

VILLISTAS THREATEN RAID UPON U. S.

A. H. WHITMORE, VETERAN R. F. D. CARRIER FOUND DEAD IN HOME

END CAME LAST NIGHT FOLLOWING ATTACK OF APOPLEXY SEATED AT TABLE

DECEDENT HAD PREPARED HIS EVENING MEAL—WHEN HE SAT DOWN TO EAT, DEATH OVER—took him—BODY DISCOVERED THIS MORNING.

Alphin H. Whitmore, 526 Guthrie street, was found dead at his home a few minutes after 8 o'clock this morning by his son-in-law, Percy D. Henderson. Death is supposed to have come to him at about 7 o'clock last night from apoplexy.

Mr. Whitmore when found was sitting at his dining room table and had evidently been stricken just before eating his supper. On the stove was the meal he had prepared for himself. It was burned to a crisp. The electric lights in the dining room were burning.

Mr. Whitmore worked yesterday and seemed in his usual health, and after returning home last night made his round of evening chores. It is supposed he sat down at the table before eating and suffered a stroke of apoplexy which was soon followed by death.

When he failed to report to work this morning at the post office, and the phone at his residence was not answered, his daughter, Mrs. Henderson, was notified, his other daughter, Miss Helen, who lived with him, being away from home at the time. Mr. Henderson was called and went to the Whitmore home, where he was met by a most appalling sight.

The decedent was born 60 years ago in North Vernon, Ind., and came to Ottawa to make his home at the age of 29 years, engaging in farming north of this city. Thirty-five years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Eugenie Brees, of Seneca township, who died about seven years ago.

He has been a rural mail carrier out of this city for the past seven years, and was well known by the people both of this city and in the surrounding country.

He is survived by four daughters—Mrs. Durward Williams, of Sheridan; Mrs. P. D. Henderson, of this city; Mrs. Arthur Simmons, of Marseilles, and Miss Helen Whitmore, who lives at home.

Coroner Timothy Donoghue, of La Salle, arrived in this city and conducted an inquest at the home this morning.

LAST SAD RITES FOR G. M. TRIMBLE

Funeral services for George M. Trimble were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the family residence on Prospect Ave. Christian Science services were held at the house and the Knights Templar had charge of the services at Ottawa avenue cemetery, where burial was made.

The pall bearers were Lorenzo Leland, E. C. Swift, Charles E. Hook, Charles P. Taylor, Marshall Mitchell and Hector Hitt.

The out of town people that were here to attend the services were, A. M. Trimble of Lincoln, Neb.; C. A. Trimble, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Trimble, Mrs. Sally Ann Trimble, Mrs. John O'Donald and Mrs. Dr. Flint of Princeton; Glenn Roberts, Ray Roberts and Miss Mable Chamberlin, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Chubbuck and Miss Helen Chubbuck of Peoria; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Hook of Oak Park, and Sidney Porter of Chicago.

BRITISH CABINET CRISIS EASES UP

London, Nov. 15.—Tension of the proposed interallied war council which nearly brought on a cabinet crisis, had abated somewhat today, but the political situation is still threatening.

There may be remarkable developments before the end of the year, was the prediction made today by the parliamentary correspondent of the Chronicle.

EARLVILLE IS SPLIT OVER JUNK TRIAL; TWO ARRESTS MADE

LITTLE CITY TAKES SIDES WHEN TWO OF ITS PROMINENT CITIZENS ARE HELD FOR ROBBING JUNK DEALER.

The arrest of James Woods, aged 32, and Elmer Turk, aged 26, on larceny charges, has divided the little city of Earlville into two camps—one standing by to defend and the other faction to accuse the two men of having stolen one junkman's junk and trying to sell their junk to another junkman.

Woods and Turk, who are scions of well known Earlville families, were arrested and brought to Ottawa last night by Deputy Sheriff Fred Stedman on state warrants sworn to by Marshal H. S. Minor, of Earlville, issued by Judge Koenig thru the office of State's Attorney George S. Wiley, a native of Earlville. That Deputy Sheriff William Mischeke, another of that city's favorite sons, did not make the arrest, was due to his being in the western part of the county getting jurors for Judge Eldredge's court.

