

SCOTT HOPEFUL FOR SITUATION

Chief of Staff Returns From Border Parleys in Optimistic Mood.

WILL REPORT TO LANSING TOMORROW

Information Reached Army Headquarters of Resumption of Mexican Raids Across International Boundary—Funston Plans Reorganization of Border Patrol—American Expedition Pursuing Bandits Halted.

Lake Itasca, Mexico, May 15, wireless to Columbus, N. M.—Three bandits, including Julio Carranza, the Villate leader, were killed in a skirmish with an American detachment near Rubio Ranch, twenty miles east of here, today.

Brownsville, Tex., May 15.—A considerable number of armed Mexicans are patrolling the Rio Grande opposite Hidalgo, Texas, sixty-five miles west of here, says a report here today at Fort Brown. This report was given to Colonel J. J. Garza by Col. A. P. Blockson, with a request that an investigation be made.

Washington, May 15.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned today from his border conferences with General Obregon, hopeful for the situation, despite the fact that the conferences resulted in no formal agreement for co-operative action. The chief of staff conferred with Secretary Baker but made no formal report.

General Scott will see Secretary Lansing tomorrow and meanwhile no steps will be taken to reopen negotiations for a formal agreement with General Carranza.

Pending the ratification of an agreement, Carranza troops are being moved across into the bandit headquarters of Mexico. The American expedition is being withdrawn into strong groups along the line of communication where it will await the assistance of General Obregon's effort to clean up the territory to the south.

General Funston has outlined a coordinate scheme for border control with the 33,000 men he soon will have available for that purpose, exclusive of the 14,000 or so in General Pershing's column.

Net Bound to Recognition. It was said today at the state department that no suggestions, either formal or informal, were adopted by the South and Central American diplomats in the conference which preceded the recognition of the Carranza government by the United States, and that their governments will view with approval intervention in Mexico by the United States.

Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador here, said today he did not expect new instructions from his government until General Carranza had met General Obregon.

The situation at Piedras Negras is better. The American consul at Monterey telegraphed that interruption of railroad service made it hard for Americans to leave Guadalupe. Reports of a similar nature were received from consuls at various points coming in response to instruction from the state department for the consuls to advise Americans to go back to the United States.

Pursuers of Bandits Halted. Marathon, Tex., May 15.—The expedition in search of the bandits who committed the Glenn Springs outrage has checked its dash into Mexico and is now waiting reinforcements before pushing on according to reports here today.

BATTLE LINES ARE EXTENDED

Heavy Fighting Shifts From Verdun Regions to Other Western Sectors.

HEAVY FIGHTING NOW ALONG BRITISH LINE

Notable Activity in Northern France, Between German and English Troops—Brisik Artillery Actions Reported on Both Sides in Champagne District—French Fall in Attacks Near Dead Man's Hill and Callette Wood.

Sharper fighting is now in progress in other sectors of the west front than in the Verdun region. Notable activity has been reported along the British lines in northern France, and today Paris records brisk action by the artillery on both sides in the Champagne. At Verdun the play of the heavy guns is being kept up.

The preliminary examination of Sir Roger Casement who was arrested in Ireland after landing from a German submarine just before the inception of the recent rebellion, was begun today in London.

Berlin, by wireless to Bayville, May 15.—The British have been attacking the German lines near Hulleuch, in northern France, in an effort to recapture the trenches recently taken by the Germans there, but all of their attempts have been repulsed, according to today's statement by the war office.

Fighting on Macedonian Front. Paris, May 15.—Heavy artillery firing along the Macedonian front is reported by the Havas correspondent at Salonika, telegraphing yesterday.

The bombardment near Yvroux wood and Hill No. 104, in the Verdun sector, still continues, according to today's official statement.

Belgian Successes in Africa. Paris, May 15.—Further successes for the Belgian expedition which has invaded German East Africa, is announced by the Belgian war department at Brussels.

Petrograd, May 15.—The war office gives out the following report on operations in the Caucasus: "In the direction of Balbut we everywhere repulsed attacks by the Turks, who suffered heavy losses. In the direction of Franagan and in the region of Aschahak, the Turks, having concentrated in considerable forces, assumed the offensive and after a desperate fight lasting the whole day compelled our advance guards to retire in some places. Finally, however, they ceased the offensive owing to the extremely heavy losses inflicted by our fire."

Turkish War Report. Constantinople, May 15.—The following official communication on operations in the Caucasus was issued yesterday: "The enemy having been driven from his position in the sector of Kope (northwest of Erzerum) and having renewed his offensive which failed on the 11th, began a series of violent attacks in order to recapture lost positions on the Kope mountains and at Bahle, north of Kope. The attacks were repulsed.

Our efficacious artillery fire made terrible gaps in the retreating hostile columns. We captured about 100 prisoners. On the other sectors of this front there have been small fights between patrols."

