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ONGRESSMEN DEMAND ARMED INTERVENTION IN MEXICO

rder of a Score of Americans and Other Foreigners Causes Wave of Intense Indignation to Sweep Over Capitol

OVER BIG EFFEY GASSER AILED To.

TERRIFIC PRESSURE IN GUFFEY WELL NUMBER ONE, WHITE POINT FIELD, WEDNESDAY MORNING CAUSED FURTHER TROUBLE IN CAPPING THE WELL

DRILLERS RENEW LABORS

Immediately Began Preparations for Recapping the Well and Are Confident of Completing the Job by Next Saturday or Sunday—Other Drilling News

The Guffey Petroleum Company Wednesday experienced further difficulty with the big gasser brought in on December 31, when the huge cap weighing 6,000 pounds that was placed last Saturday was blown off by the terrific pressure of gas.

Within a very few minutes after the cap had been blown off the well began vomiting sand and mud, mixed with the gas, making a stream going into the air for a distance of about three hundred feet. The flow from the top of the Nueces Hotel looked so black that many enthusiastic onlookers were certain that the well had turned into an oil producer.

Advices from the field to The Caller last night stated that the casing remains intact and the drillers are confident that they will be able to reset the cap by Saturday and with the experience gained by yesterday's trouble they expect better luck on the second attempt.

Just as soon as this well has been placed under complete control the Guffey crew will begin the boring of well number two, it being in this well that oil bearing sand, fifty feet in depth, was encountered at a depth of 3,250 feet. The drillers will go back to this sand and bail out and there are many who are predicting success in the operations.

The heavy wind Wednesday night blew down the derrick of the Humble Oil Company, located in Nueces Bay, about a half mile from the Guffey gasser. The derrick was erected several months ago but drilling has never been started.

Fred M. Allison the contractor for the Pioneer Oil Company in their field on the John Dunn tract, four miles west of the city, will reach here this morning for a conference with directors of the company relative to making every arrangement for safeguarding well number one against accidents. Probably tomorrow morning the crew will begin drilling through the rock encountered at a depth of 2441 feet.

Clark Hamil, the contractor for the Yaklin Oil Company, in their field in the Rincon addition, reached the city yesterday and during the day was in conference with Louis C. Wells, Henry M. Wallace and other officers and directors of the company. The directors contemplate an immediate resumption of drilling operations.

The Gulf Coast Company announces that within another few days they will begin the capping of their well west of Portland.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Today's local forecast: Fair and cold; strong northerly winds.

AT THE THEATRES

MAJESTIC—Helen Holmes in a railroad story "When Bigness Fell Out"; also "When There Is a Crowd"—a comedy.

REGIE—Cecil Maude and Myrtle Stedman in a Paramount feature "Poor Boob."

COMING ATTRACTIONS

"Guarding Old Glory"—A picture of Annie Sam's fighting men on air, on and under sea, in five reels will be the attraction at the Rex Friday and Saturday.