Came Here with Loot. Woods and Turk are accused of having raided the Hugh Duffy junk yard in Earlville, securing \$60 worth of old brass and aluminum and then trying to sell their loot to Ottawa junk dealers at 3 o'clock in the morning. The unearthy hour for doing business caused the local dealers to become suspicious and the tip was passed out that there was something irregular in the junk business.

The crime is alleged to have been committed on November 7, but warrants for the men were not issued until the 14th, after Marshal Minor was satisfied he had constructed a good case against the two defendants before going ahead with the charge against his men.

Released on Bonds. When word was passed that Turk and Woods were under arrest, bondsmen rallied to their support and Ernest Smith, proprietor of an Earlville pool and billiard hall, came to Ottawa to secure their release. He posted \$500 for each man and Judge Koenig accepted the security offered, at the same time ordering the two prisoners temporarily released.

After making arrangements for the trial the judge fixed the hearing for tomorrow afternoon, when at least half the population of Earlville is expected in Ottawa to testify either for or against the two men.

THREE WOMEN IN QUEST OF DIVORCES

Three divorces were filed in the Circuit Court today. Ethel Flannigan, of Streator, is suing William Flannigan, said to be a well-to-do farmer, on grounds of drunkenness. The Flannigans were married January 6, 1905, and separated a week ago. Flannigan was defendant yesterday in three or four judgments on notes filed in the Circuit Court.

Mary Bernardini, of Cedar Point, charges Ferdinand with cruelty. They were married in Italy in 1900.

Mabel Bonner says Fred Bonner, of Streator is cruel and unfaithful to her. She names a "Mercedene" as co-respondent and hints there was a wave of indignation thru the family when she learned of Fred's alleged duplicity. They were married August 3, 1911, and separated November 10, 1917.

Arrest Peoria Yeggs.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 15.—Two men believed by the police to be expert yeggmens, were arrested here today. Grips which they carried in an unlicensed, mud covered automobile, contained \$2,000 in silver coin packages and packages of paper money that have not been counted. A complete kit of burglars tools was found in the machine, together with automatic pistols and ammunition. The men gave the names of Jesse Prunty and Harry Funk.



MAYOR ORDERS THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

EAST SIDE TRAFFIC TO BE DIVERTED AROUND AQUEDUCT UNTIL IMPROVEMENT IS COMPLETED—START TEARING UP TOMORROW.

Tomorrow morning east siders seeking an entrance into the loop with their automobiles and electrics will find themselves cut off at the Main Street bridge by municipal order.

Today Mayor Bradford, acting in conjunction with Engineer Farnsworth commanded paving bosses to go ahead with completion of the block between Columbus street and the Fox river.

This means that all traffic will be closed across the bridge until such time as the concrete is set hard enough to permit of heavy travel, following which an attempt will be made to go right ahead laying brick and get the job out of the way as soon as possible.

The mayor this afternoon, after reaching the decision to finish this important piece of improvement before winter, stated that all haste possible would be employed to prevent too long a tie-up of travel across the bridge.

Hopes were entertained by the city's executive that the work could be done within two weeks, but paving experts would not be surprised if the blockade period would be extended another seven days.

Use Aqueduct Bridge.

All traffic to and from the east side will be diverted over the aqueduct bridge and detour signs will be erected to warn people coming into town against trying to enter by way of the east side.

Pour Concrete Today.

Today the large concrete mixer has been at work filling in the south half of the block and this afternoon the steam shovel was moved down to begin its attack on the old brick surfacing. Tomorrow the machine will be in full operation.

BOCHES RAID CALAIS; MANY RESIDENTS DIE

Paris, Nov. 15.—Many civilians were killed in Calais, when German aircraft bombed the city on Tuesday. It was announced here today.

Calais is one of the chief allied military and hospital bases on the English channel.

MAYOR ORDERS THE OTTAWA'S WOMEN PICK COMMITTEES

MAIN STREET BRIDGE FALLING BEHIND FOR Y. M. C. A. DRIVE TOWARD \$5000 GOAL

APPEAL IS ISSUED FOR RENEWED EFFORT TO BRING CITY UP TO ITS QUOTA—ONLY 1027 HAVE SHOWN THEIR PATRIOTISM.

Only two days left for registration. The total registration, as verified by the registration heads of the National Council of Defense at the closing time last night was 1,027, for the townships of Ottawa and South Ottawa. This is far below the lowest estimate of the city's registration, and is a very discouraging fact for the women who have given so much time and labor to the cause.

