A FELLOW who is willing to die for a girl is not nearly so substantial as the one who will live and hustle for her.

The Topeka State Journal.

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair, light frost, warmer in the west tonight; Saturday, fair and warmer.

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TO BREAK WITH U. S. INSANITY

"Will Not Do It," Declares German Chief of Staff.

Also Says Can Make No More Concessions to U. S.

"LIVED UP TO OUR PROMISE"

Have Warned Those Aboard Liners Before Sinking.

Respect to U. S. Saves Scores of Ships From U-Boats.

WILL TIGHTEN RING ON ENG.

Despite Reports, Do Not Attack Neutral Vessels, He Says.

England, Too, Must Accept Responsibility for Losses.

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Berlin, April 21—By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—Germany can go no further in her submarine concessions to the United States, Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the German admiralty staff, declared in an interview with this correspondent today.

"But remember," said the German naval head later during the course of the interview, "that we have no desire for a break with the United States. That would be insanity. We shall not bring it about, despite our desire to push vigorously our submarine war."

"We did not sink the Sussex," said Admiral von Holtzendorff. "I am as much convinced of that as of anything which has happened in this war. If you could read the definite instructions, the exact orders each submarine commander has, you would understand that the torpedoing of the Sussex was impossible.

Let Scores of Liners Go.

"Many of our submarines have returned from rounding up British vessels. They sighted scores of passenger ships going between England and America, but not one of these was touched, although every one of them was carrying war munitions for the allies.

"We have definitely agreed to warn the crews and passengers of passenger liners. We have lived up to that provision in every way but we cannot be asked to regard freight ships in the same manner. This is beyond the border for any belligerent nation.

"I speak in a straightforward manner. We could have destroyed hundreds of thousands of tons of enemy ships since the beginning of the submarine war, except for the promises we gave the United States, but we cannot go farther.

Five Months More Will Tell.

"Five months more will see what we can do to the British shipping. The ring around the British Isles will grow tighter and tighter. Then we shall see whether England will still maintain that she cannot make peace until Germany is destroyed.

"The allies could have had peace long ago but they still cling to the idea of starving Germany into submission. The longer they cling to the idea of starving Germany into submission, the longer they cling on and prolong the war, the greater will be their bill.

"What is said about freight ships applies only to enemy freight ships. We are not going to torpedo, and we have not torpedoed without warning or without examining the ships papers or cargoes, any neutral ship, despite reports which the enemy is spreading. We are not out to attack without warning neutral ships bound for England. Our submarines have respected every one of them so far and they have met scores in the North sea, the channel and the Atlantic.

Will Not Break With U. S.

"If diplomatic relations with America are broken, our submarines can attack any enemy ship without warning. But remember, we have no desire for a break with the United States. This would be insanity. We shall not bring it about, despite our desire to push vigorously our submarine warfare.

"I do not think the American people want to declare war against Germany for the way she is conducting her submarine war now. I don't think America wants to protect England. I don't think the American people want to do anything they can to help England win, even by protecting English freight ships with American lives.

"People must remember that it is risky to travel on the seas to and from England today. They must watch the ship's character. If England boasts her mastery of the seas and her rule of the waves, she must accept the responsibility and the liabilities, not Germany.

England the Responsible One.

"Germany is at war with England. Germany must attack England's life nerve, which is her shipping. We have means through our submarines to do this and we must go ahead. England is the one responsible for American lives on her freight ships. We cannot warn Americans on board any more than we can send word to neutrals who may be in enemy trenches before we attack. It is the same situation on the seas exactly, and still we know that all passenger ships now going to England carry war munitions; not necessarily ammunition and shells, but articles which are much more necessary to help England to continue the war."

"Has Germany lost any submarines since March 1?" (The day when the new submarine campaign against armed merchantmen opened.) I asked.

"Yes," was the frank reply.

"Do you know how they were lost?" Admiral Von Holtzendorff was asked.

Sink 200,000 Enemy Tons.

"No, we don't always hear when one of our submarines is lost. We don't always know whether they had a fair chance or not when they attempted to sink ships, surrounded as they are with such strict orders."

