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# VILLA'S REPORT

Washington Embassy Receives Telegram From Border. Declares Capture of Bandit General Is Imminent.

U. S. BOYS IN THIRD CLASH Carranzistas Co-operated With American Troops. Authentic Story of Battles Received From Consul Letcher.

Washington, April 7.—The Mexican embassy here today announced receipt of a telegram forwarded by General Garcia at El Paso from Gutierrez saying the Villa bandits had been met and practically annihilated by the de facto government's forces at Chihuahua.

The report added that Villa himself was wounded and his capture was imminent. No further details were given. The date of the fight mentioned was not reported. The report is confusing, due to authentic advices today that Villa is at Parral, 125 miles south of Chihuahua City, but in Chihuahua state.

The source of information is generally considered authentic, however, that a battle took place but the complete annihilation referred to has not yet been corroborated by war department officials. Other dispatches indicate that a strong force of de facto soldiers was in a position to cut off Villa's retreat southward and that the de facto government is pursuing the Villistas from the north.

L. S. Consul Tells of Battles. American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua, in a dispatch received by the war department today through Major General Punnett, told of some of the results of the clashes between American troops and Villa forces at Agua Calientes on April 1, and the fight between the bandits and Carranza troops near Chihuahua on the 2d and 3d. Letcher reported a persistent rumor in Chihuahua that Villa has been wounded. He said the fight at Agua Calientes resulted in the killing of thirty or forty bandits by troops of the tenth cavalry, under Colonel Brown. Brown's troops were reported as living for two weeks on beef and corn with supplies almost exhausted. A mining company, Letcher said, had relieved the shortage by sending a special train with supplies and forage.

Says De Facto Are Helping. At the fight of Agua Calientes, the Carranza forces under General Cavazos captured two bandits of the fifty engaged. Letcher reported the Carranza troops were cooperating with General Pershing and that General Gutierrez had informed the American authorities of the Carranza troop disposition about Chihuahua.

A resume of a telegram dated April 6 from the American consul general at Monterey, made public by the state department today, said: "Telegraphic and mail reports from Torreon and Durango indicate a marked improvement since the arrival of General Jacinto Trevino at Torreon and the establishment of his headquarters there. Monterey quiet and all interior commotions quiet and friendly feeling toward Americans."

KOH 10 in Skirmish. Washington, April 7.—Americans and Villistas have fought their third engagement since the punitive expedition crossed the border. The engagement occurred Tuesday at Cieneguilla. Ten Villistas were killed and two captured. Carranzistas co-operated with the Americans in the engagement, news of which reached the war department today. The same message confirmed reports of the fight at Agua Calientes between Americans and Villistas last Saturday.

## KILL A MOONSHINER

Lexington, Ky., April 7.—Word reached here today that following a battle between revenue officers and moonshiners at Cranks creek in Harlan county, Washington Garrett, considered the most notorious moonshiner in the state, was killed. The report stated that while more than 100 shots were fired none of the government men was hit. The federal authorities have been after Garrett for years and the fight took place when they surprised a still and Garrett and his men attempted to escape into the mountains.

## CONFER LEGION OF HONOR ON AMERICAN AUTHORESS

Paris, April 7.—The French government has conferred on Mrs. Edith Wharton the legion of honor for her relief work in behalf of the French war soldiers. Mrs. Wharton is a well known American authoress residing in Boston.

## Pays Interest on Conscience Fund 20 Years Old

Washington, April 7.—The treasury department received today a contribution to the conscience fund of ten pounds from a woman in Scotland. She wrote that the money was in payment of a debt due to her which she thought the government had been defrauded more than 20 years ago, including principal and interest.

## SNOW IS GENERAL

Accompanied by Freezing Temperatures All Over State. Still Colder Weather Is Predicted for Tonight. Show was general over Kansas last night and Topeka received her share of the precipitation. Temperatures were below freezing in all parts of the state except at Iola where the reading was 24 degrees. To meet special winter conditions a shippers' forecast was issued this morning by the weather bureau. The warning is to protect 24-hour shipments north and west against temperatures of 20 degrees; east and south, 20 to 25 degrees. Temperatures are expected to go many degrees below freezing in all parts of Kansas and the mercury probably will drop below 25 degrees at Topeka tonight. Fair weather is expected to accompany the cold snap.