TODAY'S LOCAL CALENDER

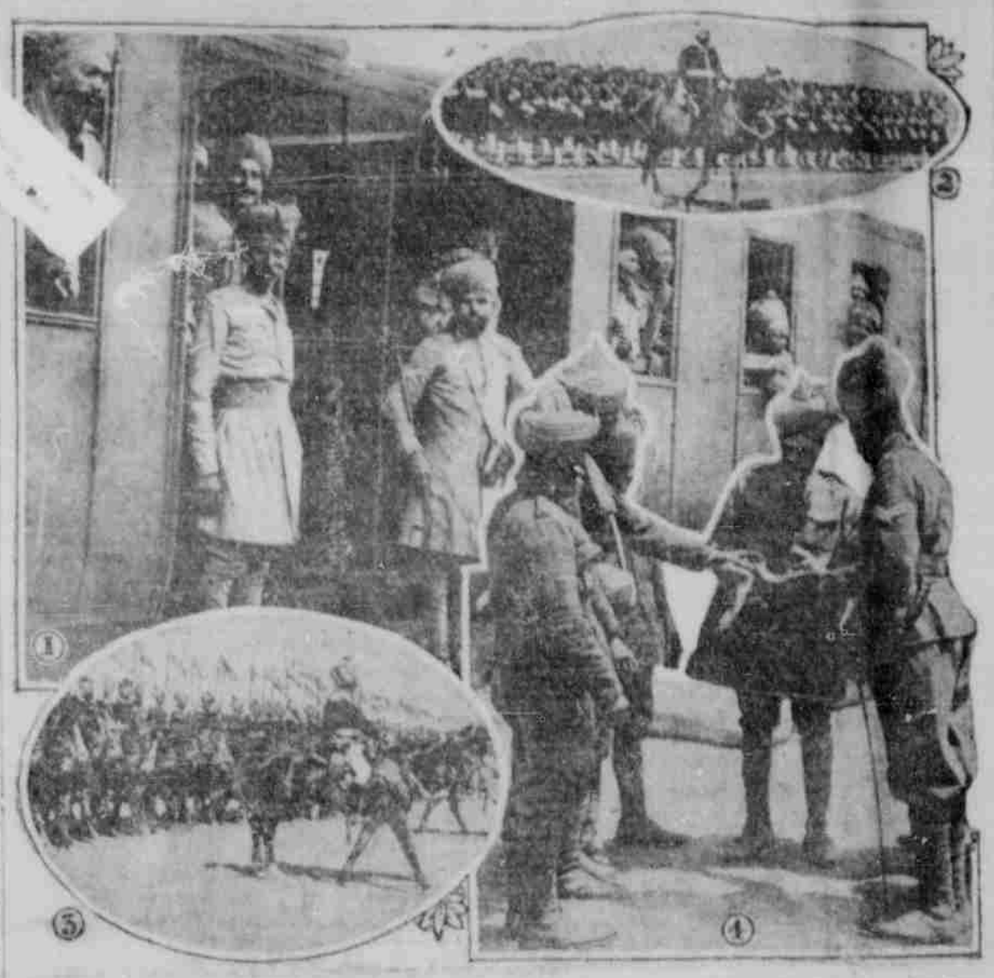
Weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club at 12:15 at the Nueces. W. J. Doyle, Postmaster.

Annual membership meeting of the Commercial Club tonight in the Auditorium of the City Hall, starting at 8:00 o'clock.

Business session Nueces County Poultry and Pet Stock Association City Hall tonight at 7:45 o'clock.

Sam-Jenkins revival services this morning at 10:30 and tonight at 7:15 at the Water Street tabernacle.

ENGLAND NEEDS HINDU SOLDIERS ELSEWHERE AND WITHDRAWS THEM FROM FRENCH FRONT



(The British Indian army corps was entered from Egypt for another field of operations. It was officially announced in London. At the parade of the Indian army corps before H.M. Prince a message from the commander was delivered to the Prince of Wales. In it King George extolled the services of the Indian regiments. The message was needed in showing sense of gratitude and affection. Whether the one field of action of the Indian corps was to be Egypt or Mesopotamia was not announced. In both these countries there are considerable contingents of Indian troops. It is understood that the withdrawal of the Indian troops from France may be connected directly with the expected German attack on the Verdun front. It is asserted that the casualties of the Indians in France have been filled in drafts from the new recruits arriving in the midst of the United Kingdom. No. 1, Indians on way to front. No. 2, Indian infantrymen. No. 3, Indian cavalry. No. 4, a wounded Sergeant of Grenadiers. No. 5, Indian infantrymen.)

GOVERNOR ARRANGES TO ATTEND OPENING OF THE EXPOSITION

ADJUTANT HUTCHINGS HAS NOTIFIED MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR'S STAFF TO BE HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mayor Miller Yesterday Named Personnel of Committees to Entertain Governor During His Stay.

A dispatch to the Caller from Austin last night stated that Governor Ferguson has completed all arrangements for attending on next Wednesday the opening in this city of the Gulf Coast Exposition, and that he during the first instant instructed to Adjutant Hutchings to notify all members of the governor's staff that their presence here on next Wednesday is requested.

The governor and members of his staff will be the guests of honor at the Rotarian luncheon to be given at the Nueces, with prices for five hundred guests. As stated he will participate in the Rotary circle that will open the carnival feature of the Exposition.

Mayor Miller yesterday named the members of the various reception committees to entertain the governor and members of his staff during their stay in the city.

Rotary Club Committee.

Roy Miller, chairman; H. H. Edwards, L. E. Darling, W. H. Huff, H. B. Baldwin, L. D. Garrison, D. H. Lockett, Dr. J. W. Sykes, E. H. Allen, W. J. Doyle.

General Reception Committee.

