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**TERROR OF THE HUNT**

AFTER VILLA EMPHASIZED BY LOSS OF AVIATORS.

In the Desert Since Sunday—Horses Drop Dead From Exhaustion—Villa Bands Harass American Lines of Communication.

(Special to the Whig.) El Paso, Texas, March 22.—A great silence has fallen over the operations of Gen. Pershing and his American forces in pursuit of Francisco Villa. Cut off from the border, when the field wireless failed and the Villist's bands cut the telegraph lines from Juarez, nothing had been heard from Pershing early today since he reported his command near the bandit forces yesterday. Villa at that time was reported making for the Santa Clara Canyon following a severe defeat by the Carranzistas.

The terror of the Villa hunt was emphasized to-day when reports were still lacking of two American aviators lost in the Chihuahua desert since Sunday, the men going blind from the glare of the sands under the tropical sun and horses dropping dead from exhaustion. Army men, who declare that the expedition now faces the most serious problems since it crossed the border, pointed to the Villa bands harassing the lengthening American lines of communications as the reason for Funston's requests for more troops.

**News of Troops in the City**

(See also page 12.)

Illiteracy among the soldiers was charged by J. H. Burnham in the House of Commons on Monday. He stated that in one class in Kingston there were seventy-five soldiers who could not read or write. J. G. Tarriff asked Hon. A. E. Kemp, acting Minister of Militia, whether Col. McBain had been appointed chief transport officer. The acting minister replied that this appointment had not been made since he took charge. He also stated that no complaints of illiteracy had been received by the department.

Last evening was most enjoyable for all at the club room on Brock street. Enjoyable for the ladies because a fine crowd of soldiers turned up to do their share of the lunch project, and enjoyable for the soldiers because the lunch itself was generous and delicious. After lunch came games and hearty informal singing, which was in turn followed by Captain Campbell's instructive and entertaining lecture, "Through the Great Gorge of Colorado and Beyond." The Military Y. M. C. A. voices the thanks of the soldiers to the kind ladies of Brock Street Church and the Men's Association.

One of the latest to don the khaki is Charles Bertram Pickering, son of C. H. Pickering, grocer, Princess street. "Bert" has been playing in the Salvation Army Band for the last three years. He is only sixteen years of age but feels he wants to do his bit for his country. After getting his parents' consent has joined the 146th Battalion Band.

Mayor Church made an appeal to the Toronto Board of Control to make provision for the insurance of the Toronto citizens who have enlisted in the Kingston batteries. The Mayor and Con. Thompson made a fruitless fight and the Mayor said that he would make an issue of the matter in the Toronto City Council.

**PROHIBITION BILL FIRST READING**

Expected in Legislature Wednesday Afternoon—Ontario Dry in September. Toronto, March 22.—The Mail and Empire says: "The definite prohibition proposals of the Ontario Government will be submitted to the Conservative caucus this afternoon, and if expectations are realized the bill will be before the House for first reading during the day."

"The Government will announce its decision to bring prohibition into effect as a war measure without a referendum, with a vote at a stated period after the war to determine whether prohibition shall continue or not. The province will remain 'dry' until the matter is decided permanently by the people. "Licenses will be given an extension of about four months from the 1st of May—the end of the present license year. The province will be dry some time between the 15th of August and the 15th of September."

**LEVY ON BUSINESS. Parliament Discusses Minister's War Tax Resolutions.**

Ottawa, March 22.—Sir Thomas White's resolutions providing for the imposition of taxes upon the net profits of business concerns in Canada since December 31st, 1914, were finally adopted in committee in the Commons yesterday after several amendments had been inserted and considerable discussion had taken place. The bill founded upon the resolutions will now be introduced and put through its several stages.