"What has been the success of the new submarine warfare so far?" he was asked.

"In March more than 200,000 enemy tons were destroyed by submarines and mines on enemy coasts," was the response.

Admiral von Holtzzendorff is filled with energy and spirit. When he talks he is the most serious official in Germany. His whole body vibrates with energy. Every word carries conviction because he speaks so frankly, so unhesitatingly, that one feels he is speaking out instead of jotting down his notes beforehand to make an impression.

During the entire interview he sat erect in his leather chair, his eyes directly on the interviewer, his remarks coming suddenly with a punch, like shots from a cannon.

BASEBALL TODAY

National League.

Cincinnati at Chicago, game postponed; wet grounds.

"THE BANKERS' STORY."
(Relating how John R. Mulvane once threw out a State Journal check for $3.74; afterwards cashing one for $15,000.)

There is no more important man in a community than the banker; in fact, he is often the most important. He furnishes the means with which the merchant and the manufacturer are able to produce business and follow their callings. Even the head of an important mercantile establishment with large capital, often must needs call upon the banker for additional funds to enable him not only to make progress, but to actually maintain and merely keep alive the enterprise he has constructed.

The banker encourages thrift; he is a practical example of it himself. No man ever became a good banker unless he was thrifty. The youth of Topeka should make a note of this.

The banking business is based almost wholly upon confidence. No one who speaks falsely has a good rating at the bankers; no one who practices deception, or who is known to be tricky in business affairs, has much standing at the bank on the corner. It is difficult for the careless business man, one who does not meet his notes promptly on the day they are due, and otherwise conduct himself in a business like manner, to negotiate a new loan or extend an old one.

A banker banks more upon the integrity and the ability of the man than he does upon his dollars. He may lose his dollars, but his honesty and skill will enable him to get them back, if the banker helps him over a bad road, and the banker will do that pretty nearly every time, if the man deserves it and is worthy of trust.

Topeka, we are proud to say, has many good bankers; in fact, we don't know any bad ones in the lot.

The capital stock of all our banks and the two trust companies who wrote to the county board last week, aggregate over a million dollars and the deposits in those institutions are fourteen and a half millions. They have a surplus of over a half a million.

Speaking of confidence, here is a little personal incident: Nearly thirty years ago, after the writer for a year

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LINE UP OFFICERS

U. S. Prepares to Mobilize Militia and Volunteers.

Be Ready for Action When Germany Makes Reply.

New York, April 21.—A retired army officer whose name is withheld for obvious reasons made the following statement here concerning the mobilization of the national guard and retired officers:

"Practically every army officer recently retired and all other who are not physically disabled are now under orders to hold themselves ready for service. They probably will be ordered back into the service as leaders of the militia and volunteers and promoted to higher rank.

"Very recently retired officers have been ordered to report their whereabouts to the war department and also the condition of their health. Many already have consulted army surgeons and undergone tests as to their physical fitness to return to the service.

N. G. Gets Ready.

"Orders have been issued to the national guard of New York and other states to get ready. Mobilization is practically under way. Companies are being recruited to their full strength. Regiment units are being centralized.

"No reply from Germany is expected for a week or ten days. It is the wish of the war department that the national guard be ready for action by that time."

N. Y. Pledges Support to U. S.

Albany, N. Y., April 21.—The state of New York, through its legislature, last night pledged to President Wilson all its resources of men and material in the event of war with Germany. A resolution was adopted by both houses at their final session last evening.

ALL OAKLAND OUT TO HEAR DETAILS OF 'SLAVE' CASE

Mrs. Stella Azlein, 25, Testifies Against 'Bridegroom' Friend.

Tells of Visits Back and Forth While Hubby Was Away.

"YOU WAS TOO OLD TO TELL!"

Woman Fires Questions at H. D. Hamilton in Court Room.

Sat Close Together at Revival to Pass Notes, She Says.

Mrs. Stella Azlein, twenty-five years of age, married eight years and the mother of three little children, took the witness stand in the court of Topeka today and retold the story upon which W. E. Atchison, county attorney, is basing a charge of "white slavery" against H. D. Hamilton, a bridegroom of three days.