Roy Miller, chairman; Walter F. Timon, H. R. Sutherland, L. B. Collins, John H. Gallagher, T. D. Ward, Russell Savage, F. J. Mathews, R. B. Kleberg, Jos. Hirsch, Geo. R. Clark, J. C. Baldwin, R. S. Russell, T. M. Lawrence, H. D. C. Garrett, J. C. Hunter, L. C. Wells, Jno. W. Stayton, W. E. Pape, Gordon Boone, Julius Lichtenstein, Richard King, Jr., W. B. Everhart, G. O. Wright, J. F. Scott, Jos. Downey, Alex Weil, E. A. Barr, R. Greene, Edwin Flato, H. G. Stacey, Jno. A. Pape.

From Out of Town.

R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville; R. King, Sr., Agua Dulce; Caesar Kleberg, Kingsville; Chas. Fleet, Kingsville; Jno. T. Bartlett, Bishop; C. C. Wynne, Benavides; Vincent Hunter, Robstown; C. C. Dunsdin, Robstown; Hugh Stockton, Oso; R. H. Beutner, Robstown; Jos. P. Green, Gregory; Dave Odem, Sinton.

AMERICANS ORDERED TO LEAVE

EAGLE PASS, Jan. 12.—A message has been relayed from here to Torreon ordering all employes of the American Smelting and Refining company to leave Mexico immediately.

MONTENEGRO MAKING LAST STAND AGAINST TEUTONIC INVASION

AUSTRIANS RAPIDLY CLOSING IN ON CETTINGE, CAPITAL OF THE KINGDOM

RUSSIANS AGAIN ACTIVE

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Cettinge, capital of Montenegro, now seems likely to suffer the fate of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. Fighting is going on all around it and little hope is felt that it can hold, withstand the Austrian onslaughts which are steadily decreasing in violence. The occupation of Mount Lovcen with enemy Austria is dominant the Adriatic, threaten Scutari and make Italy's situation more strenuous.

Great surprise is expressed that Italy did not long ago come to the assistance of her ally.

The Russians have renewed their desperate attacks on the Galician frontier, which the Austrians claim to have repulsed.

There have been no developments of importance on the western front. The situation around Thessalonica does not seem like it is admitted. One report says it was caused by a British air raid.

A French detachment has been landed on the Greek island of Corfu for provisional occupation, according to an Athens dispatch. Further, ships of unknown nationality are cruising around Corfu. The occupation of Corfu is being considered by the Greek cabinet and energetic protests are expected.

ROME, Jan. 12.—Two Italian steamers, the Ortelio and Citta-di-Palermo have been sunk by mines in the Adriatic. Half of the Ortelio's passengers were saved and nearly all on board the Citta-di-Palermo were rescued.

ROME, Jan. 12.—An Athens dispatch says that the Turkish contingent all day the private positions in the Dorian region of Serbia. Germans are on the west around Monastir, Bulgarians on the Greek-Serbian line and the Turks are operating on the east flank.

UPROAR IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Amid uproarious scenes the House of Commons tonight rejected a motion to reject the compulsory military service bill by a vote of 431 to 39. Immediately thereafter the bill was passed to second reading without a division.

Tom Sparks of Waco is in the city on a business trip.

HUERTA AND ELEVEN PARTISANS INDICTED AT SAN ANTONIO

CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE NEUTRALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES ALLEGED

NAMES BEING WITHHELD

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 12.—Victoriano Huerta, Jose D. Rafael, government purchasing agent during the Huerta regime in Mexico, and ten others whose names are withheld, were indicted by the Federal grand jury here this afternoon for alleged conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

The indictment was drawn by United States District Attorney J. H. Camp and follows the literal wording of the statute.

Mr. Camp refuses to permit it to be made in full, saying that the government intend attest to have the ten names made public at the present time.

HUERTA AT POINT OF DEATH.

Last Rites of the Church Administered to Dying Mexican.

EL PASO, Jan. 12.—With his death apparently but a matter of hours the last sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church were administered to Gen. Victoriano Huerta tonight. The family was summoned to the general's bedside at six o'clock this evening.

LABOR'S OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION BILL RAPIDLY FADING AWAY

MEMBERS OF CABINET WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED RECONSIDER THEIR ACTIONS

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Arthur Henderson, William Brace and George H. Roberts, labor members of the British ministry, today withdrew their resignations which were tendered following the labor conference's opposition to the government's compulsory military service bill last week.