The forecast calls for a light and thin snow in the state, four inches, fell at Hutchinson. The western part of the state received snow of rain and the help to the wheat crop will more than offset the damage to the fruit from the freeze that is expected. The change to winter conditions is expected to be gradual, the weather bureau says. Small fruit and garden truck probably will be only slightly damaged.

The forecast calls for fair and much colder weather tonight; Saturday fair. The lowest temperature at Topeka last night was 21 degrees. The minimum tonight will be about seven degrees lower. The wind is in the northeast but this morning was only making three miles an hour. The highest temperature recorded for this date in 1892, 26 degrees, occurred in 1892. There is a good chance that the low record will be set tomorrow.

The snow which fell here this morning was with two exceptions the heaviest on record this late in the year. On April 8, 1894, a fall of two inches was recorded at Topeka and on May 3, 1907, a wet snow fell which measured three inches.

Temperatures today averaged 15 degrees below normal. The wind veered around to the northwest this afternoon and the velocity increased 5 miles an hour. Following are hourly readings for the day furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 11 o'clock... 26 8 o'clock... 22 12 o'clock... 23 9 o'clock... 23 1 o'clock... 23 10 o'clock... 34 2 o'clock... 35

## U. S. "ZEP" GONE

Kansas and Nebraska. Kansas and Nebraska weather is varying in depth from one to seven inches has fallen in Kansas and Nebraska during the last 24 hours, according to the local United States weather bureau. Temperatures below freezing were reported north of Oklahoma and Arkansas the lowest registration being 22 degrees at Topeka. The weather was snowing lightly in western Missouri this morning.

Seven inches of snow had fallen at Topeka and early today the storm was practically over. Other towns in Kansas reported a heavy snowfall. In Kansas weather bureau today said it is raining in all the southern states. In this city 13 inches of snow fell and the minimum temperature was 20 degrees.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Published by the Local Office of the Weather Bureau, Topeka, Kansas, for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock.

Stations in Kansas.	High	Low	Snow or Ice	Wind	State
Anaconda	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Atchafalaya	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Beaumont	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Concordia	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Dodge City	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Emporia	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Fort Scott	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Hanover	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Horton	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Lawrence	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Leavenworth	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Liberal	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Marion	44	30	0	W	Mo.
McPherson	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Manhattan	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Meriden	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Minneapolis	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Newton	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Okemune	44	30	0	W	Mo.
Osage City	44	30	0	W	Mo.
St. Joseph	44	30	0	W	Mo.

## Reports From Other States.

Anaconda	46	32	0	W	Mo.
Boston	52	36	0	W	Mo.
Buffalo	49	26	0	W	Mo.
Chicago	48	26	0	W	Mo.
Cincinnati	44	28	0	W	Mo.
Cleveland	44	28	0	W	Mo.
Denver	48	28	0	W	Mo.
Des Moines	48	28	0	W	Mo.
El Paso	72	46	0	W	Mo.
Galveston	70	48	0	W	Mo.
Houston	70	48	0	W	Mo.
Indianapolis	48	30	0	W	Mo.
Jacksonville	76	62	0	W	Mo.
Los Angeles	70	54	0	W	Mo.
Memphis	50	34	0	W	Mo.
New Orleans	70	62	0	W	Mo.
New York	48	34	0	W	Mo.
North Platte	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Omaha	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Philadelphia	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Pittsburg	48	34	0	W	Mo.
St. Louis	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Salt Lake	48	34	0	W	Mo.
San Francisco	72	56	0	W	Mo.
Seattle	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Sheridan	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Sioux Falls	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Spokane	48	34	0	W	Mo.
St. Paul	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Teles	48	34	0	W	Mo.
Washburn	48	34	0	W	Mo.

## SEA DISASTERS CHECKED UP TO CABINET TODAY

Appalling Record of U-Boat Toll Is Submitted. 20 Neutral Ships, 25 of Enemy Sunk in Two Weeks.

## AWAIT GERMAN EXPLANATION

U. S. Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, Probing Catastrophes. Assured Germany Willing to Make Amends "for Errors."

Washington, April 7.—President Wilson and the cabinet considered the submarine situation today with their decision on action in this line. It was understood the situation still waits on Germany's answer to the inquiries on the recent destruction of the Sussex and other vessels.