Qualification of Irish Factions. London, May 15.—Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast seems to give color to reports that he is trying to arrange a coalition between the two Irish factions for a temporary war government of Ireland.

Germany to Take Further Steps to Conserve Food Supply. Berlin, by London, May 15.—The Koelnische Zeitung announces the impending appointment of a "food dictator" to take charge and control all matters concerning food in the empire.

Whip Bill Into Shape. Conference Committee Prepares Army Measure For Submission. Washington, May 15.—The compromise army reorganization bill providing for an army of 286,000 regulars in time of peace, was being whipped into final shape today by the conference committee of the senate and house for the approval of congress.

Iowa Postmaster Nominated. Special to Times-Republican. Washington, May 15.—President Wilson today nominated Arthur A. Kingman to be postmaster at Aurelia, Iowa.

Wilson's Return From Cruise. Washington, May 15.—President and Mrs. Wilson returned today from their week-end cruise aboard the Mayflower. The homeward trip was without special incident.

IRISH LEADER IS ARRAIGNED

Sir Roger Casement Given Hearing on Charge of High Treason.

GREAT INTEREST IS MANIFESTED IN CASE

Admittance to Court Room is Restricted to 100 Persons—Prominent Persons Attend Hearing—Daniel Julian Bailey Also Arraigned on Similar Charge—Men Are Accused of Connection With Rebellion in Ireland.

London, May 15.—Sir Roger Casement, who only a few years ago achieved international fame for the services he rendered his government in the exposure of the Putumayo rubber atrocities, today faced the bar in an ordinary police court for a preliminary examination to determine whether he should be held for trial on a charge of high treason against the same government in connection with the rebellion in Ireland.

Restrict Admittance to Court. Admittance to the court room was restricted to about 100 persons, including representatives of the press.

Among the earliest arrivals in the court was Sir Horace Plunkett, of the department of agriculture in Ireland. He took a seat near the magistrate. It was understood Sir Horace was merely a spectator. A number of relatives and friends of Casement, including seven handsomely gowned women, also reached court at an early hour and were provided with seats well to the front.

Sir John Dickinson, who presided, the lawyers and the witnesses all had taken their places before Casement arrived and entered the dock. Every face was turned in his direction.

Attorney General Sir Frederick E. Smith, E. H. Bodkin and Travers Humphreys appeared for the prosecution and Prof. J. H. Morgan and Artemus Jones for the defendant. Sir John Dickinson presided.

Casement's Success Was Small. In his story of the matter in which Casement was charged with high treason, he said that he had been in the hands of the British since he was captured in the hands of the British in the hands of the British in the hands of the British.

When the attorney general declared that one of the Irish prisoners had struck Casement in the face on being asked to join the brigade, Casement denied the charge. Bailey was one of the prisoners ordered by Casement, the attorney general said, and was made an officer of the brigade.

The attorney general said Casement described himself as the organizer of the Irish volunteers in Germany that all was to be gained for Ireland by Germany winning the war.

When Sir Roger took his place in the dock for the afternoon session it was plain his nervousness had largely worn off. The Casement of old, whose slight esteem was a marked feature, was reasserting himself. His spirits were not dampened even by his wrinkled suit or by the unaltered faces provided prisoners of his class to prevent them from using the lace to harm themselves. He held his head high and smiled as he took his seat beside Bailey.

DIGNAN'S HOME WRECKED. Bomb Thrown Into Residence of Accused Blays of Haweswood. Chicago, May 15.—The home of Patrick Dignan, a contractor, was partially wrecked by a bomb early today and persons living in the house were thrown from their beds and badly bruised. The police believe the bomb was thrown as the result of labor troubles.

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T.R. BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather.

Sun rises May 16 at 4:45, sets at 7:11. Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler tonight in east portion, warmer in west portion; fresh westerly winds, diminishing by Tuesday.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News: Little Lines Again Are Extended. Heavy Fighting Shifts From Verdun Region. Scott Hopeful For Mexican Situation. Resumption of Border Raids Indicated. Orpet Murder Trial Is Begun. Sir Roger Casement Is Arraigned. PAGES TWO, THREE AND FOUR. Iowa News: Woman Leaps Into Cistern With Baby. Animal Machinists to Strike Tuesday. Pets as Disease Carriers. Big Profits in Sugar Speculation. Prosperity in Iowa. Can't Dope Winner in State Meet.

PAGE FIVE. Story: "The Turmoil." PAGES SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN. City News: Ansona Beat Bunnies in Battle. City Ready For Manufacturers. Chapin Huntington to Petrograd. Bryan Speaks in City. File Odd Marriage Contract. Want Wider Pavement. General News of City.

PAGE TWELVE. Markets and General: Nervousness Marks Trading in Wheat. Planting Delays Cause Corn to Harden. Hog Values Highest in Six Years. Cattle Offerings Almost Inadequate. 28,800 Women to Attend Club Convention.

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