Early this week Hamilton, who until then was a well-to-do widower of Oakland, married Mrs. M. M. Fair, a widow with one child. Hamilton is the father of two children, one fourteen and one eleven years of age. The "white slave" case, brought two weeks ago, is the outgrowth of neighborhood talk in Oakland involving Mrs. Azlein and Hamilton. The action was started by S. F. Azlein, the husband, who is a machinist in the Santa Fe shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Azlein and their three children were in the courtroom. The new Mrs. Hamilton was not present. Ed Rooney, one of Hamilton's attorneys, said she was at home taking care of the children. The courtroom, back of the railing, was filled with neighbors of the two families. If they went to the courtroom to get first hand information on a neighborhood scandal, they were not disappointed, for Mrs. Azlein told the story from start to finish without quibbling over phrases or terms used.

Mrs. Azlein was a vindictive witness and on two occasions ignored the attorney for the defendant and turned questioner. She shot questions over the shoulder of the attorney at Hamilton.

Witness Asks Questions.

"You said," she shot at Hamilton, "you was too old a man to tell. You asked me what I thought your gray hairs were for."

When the defense was trying to show that Hamilton did not know

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EXONERATES SUFF

Not Guilty of Graft Plot, Board Decides.

Mrs. Eaton Charged Mrs. Rowe Demanded Tribute.

Chicago, April 21.—Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare of Chicago, was found not guilty by the civil service commission last night, of the charge that she compelled Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, a superintendent, to contribute a third of $3,000 a year salary to an alleged political fund.

Mrs. Eaton charged Mrs. Rowe collected the tribute in monthly installments on the pretext first that it was to go to the support of a "destitute sister-in-law of Mayor William Hale Thompson" and later that it was for a fund to help the mayor recuperate from his financial losses during the campaign.

Mrs. Rowe declared the charges were part of a political conspiracy to injure the mayor. The position occupied by Mrs. Eaton was abolished shortly before her charges were brought.

INSANE SOLDIER KILLS 9

In Charge of Police Post He Is Seized With Homicidal Mania.

London, April 21.—Nine persons were killed and many wounded in a street in the outskirts of Vienna by Leopold Fichtner, a landstrum infantryman, who became insane while in charge of a police post, says an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

Fichtner first began firing at those in the house with him. He then opened the window and fired upon the crowds in the street.

Girls Barefoot 1916 Style on Bathing Beach

Chicago, April 21.—The official costume for women bathers at Chicago's public bathing beaches this year will consist only of blouse and bloomers, without stockings, according to an announcement made today by Theodore A. Groos, superintendent of parks and bathing beaches. Stockings and skirts will be furnished only on request. Men's suits will be of one piece.

Chicago's beaches, it is said, will accommodate at least 50,000 persons at a time, the largest having lockers for 10,000.

Persons in street clothes will not be allowed to mingle with bather upon the beaches this year and bathers will not be permitted to join the crowd of promenaders upon the galleries behind the beaches.

KANSAS MUST OBSERVE OWN LAW--M'BRIDE

State Censor Room Doesn't Come Up to Specifications.

Labor Commissioner Orders Ross to Use Booths.

NOW FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Leaky Sewer Pipe Is Next Violation To Be Remedied.

Revelations by State Journal Met With Response.

Paul McBride, state labor commissioner, today called the hand of W. D. Ross, state superintendent of public instruction, when Ross sought to establish a film inspection room in the state house in violation of the state fire laws. Ross must meet the demands of the labor commissioner or close his picture shop. McBride today directed the use of booths for picture machines, the building of an outside stairway and installation of ventilating shafts. The state board of health may make further orders.

Orders by McBride today were a prompt settlement of the hasty action of Superintendent Ross in establishing a film inspection room in the subbasement of the state house. Conditions of the room to which Ross proposed to send his picture censors were described Thursday evening in the State Journal. Commissioner McBride then visited the proposed censorship room and today issued an order which will compel state departments to observe state laws. The orders by McBride, however, affect merely conditions regarding the safety of men and

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MORE TO FRANCE

Russia Contemplates Sending Quarter Million Soldiers.

