts.

The charge at Malancourt was only one of three operations against the Verdun stronghold which the Germans have put into motion within a day. Northeast of the fortress they twice attacked at Douaumont with liquid fire, but, according to the French war office, were both times beaten off.

Last night they developed renewed activity on the edge of the Woivre plain, beginning a drive against the French right flank and attempting to take the fortification east of Haudio-mont, about nine miles southeast of Verdun. Here, too, they were unsuccessful, Paris declares.

Rheumatic Pain Stopped.

The drawing of muscles, the soreness, stiffness and agonizing pain of rheumatism quickly yield to Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the painful part. Just apply as directed to the sore spots. In a short time the pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth. Here's proof: "I have had wonderful relief since I used your liniment on my knee. To think one application gave me relief. Sorry I haven't space to tell you the history. Thank you for what your remedy has done for me."—Jas. S. Ferguson, Philada, Pa. Sloan's Liniment kills pain. 25c. at druggists.—Adv. 3.

Red Cross Ship Sunk.

Paris, March 31.—The hospital ship Portugal has been sunk in the Black Sea by a German torpedo boat or submarine with a large number of wounded aboard, according to announcement by the official press bureau to-night. It is said the Portuguese had Red Cross signs conspicuously displayed.

The Portugal was owned by the Messageries Maritimes, of Marseilles, and had been placed at the disposal of the Russian government.

The Portugal was 444 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5,553 tons. She was built at La Ciotat in 1887.

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Dinner and Spelling Bee.

Fair Play, March 27.—Special: The ladies of the Fair Play school will give a dinner in the school auditorium on Saturday night, April 8th, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The dinner will consist of oysters, meats and a sweet course. After the supper there will be an old-time spelling bee. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The proceeds will go to general school improvement.

M. R. Mahaffey, Principal.

THE TEST THAT TELLS.

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Years ago this Walhalla citizen told in a public statement the benefit derived from Doan's Kidney Pills. The statement is now confirmed—the testimony complete. Instances like this are numerous. They doubly prove the merit of Doan's Kidney Pills. Can any Walhalla reader demand more convincing proof? It's Walhalla testimony—it may be investigated.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In the District Court of the United States—For the Western District of South Carolina.

THE UNITED STATES Versus A certain tract of land containing 494.13 acres, more or less, situate in Chattooga Township, in the County of Oconee, in the State of South Carolina, known as W. G. Russell Tract.

Notice that Application has Been Made by The United States to Acquire the Land Herein Described, by Condemnation.

Pursuant to an order made by his honor Joseph T. Johnson, United States Judge for the Western District of South Carolina, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1916, notice is hereby published that application has been made to the District Court of the United States for the Western District of South Carolina, in behalf of the United States, for the condemnation for the public use and purpose of National Forest Reserve, of a certain tract of land, owned or supposed to be owned by W. G. Russell and Jane Russell, and an accurate description of said tract of land being as follows:

All and singular that certain tract of land known as the W. G. Russell tract, in Chattooga Township, County of Oconee, and State of South Carolina, formerly said to contain five hundred (500) acres, but containing four hundred and ninety-four and 13/100 (494.13) acres, adjoining lands of Adaline Bynum, F. A. Hull, John Lochrie, Nicholson estate and Roxford lands, on the waters of Chattooga River, on the East side of the forks of the East and West prongs of said river; the line beginning at corner one, a rock pointed out by W. G. Russell as his beginning and northernmost corner, and a corner common to the A. B., W. H. and R. B. Nicholson tracts respectively, a white oak post beside rock, set and scribed; thence to corner two, a Spanish oak post set and scribed; thence to corner three, a pine post set and scribed; thence to corner four, a white oak post, set and scribed; thence to corner five, a Spanish oak post set and scribed; thence to corner six, a sourwood post set and scribed; thence to corner seven, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence to corner eight, a sourwood post set and scribed; thence to corner nine, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence to corner ten, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence to corner eleven, a sourwood post set and scribed; thence to corner twelve, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence to corner thirteen, a sourwood post set and scribed; thence to corner fourteen, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence to corner fifteen, a white oak post set and scribed; thence to corner sixteen, a black oak post set and scribed; to a point in the center of the Walhalla Road 9.55 chains from corner fifteen; thence meandering along said road; with certain courses and distances, passing witness corner seventeen, a red oak post set and scribed, to corner eighteen, a black oak post set and scribed; thence to witness corner nineteen, a chestnut post set and scribed; thence with the meanders of the thread of a stream, to a point .90 feet from corner twenty, a stone set by Surveyor E. Callas April 18th, 1908, and a corner common to the John Lochrie number two, F. A. Hull "Mongold" and W. G. Russell tracts, a Spanish oak post being set and scribed; thence with the boundary line of the John Lochrie tract number two to corner twenty-one, a corner common to the John Lochrie tract number two, J. C. Powell and W. G. Russell tracts; thence with the boundary of the J. C. Powell tract to corner twenty-two, a six-inch pine, an original corner common to the J. C. Powell and W. G. Russell tracts; thence to corner twenty-three, a fourteen-inch white oak, an original corner; thence to corner twenty-four, a twenty-four-inch white oak, marked as the original corner; thence to corner twenty-five, site of an original rock corner, a white oak post being set and scribed; thence to corner twenty-six, an original rock corner, thence to the place of beginning. All bearings being turned from the true meridian.

All persons interested in said tract of land, are hereby required to come forward on the 1st day of June, 1916, and file with the Clerk of this Court, at his office at Greenville, South Carolina, their objections, if any they should have, to the proposed purchase or acquisition of said tract of land by the United States.

J. WILLIAM THURMOND, United States Attorney.

A True Copy. Attest: (Seal.) J. B. KNIGHT, Clerk, U. S. District Court, West. Dist., South Carolina. March 22, 1916. 17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of J. M. Trantham, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred. J. R. ORR, Administrator of the Personal Estate of J. M. Trantham, deceased. March 15, 1916. 11-14

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