Premier Asquith told the House of Commons today that the government would introduce an amendment to the compulsion bill preventing employers using the measure as a weapon against their employes. This is a concession to the labor opposition.

Lone Survivor of Mexican Massacre Tells of Escape From the Jaws of Death

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 12.—Thomas H. Holmes, sole survivor of the massacre of American foreigners near Chihuahua, Mexico by Villa bandits arrived here today. He tells the following story of the slaughter of his traveling companions and his own escape from the Mexicans.

"Our train left Chihuahua Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The train was stopped at a point five miles west of Santa Ysabel, between 1:30 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. When the train was standing at the station of Santa Ysabel two armed Mexicans rode in and accompanied the train. Mexican passengers at Santa Ysabel told me afterwards that the riders had inquired if there were any soldiers on the train. At the point of massacre our train was stopped by a cut so that the last car was just outside of the cut. We were stopped by another train—the front trucks of a coal car were off the track. This was the first we knew that a train was preceding us. There was no one to be seen around the train. When our train stopped Geo. Newman and I were sitting together and Tom Evans came up and looked out of a window. Evans, Newman, Machattan and I then got off the train. Watson was either getting off or was about to do so behind us when I looked back and saw him. Just after alighting I heard a volley of rifle shots from a point on the other side of the cut and just above the train. Looking around I could see a bunch of about twelve or fifteen men standing in a solid line, shoulder to shoulder, shooting directly at us. They were 50 or seventy-five feet away. The coach cut off my view so I could not see how many bandits there were. South of the cut on the side near Santa Ysabel the river at that point was about two feet deep. On the other side it was much greater. To the rear was an embankment declining toward the river.

"Watson after turning off ran toward the river. Machattan and I followed. Machattan fell. I don't know whether he was killed then or not. Watson kept on running and they were still shooting at him when I turned and ran down grade where I fell into some brush, one hundred feet from the rear of the train. I lay there perfectly quiet and looked around and could see Mexicans shooting in the direction in which Watson was running. I saw they were not shooting at me and thinking they believed me already dead, I took a chance and crawled into thicker bushes. I crawled through the bushes until I reached the bank of the stream, then made my way to a point probably one hundred yards from the train. There I lay under the bank for half an hour and heard shots in ones, twos and threes. I did not hear any cries of groans, yells or cries from the Americans. Then I continued further under the bank, wading in the stream part of the time, until I reached probably 700 yards from the train. There I remained half or three quarters of an hour. Later after going to several ranch houses and picking my way cautiously for several miles, I met up with an unknown Mexican, who directed me to Chihuahua City. I reached Chihuahua City Tuesday morning. Foregoing facts are my personal knowledge."

WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT PAYS NOTE AND IS NOW FREE OF DEBT

UNDER SPLENDID ADMINISTRATION OF COMMISSIONER WARD CITY HAS PAID FOR RELAY STATION AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE EARNINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT

When the Miller administration went into office less than three years ago the question of getting a sufficient supply of water for immediate needs was so pressing that a relay pumping plant was installed, halfway between the city and Calallen, from where the city gets its supply at the Nueces river. In such a manner the daily supply was increased from 400,000 to 600,000 gallons and the question of getting along until the new plant could be provided was solved.

To purchase and install the machinery for the relay plant the city borrowed from the Corpus Christi National Bank $13,500, the remainder of the cost $3,480.84 being from the waterworks fund. Yesterday the city paid in full the note and the waterworks department is now entirely out of debt. The entire amount was paid from the earnings of the department.

The cost of the relay plant as stated was $16,980.84 and in addition to paying for that plant the department since April 1913 has paid out $13,584.50 for new construction such as the laying of mains and the lowering of mains on streets that were to be paved, and has spent $12,906.84 for new mains, this being in addition to the amounts spent in the construction work for which the $300,000 bonds were voted.

Summarizing, the waterworks department within less than three years has paid for improvements and permanent betterments costing $43,472.07 in addition to the operation costs totaling $64,965.15 for salaries, fuel, wood, meters, and other expenses. It is a splendid achievement in which the City Council takes a pardonable pride.

"The people of Corpus Christi may not realize it but it is a fact, apparent to all members of the city government, that in Mr. Ward, commissioner of the waterworks department, the city has the most competent man that is available in the city for such a place," was a tribute yesterday paid to the commissioner by Mayor Miller.