The registration in all cities of this size has been much heavier than in Ottawa. A permanent record is being compiled as soon as the registration is finished in each city of the total number of females over 16 years old in each city, and the total registration in that city. The cards are then filed and a record made of them together with the files containing every woman's card, and in this way there can be no mistakes in the total number of women registered.

One registration official issued the following appeal for an awakened patriotism among Ottawa women:

"The representative women of the city have for the most part all registered, but there are a few apparent slackers in some quarters, as well as among the women who appear to take an interest in anything except in themselves. Every woman should register, even though she has not time to do anything except her own housework; let her register for this war census as an unpaid housekeeper, or let her promise one hour a week to Red Cross work. There is a place on the registration card for every sort of women, from the mother with several small children to care for and a house to take care of, or a business woman who must earn her own living, to the wife of a multimillionaire with absolutely nothing to do but try and amuse herself!

"If you have not registered, there are still two days left, and only two days left—and only two. Unless you wish to be permanently classed as a slacker you must register at this time. Registration headquarters will be kept open until seven o'clock for the women who are employed and cannot get out to register in the afternoons, and Saturday the headquarters will be open from 9 in the morning until 9 at night. But don't wait until Saturday night, be on hand early tomorrow afternoon to be sure and be registered."

A great deal of praise is due the registrars for their unceasing work during the past several weeks. Many women have been on hand day after day for the past several weeks for registration work, while others have responded to telephone calls almost

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING ENTHUSIASTIC OVER OTTAWA'S PROSPECTS FOR RAISING ITS QUOTA—CITY TO BE CANNED FROM ONE END TO OTHER.

The Y. M. C. A. machinery was well oiled yesterday and the artillery will be put in to active service on Friday morning when the big Y. M. C. A. drive will be on for the raising of Ottawa's quota to be used in the various foreign cantonment camps.

At a very enthusiastic meeting held in the secretary's office of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon committees were picked to thoroughly canvass the city for the raising of sufficient funds to extend if possible the amount that is expected to be raised in this city.

Chairman A. J. Roberts and his army of co-workers will be on the job Friday morning, when a special effort will be made to visit every resident of this city and vicinity with the hope and expectation that they will generously respond to the call of the soldier boys. Cards will be offered contributors to sign, but payment in full will not be asked for. The terms from the national headquarters makes it very convenient for the subscriber. Payments may be made as follows:

Fifty per cent within thirty days. Twenty-five per cent Feb. 1, 1918. Twenty-five per cent April 1, 1918. Or any terms to suit the signer. Funds are beginning to come in to the local committee unsolicited.

It is needless to go into detail of the splendid work already accomplished thru the Y. M. C. A. organization. Major General Pershing says: "The work now being done by the Y. M. C. A. for the comfort and entertainment of our soldiers in France is very important. As an organization its moral influence is highly beneficial. It performs a real service. The Y. M. C. A. has won its place by unselfish personal devotion."

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every day when the rush hours were on, and have hurried to the court house and assisted the registrars for two or three hours until the busy time was over.

Tomorrow's registrars will be Mrs. Hugh McCullough, Mrs. Bert Bradish, Mrs. Al Richards, Mrs. C. A. Briggs, Jr., Mrs. James Graham, Mrs. J. M. Megaffin, Mrs. Robert Carr and Miss Ida Hagenbaugh.

BANDIT CHIEF AGAIN TERRORIZES MEXICO

Presidio, Texas, Nov. 15.—Colonel Langhorne commanding United States troops at Marfa, Texas, today sent reinforcements to the garrison here after being notified of threats made by the Villista bandits holding Ojinaga, that they would raid the town.

EXEMPTION BOARD WORKS DILIGENTLY ON CLASSIFICATION

ADDITIONAL WORK THRUST UPON DRAFT CHIEFS WILL ENTAIL MUCH CLERICAL DETAIL—GRADES ARE ANNOUNCED.

Grinding away diligently upon the new job thrust upon them by Uncle Sam, members of the Ottawa exemption board have their task of classifying every registered man in the district, well under way. With only a brief time to complete the undertaking and despite the great quantities of clerical detail thrust upon them, the board members expect to have their reports ready for the government classification period.

The classification of the selected men is for the purpose of ascertaining what results have been secured so far in the selection of men for the new national army, what line of work those still subject for call are best fitted for and what number it may be expected can be called, without hampering the industries necessary for the conducting of the war.