**THEATRICAL NEWS**

At the Grand. To-night will be the last time this week that lovers of photo-plays and vaudeville will have for enjoying such bills at the Grand as road shows hold the boards for the balance of the week. Last evening's performance was greeted by a capacity house. Miss Katherine Hart was in excellent voice, singing her numbers with a brightness of style, sweetness of tone and displaying admirable enunciative qualities throughout. Berry and Soule in their "rapid-fire" specialty of music, chair balancing and hand to hand stunts, pleased immensely. "The Old Homestead," which is the feature picture is well worth a visit. The balance of the photo-play bill is of the highest calibre, The Pathe, Topical Weekly, a two reel heart throb and a one reel comedy rounding it out nicely.

"When Dreams Come True." The announcement is made that "When Dreams Come True," one of the newest musical comedies, which had a great vogue in New York, and Chicago last season, will be presented at the Grand on Thursday, March 23rd, matinee and night.

The action of the play opens on board the immigrant deck of a steamship on its way to New York. The plot begins to unfold early and the music theme begins, when Barrett Greenwood as "Kean Hedges," the son of a multi-millionaire, who on account of having become infatuated with a French dancer in Paris, is recalled to America by his father. Being short of funds, he has had to take his passage home in the steerage of the ship, and it is while he is lonely he sees as he thinks in a vision, his dream girl. When the ship reaches the dock, the girl of the dream becomes a reality and romance runs merrily till the end. A number of tuneful songs are introduced.

"The Story of the Rosary." A living document on the many phases of a country's life in war time is "The Story of the Rosary," the great military play which will be produced by George F. Driscoll, the Canadian theatrical man, for the purpose of recruiting men for the 146th Battalion at the Grand Opera House here next Friday and Saturday and distinguished touring company. The play in its shock of battle and noise of big guns, dealing as it does with the present conflict, lends itself to the unique use of the drama—recruiting. The play was written by Walter Howard the great English melodramatic writer and produced at the Prince's Theatre, London, six weeks after the war broke out.

At the Strand. To-night is the last night that the Triangle Plays "The Sable Larcha," featuring Tully Marshall and Thos. Jefferson, and "Following Father's Footsteps," with the well-known comedian "Ford Sterling," in the lead will be shown. These plays have greatly pleased all who have had the pleasure of seeing them. They along with other good subjects will be shown for the last time to-night. The bill for the last three days of the week includes a five act Triangle Wonderplay, "The Disciple," featuring that big favorite W. S. Hart and an all-star cast. "Saved By Wireless," a two-reel Keystone comedy starring Chester Conklin and Mack Swain. Four other good reels will also be shown providing a full two and three-quarter hours entertainment. Seats may be reserved at the box office daily from 2 to 10 p.m. Phone 195.

**OBITUARY**

Emma Podmore, wife of Samuel Dutton, passed away at her home at 157 Raglan Road, on Tuesday night, after an illness of two years of heart trouble. The deceased was born at Altrincham, Eng., fifty-eight years ago, and came to Canada in 1883, taking up residence in Kingston, where she since resided. In religion Mrs. Dutton was an Anglican, and a member of St. George's Cathedral. She was also a member of Lodge No. 21 of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. Surviving are her husband, three sisters and one brother: Mrs. E. Gresty, Accrington, Eng.; Mrs. William Fleet, Altrincham, and Mrs. W. G. Nellis, Altrincham, Eng. William Fleet, 111 Raglan Road, is a nephew.

Michael Trians Dead. Michael Trians, aged 82 years, who formerly lived in Bath but had been confined to the Hotel Dieu for some time, suffering from extreme prostration, died at that institution on Tuesday night.

GERMANY SEEKING TO MAKE PEACE. New York, March 22.—A despatch to the evening Post from Washington says Germany is seeking to make peace, and has intimated that the time is near when the services of the United States, as the largest neutral, will be needed in peace negotiations.

**ROBERT DAVIES DEAD. A Wealthy Toronto Horseman and Brewer.**

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, March 22.—Robert Davies, reputed to be the second richest man in Toronto, and well known in Ontario, died to-day at the age of seventy. He was the owner of the Thorncliffe stables and was a considerable discussion had taken place. The bill founded upon the resolutions will now be introduced and put through its several stages.

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