Has More Men Than Munitions —France the Reverse.

Marseilles, April 21.—The arrival of the transports that brought the Russian troops, sent to join the entente forces on the western front, had been expected since Tuesday but a heavy storm in the Mediterranean delayed their reaching here until yesterday.

Every precaution for their protection had been taken owing to reports that hostile submarines were operating in the Mediterranean but the voyage was concluded without untoward incident.

The coming of Russian troops to the western front has been talked of by military people for two or three months. The reason, as now explained, is that it is easier for Russia to arm and supply fighting material to Russian troops on the western front than on the eastern.

Russia still has many hundred thousand more men under training than she can use on her fighting lines because the Russian problem continued to be not how to get men, but munitions. The allies can obviously provide complete equipment for Russians more easily in France than by shipping to Russia. Possibly a quarter of a million men will be sent into France this spring.

The Russian troops which reached Marseilles yesterday continue to be the center of enthusiastic demonstration from crowds at Camp Mirabeau, where the newly arrived force is quartered. The Russians show no ill effects of the long journey. Officers of the Russian forces say the recipients of rounds or receptions and of congratulatory telegrams form many allied quarters. The authorities decline to permit mention of the number of men who arrived or of the route the transports followed.

FED BY AIRSHIPS

Kut El Amara Garrison Kept Alive by Aeroplanes.

Only Food Besieged Troops Get Dropped From Skies.

Constantinople, April 21.—The 16,000 British troops under General Townshend besieged at Kut-El-Amara, Mesopotamia, by the Turks, are slowly being starved, according to an official communication given out here today. The only food reaching the town is dropped by aeroplanes.

Turkish officials expect at any moment to hear of the capitulation of this army. The nearest relief column, that under General Gorringhe, about 20 miles away, is almost stationary in the face of the strong Turkish resistance.

The official communication says:

The situation of the enemy at Kut-El-Amara is growing critical. Owing to the difficulties in obtaining food, the commander has ordered all civilians to evacuate the town.

The commander anticipates the aeroplanes will drop bags of wheat.

On the front in the Caucasus the battle is assuming a violent character. The enemy's attempts to advance have been frustrated with heavy losses.

NO VOTE ON BRANDEIS

Washington, April 21.—For two two hours today the senate judiciary committee considered the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court without reaching a vote. The nomination will be considered further Monday.

DRAGNET WILL GATHER IN MORE ALLEGED SPIES

Additional Indictments To Be Asked by Government.

English Prisoner in U. S. Bares Whole Conspiracy.

CONFESSION A SENSATION

Willing to Give Back Official Documents Seized by U. S.

But Will Germany Admit Ownership of von Igel Papers.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Additional indictment of German sympathizers in this country will be asked by the department of justice as a result of revelations made by Horst von der Goltz, alleged German spy brought to New York by Scotland Yards detectives. This was learned authoritatively here today. Von der Goltz's statement was said by department officials to have opened a "field practically without limits," for investigation. The government will follow every clue. It was understood that the number of men involved in von der Goltz's activities in the United States is much larger than had been thought heretofore.

The pending New York indictments against five of von Goltz's assistants were said to embrace the alleged leaders in the conspiracy to blow up the canal but indictment of men involved in minor ways in the alleged conspiracy, probably will be sought soon. It was understood indictment will be asked also in connection with von der Goltz's other activities.

Will Return All That's Official.

The state and justice departments announced today the government's willingness to return to the German embassy all the papers seized in New York with the arrest of Wolfe von Igel, which Count von Bernstorff will identify as official. Photographs of the seized documents have been made and will be retained. Count von Bernstorff protested vigorously against the taking of the papers and it was at the state department that Secretary Lansing was considering the necessity of an official apology.

Should the ambassador assert that all the documents are official it is understood they will all be returned to him, but it was said to be the present intention of officials to keep all the photographic copies. Officials were interested today in learning if Count Von Bernstorff would declare

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ANOTHER NEUTRAL

Dutch Steamship Sinks in Six Minutes.