Present Facts to Congress. Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder has arranged certain classifications for all of the men who have been registered, and it is order that the work of tabulating the men shall be in accordance with these classifications, so that a compilation of the national man power of the United States can be ascertained and the fact be presented to congress immediately after that body convenes.

The compilation of these statistics will also give the government such information as may be required as to where certain classes of work can best be carried on, or where it will be possible to call men fitted for a certain line of work, in case of need.

Ask Data on Exempted Men. The classification of the registered men covers not only those who have not yet been called for the physical examination, but also the men who have been examined and rejected or exempted for any cause whatever. Officials of the local boards are unwilling to venture a prediction as to whether the information is sought by the government so that it will be in a position to call the exempted men for the line of work for which they are best fitted, should such be deemed in the best interests of the government in prosecuting the war.

Order of Call. The classes and the order in which they will be called are as follows:

Class 1. Single man without dependent relatives. Married man, with or without children, or father of motherless children, who has habitually failed to support his family. Married man dependent on wife for support. Married man with or without children, or father of motherless children; man not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor.

Unskilled farm laborer. Unskilled industrial laborer. Registrant by or in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made. Registrant who fails to submit questionnaire and in respect of whom no deferred classification is claimed or made. All registrants not included in any other division of this schedule.

Class 2. Married man with children or father of motherless children, where such wife or children or such motherless children are not mainly dependent upon his labor for support for the reason that there are other reasonably certain sources of adequate support (excluding earnings or possible

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Presidio is guarded by only a small troop of cavalry and would be at the mercy of the bandits.

Presidio is in a quiver of excitement and terror in apprehension of a bandit raid. Villa bandits rode to the ford this morning and shouted across that they now had captured Ojinaga and routed the government forces they would sweep the Big Bend border and then capture Juarez.

Scores of prisoners captured by the bandits at Ojinaga last night, it is declared, were executed this morning.

Francisco Villa has not been seen but his men say he is at San Antonio, a few miles south of Ojinaga with his brother, Hipilito Villa.

After the capture of Ojinaga, by the Villistas, civilians as well as the federal troops, fled in terror across the border. Both troops and civilians have been herded into the stockade here and are being guarded by the United States soldiers.

Villistas, under command of General Martin Lopez, are in complete control of Ojinaga and the Mexican side of the Big Bend country.

Lopez sent word to General Cardova, commanding the federal troops, that he would ask for and give no quarter but would execute all federal officers captured. This threat struck terror to the Mexican commander who led his troops across the Rio Grande and surrendered to Captain Theodore Burns, Jr., commanding the United States forces here.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Pancho Villa is not leading the marching bandits in northern Mexico, say officials of the Mexican embassy. They declared today that they had positive information that Villa is now in Durango, hiding in the hills and recuperating from a serious wound.

Advices from Mexico as given out by the Mexican embassy attach little importance to the attack upon Ojinaga. Officials declare that Ojinaga, far from being a city, is only a hamlet and reached only thru hours of travel over a vast desert.

All information received at the Mexican embassy dealing with the occupation of Ojinaga were carried to the state department and laid before Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Bonillas this afternoon.

DOUBT CZAR NAMED SIBERIAN EMPEROR

London, Nov. 15.—Slight credence was given here today to an unconfirmed dispatch from Copenhagen to the effect that the peasants of Siberia have proclaimed independence of that country, have liberated the former Russian czar and have established him as their ruler.

This information is attributed to a German source and was regarded as only one of the wild rumors that have filtered into London thru Stockholm and Copenhagen.

The real situation in Russia still remains a mystery. The general opinion, however, is that the Bolshevik revolt has been or is being put down, but the silence of the Petrograd wireless station is causing deep mystification.

VIOLENT FIGHTING REPORTED IN ITALY

Paris, Nov. 15.—With the stiffening of Italian resistance against the Austro-German invaders, violent fighting has spread along the whole 149 mile front in the southwestern theater of war, said advices from Rome today.

The Germans holding the line between Lake Garda and St. Elvie Pass, in Trentino, tried to roll back the Italian flank from its resting point on the Swiss frontier and to get behind Italian lines, but were repulsed after severe fighting.

In the Brenta Valley, German troops are advancing upon Cison and Carpane from the heights east of Asiago which were captured Tuesday night, according to information from a Swiss source.

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