Washington, April 7.—All the evidence at hand regarding the destruction of the British steamer Sussex and scores of other merchant ships, some carrying citizens, was assembled today at the state department for presentation to the cabinet.

The evidence includes reports of American consular attaches containing the statement that the metal fragments of a German torpedo were found on the Sussex. The reports are regarded as positive proof that a German submarine attacked the Sussex in direct violation of assurances given this country by the Berlin government.

Colony House Called In. Colonel E. M. House, who is a White House guest, is conferring with the president and cabinet members regarding the situation.

The number of neutral vessels sunk recently attracted the attention of officials today. Unofficial advices say that over 20 neutral ships and more than 25 belligerent vessels have been torpedoed within the last two weeks, most of them without warning.

It is stated authoritatively that no definite step will be taken by the United States until the German foreign office has replied to inquiries made by Ambassador Gerard. The intention is said to give Germany an opportunity to present her statement and say what was done.

Ready to Make Amends. Berlin, April 7.—Ambassador Gerard, of the United States, conferred yesterday with Dr. Alfred F. M. Zimmermann, under secretary for foreign affairs, regarding the submarine situation. It is understood the foreign office had no information to convey to the ambassador regarding the Sussex and the other vessels taken in which the United States government has manifested an interest but that there was an intimation that Germany is unwilling to meet the claims of the United States until the latter has agreed to meet the claims of the United States more than half way, if it should develop that the Sussex was torpedoed erroneously.

## U. S. "ZEP" GONE

Wind Snatches It From Moorings This Morning. Will Chase New \$60,000 Craft With Aeroplanes.

Pensacola, April 7.—The balloon descended at 1 o'clock this morning and was blown to the northeast by the wind. The balloon was seen at 10 miles northeast of Pensacola, according to a message received here.

Pensacola, April 7.—The new naval dirigible airship recently brought to the aviation station here for experimental use in connection with aerial and water maneuvers by the navy, broke away from its moorings during the night and today was seen rapidly southward. Telephone notices were sent to Mobile, Fairhope and other points warning the residents to be on the lookout for the big craft which, when last seen was being driven westward.

## O Boys They've Got Suffragist Cavalry Troop

Chicago, April 7.—If the United States goes to war will be the thunder of hoofs for Chicago women, not the nurse's cap and apron. Maids and matrons from the exclusive Lake Shore drive district have formed a cavalry troop and are drilling weekly in the First Cavalry Riding academy, North Clark street.

## A U-BOAT VICTIM

Big British Steamer Sunk—Eleven Men Drown. Spain Protests to Capture of Neutral Ship Vega.

London, April 7.—The British steaming ship Vega, of 3,884 tons gross, has been sunk. Eleven members of Asiatic crew were drowned. The rest were saved.

The Simla which belonged to the Peninsular and Oriental steamship line, was 450 feet long and was built at Greenock in 1899. The Vega was a neutral ship.

Crew of French Vessel Safe. London, April 7.—Lloyd's announced that the French sailing vessel St. Hubert had been captured and may become a derelict. Her crew was rescued.

## TICKETS GO FAST

Baseball Boosters Make a Good Showing Today. Detroit Second Squad Will Be Here Tomorrow.

At noon today the baseball boosters who are selling season ticket books for the local Western league club reported that the morning sale amounted to more than \$750. A number of the campaigners did not report, however, and several fans sent checks voluntarily to the office of the club. In all it is estimated that the first morning's work brought in approximately \$1,000. This is much better than the first season's work.

## WAR TO CONTINUE

Allies Won't Stop Fighting on Germany's Terms. London Sees Concession on Part of Teuton Powers.

London, April 7.—Peace is no nearer in war torn Europe as a result of the German chancellor's Reichstag speech Wednesday.

## PENSION P. O. CLERKS

Washington, April 7.—Forty congressmen urged the house postal committee today to report the Griffin bill for annual pensions of \$400, to superannuated postal employees.

## OLD MAN DIDN'T GROW ON THAT KIND OF A BUSH

W. B. Kirkpatrick Says He Will Not Quit in K. & L. S. Row. "I'm After Whole Bunch"—He Declares War on His Son.

KEEP IT OUT OF THE PAPERS Other Side Will Not Admit That Trouble Brews. It's All Lodge Politics for Control of the Presidency.