The cost of operating the old plant exceeded by fully fifty per cent, the costs for the new plant which the city will accept within the next few weeks.

Mayor Miller when asked yesterday as to when the council will order the reductions in water rates said:

"The plant will be accepted within the next week or two. Mr. Lock, the contractor, Mr. Potter, the consulting engineer and our City Engineer Mr. Stevens will probably confer sometime next week and arrange for the city to accept and take charge of the plant.

"The plant will probably be tested out for a month so that we can get the actual operating costs before we reach a final conclusion as to the new water rates. The council will lower the rates just as much as possible, consistent with the needs of the city."

That the city secured the new improvements at the opportune time is becoming more evident daily. For instance cast iron pipe that the city purchased for $22.50 the ton is now selling for $50. As the city purchased 1400 tons of the pipe the saving on this item alone would amount to $35,000.

DYNAMITER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

MATHEW SCHMIDT CONVICTED OF COMPLICITY IN LOS ANGELES TIMES OUTRAGE

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 12.—Mathew Schmidt was today sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago, entailing the loss of twenty lives. He will appeal.

YOU ARE INVITED

You are not only invited but expected to attend the

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

of the Commercial Club, at 8:00 o'clock tonight on the third floor of the City Hall

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Discussion of taxation plan for raising publicity funds, auditorium, etc.

ALL LIVE CITIZENS INVITED

WILSON URGED TO SEND TROOPS ACROSS BORDER

IN SPITE OF OUTBURST IN SENATE AND HOUSE HOWEVER PRESIDENT GIVES NO SIGN THAT WATCHFUL WAITING POLICY WILL BE CHANGED

DISCUSSION IS PEPPERY

Joint Intervention by Pan-American Nations Favored by Senator Sherman While Numerous Other Minority Members Clamor for Prompt Action—Administration Leaders Counsel Patience

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—There is no indication tonight that United States will take any action in the case of Americans killed Monday by Villa bandits beyond the demand for the apprehension and punishment of the outlaws or at most, to hold Carranza responsible if it developed that his officials were negligent in protecting the party.

Although this latest outrage stirred the simmering Mexican situation to the boiling point, causing an outburst against the administration in congress, there was no outward sign that President Wilson would be influenced to alter his Mexican policy.

Senator Sherman, Republican, offered a resolution in the senate, recommending joint intervention by the Pan-American nations, but it was referred to the committee on foreign relations without discussion.

Numerous demands for prompt action were made by minority members while administration leaders counselled patience.

Representative Dyer of Missouri, offered a resolution in the house asking President Wilson if the time had not arrived to abandon "watchful waiting" and invade Mexico. This likewise was referred to committee without action.

Indignation is Intense.

Resentment over this latest atrocity is so intense, however, that conservative leaders found great difficulty in restraining it. Senator Gallinger declared that the time had arrived when these atrocities must cease; and Senator Borah assailed the administration's "side-stepping pussyfooting."

Representative Henry of Texas in defending the administration said President Wilson had kept the United States out of war with Mexico and vigorously denounced former Governor Colquit of Texas for attacking the president's Mexican policy.

The most significant development came late this afternoon in the senate when Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee, a Democrat, declared that if Carranza proved unable to restore order armed intervention would be necessary. He urged patience and forbearance, however.

Secretary Lansing's demand for punishment of the bandits was wired to Carranza today.

DEAD NUMBER NINETEEN

Bodies of Murdered Men Expected to Reach El Paso This Morning

EL PASO, Jan. 12.—The number of foreigners taken from a train, stripped and massacred by Mexican bandits west of Chihuahua Monday night, was raised to nineteen tonight by the addition of the name of Thomas Johnson. All the bodies are expected to reach El Paso about midnight tonight.

According to reports received here each of the bodies bears a bullet wound in the forehead besides other wounds.

It is authoritatively stated that the bandits were in command of General Pancho Lopez, a Yaqui captain allied with Villa. About twenty bandits attacked the train while two hundred others were grouped as a reserve nearby.

TROOP TRAIN JUST AHEAD.

Arrivals from Chihuahua today declare that a train carrying nearly a thousand Carranza troops preceded the train in which the murdered Americans were riding by about fifteen minutes. The engine of this troop train was derailed by the bandits in order to stop the passenger train. What became of the Carranzistas is not known.

Bart Kramer, an American, has been killed in the Guerrero district of Mexico by bandits, according to word re-

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