"Quit! Anyone who thinks the old man will lay down has another thing coming. I didn't grow on that kind of a bush. I am after that whole bunch." W. B. Kirkpatrick, resident knight of Ladies of Security.

"There is nothing but harmony. Things are as peaceful as in a nest of turtle doves. Why Kirkpatrick's daughter has to insist on meeting with me is all internal and mostly imaginary."—John V. Abraham, secretary.

Fight for control of the Knights and Ladies of Security has started in earnest. In a statement today, W. B. Kirkpatrick, president of the three million dollar beneficiary society, set aside all rumors and reports that he expected to retire gracefully from the head of the society. He is going to the national council in Detroit in June and he is going into the battle with 42 centimeter siege guns and prepared for modern warfare.

Insurgent leaders in the society today sought to set aside the reports of a fight between Kirkpatrick and his camp. They sought to discount the fight for control of the fat jobs of the society and declared that the war really was but an imaginary affair.

## FREE HIS BROTHER

Evidence Lacking to Extradite Col. Villa to U. S. Arrested in Havana for Cutting R. R. Near El Paso.

Havana, April 7.—Col. Hipolito Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, who was arrested here on February 7 at the request of the American minister and held pending extradition proceedings, has been released. The Cuban secretary of state announced that the United States had failed to produce evidence warranting his extradition.

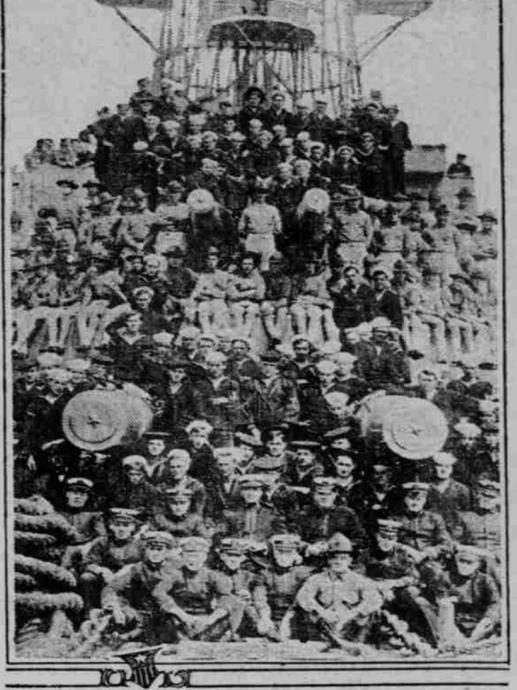
## CHOOSE HARDING

Unanimous Selection for Chairman G. O. P. Convention. National Leaders Express Confidence for 1916 Victory.

Chicago, April 7.—Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, was selected temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by unanimous vote of the sub-committee on arrangement for the Republican national committee today on the first ballot.

Without exception the committee members declined to discuss presidential possibilities, taking the position that as they would later have to pass on contested delegates they were in the nature of a quasi judicial body and that such discussion might be construed as prejudicial to possible candidates.

## PROTECTING AMERICANS IN MEXICAN PORT



Crew of U. S. S. Kentucky. The U. S. S. Kentucky has gone to the Mexican port of Tampico, where there is much uneasiness among the American residents. Commander Dismukes is keeping in touch with the navy department by wireless. The Tampico section is a hotbed of anti-American sentiment and conditions have not improved since the transfer to that district as governor, General Nafarrete, who is a confirmed "gringo hater."

## BARBERS IN ARMS! REMODELING BILL

Union Shops in Topeka in Senate Clashes Over Amendments to Army Measure. Declare Nonunion Firms in Retain Federal Volunteer Provision, 36 to 34. NO MORE MIDNIGHT SHAVES URGES TRAINING STUDENTS

Washington, April 7.—With the federal volunteer army plan of the army reorganization bill out of the way, after one of the most strenuous fights of the present congress, the senate resumed work on the measure today, confronted with prospects of other contests to follow over certain sections. Final action on the volunteer provision came late yesterday when the senate voted 36 to 34 to retain the provision in the bill, thereby rejecting an amendment by Senator Lee of Maryland to eliminate it. The vote was reached at the end of four days' debate, during which charges of lobbying on the part of the national guard organizations against the provision were made.

Possibility that the volunteer section may be stricken out when the bill finally emerges from the conference of the senate and house is seen as a result of close margin by which it was retained. Attempts in the house to incorporate such a provision in its bill were overwhelmingly defeated.

An analysis of the vote in the senate shows that 19 Democrats and 17 Republicans voted against it. But for the support of the Republicans the Democrats would have voted to eliminate the provision.

## NO UNION STRIKE

Perfect Agreement in Building, Carpenters Say. Contemplate No Trouble Under Existing Contract.

In answer to the reports given out recently to the effect that there was trouble impending between the unions and contractors in building activities in Topeka, a committee of two, J. W. DeGroot and Jess Smelser, gave out the following statement of actual conditions today: "Relations between carpenters and master builders in Topeka never were more favorable toward existing friendship as they are today. There is no prospect of any trouble at this time. Six weeks ago all business was transacted and everyone was informed of the contract as it went into effect April 1."

"So far as we know all contractors are abiding by that contract. We anticipate no walkout or strike—nothing of this nature is contemplated." Four inches at Hutchinson. Hutchinson, Kan., April 7.—Four inches of snow fell here last night and continued this morning for a short time. It is rapidly melting today. There was snow all over western Kansas during the night and early this morning.

## SPRING REVIVAL ON ALL FRONTS IN WORLD WAR

Germans Shift Attack, Carry Trench by Storm. In Niece Counter, French Regain All but 300 Yards. TEUTON DRIVE ON EAST FRONT

Artillery Leads Off With Bombardment Near Vidzy. Russ Forge Ahead in Caucasus and Along Black Sea.

London, April 7.—Following up sharply the capture of the village of Hancourt in the Avoncourt-Bethincourt salient northwest of Verdun, the Germans have shifted the line of their attack slightly to the east, driving against the lines between Bethincourt and Chantilly and penetrating a first line trench there. The locality is in the vicinity of Dead Man's Hill, where Germans and French have been battling at intervals for weeks for control of dominating positions.

Paris declares that the German were driven by a counter attack from the greater part of the captured position and that they now occupy only some advanced sections along a front of about 1,000 yards.

French Gain Along Meuse. East of the Meuse the French are continuing their nibbling tactics and report continued progress in German communicating trenches southwest of For Dossuourt.

Several More Proposed Provisions Up for Debate. The Spanish ambassador at Berlin has been instructed by the Foreign Office to ask Germany an explanation of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Vega and a definition of the German submarine policy with regard to the rights of neutrals.

Into an Ambush. Paris, April 7.—A Havana dispatch from Santiago, dated April 6, says that a German patrol fell into an ambush on the Macedonian front and that several officers and men were taken prisoner.

Honor Von Hindenburg. Berlin, April 7.—The fifth anniversary of the entrance of Field Marshal von Hindenburg into military service is made the occasion of many tributes. The famous soldier, Emperor William's hero, is the portrait of himself to the field marshal. Several members of the reichstag delivered addresses extolling him, and newspapers throughout the world published accounts of his career.

Holland Quieting Down. London, April 7.—The situation in Holland is presently becoming less tense. Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says an indication of the change is that officers of the military trainees only saw for an embarkation ways will be again granted leave.

## SEIZE 3 FOOD SHIPS

British Capture Swedish Herring Carries Bound for Germany. Copenhagen, April 7.—The steamers Hakan, Herri and Olaf, with herring, bound for Germany, have been seized by British warships. Their cargoes are valued at 1,000,000 crowns. It is stated that in future Swedish herring ships will sail within territorial waters.

## TOPEKA'S Dress Up Week

As I went walking down the street, At evening I changed to meet. At first I only saw for an embarkation ways will be again granted leave. Her skirt was short and ruffled tight, Her bodice was made plain and tight. At first I only saw for an embarkation ways will be again granted leave. This dress up week.

ALL PROVINCE REVOLTS Governor Declares Kwang-Tung Independent Amid Demonstration. Canton, April 7.—Long Chi-Kuang, governor of the province of Kwang-Tung, in conformity with the wishes of the people last night declared the independence of the province. The declaration was read with general rejoicings.