Five of Crew Drowned; 36 Survivors Land.

London, April 21.—A Lloyds dispatch from Ymuiden, says the Dutch steamship Lodewijik Vannassau was sunk yesterday afternoon. She went down in six minutes. Five of her crew were drowned. Thirty-six survivors have been landed at Ymuiden.

The Lodewijk Vannassau sailed from Chile in February with a cargo of salt petre for Rotterdam. A Berlin wireless dispatch of April 9 says she had been held up in the Downs by the British authorities since March 22, and that her detention had aroused public opinion in Holland as the Dutch farmers feared the salt petre would arrive too late for use this spring. The vessel was built in 1913 and owned in Amsterdam. She was 325 feet long. Her gross tonnage was 3,397.

Americans on Board.

Washington, April 21.—The American consul at Lisbon reported today that the Norwegian steamer Terjeviken, which sunk on April 18 off Lisbon harbor, struck a floating mine and that all on board were saved, including two Americans.

Investigate Dutch Ship Sinking.

London, April 21.—The following statement issued by the Dutch foreign office comes from Reuter's correspondent at The Hague: "The German government acting in accordance with a request of The Netherlands government has consented to collaborate with The Netherlands government in order to ascertain the identity of the torpedo which struck the Tubantia."

REPORT OF TODAY'S GAMES IN STATE JOURNAL TONIGHT

The second game of the Western league season between Topeka and St. Joseph will be played in St. Joe this afternoon. This game, beginning at 3:15 o'clock, will be reported in full in the postscript edition of the State Journal, on the street at 5 o'clock.

Fans should remember, also, that the first real bulletins of the games over the country are posted on the State Journal windows as soon as they are flashed over the wire.

All games over the country will appear in the postscript edition.

WILSON CUTS STATE DUTY TO VISIT NEW GRANDCHILD

Washington, April 21.—President Wilson will go to Philadelphia this afternoon to see his newest grandchild, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, born there recently. He shortened a cabinet meeting in order to leave.

AVIATOR FLIES OVER WASHINGTON AT NIGHT; "BOMBS" GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Trail of fire in air showing path followed by Aviator Thompson in flight over Washington, D. C.

To prove his contention that the United States capital is not properly defended, Aviator De Lloyd Thompson made a night "attack" on Washington and "bombed" the city. He descended upon the town under cover of darkness and dropped many bombs, which were in this case mere pyrotechnic displays. When above the War College, about 8,000 feet in the air, he set off the first bomb and immediately the government searchlights were out searching the heavens for him and finally located him, but for a few moments only.

BANDITS KILL 200

Villistas Wipe Out Large Band of Carranza Troops.

Details of the Clash Have Not Yet Reached Border.

El Paso, Tex., April 21.—Two hundred Carranza troops en route to Torreon from Saltillo were killed when they were attacked by Villa bandits of General Canuto Reyes' command.

Unofficial, but reliable reports to this effect have reached the border. Details are lacking.

Washington, April 21.—Dispatches to the state department report continued fighting between Yaqui Indians and Carranza's troops in the state of Sonora. From Guaymas it is reported that a number of Americans are preparing to leave Mazatlan by the first available steamer.

News has just been received of a fight at Aguas Calientes ranch about a week ago, in which 47 Yaquis and 23 Mexicans were killed. Another encounter took place at La Virginia a fews days later, in which the Indian casualties reached 100 dead. The Carranza dead were not given.

The Lehr family, in danger at that place, has been removed to Empalme, on the coast.

The Yaqui campaign against the Carranzista forces is a serious consideration. There are understood to be 6,000 Yaqui Indians equipped with modern munitions and their plan of campaign is understood to be one of terrorization and murder.

WIND STOPPED FROST

Clear Skies Prevail All Over the State Today.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock	44	11 o'clock	53
8 o'clock	46	12 o'clock	55
9 o'clock	49	1 o'clock	58
10 o'clock	51	2 o'clock	58

Clear weather and a high wind characterized the day and the morning was cold. The sky cleared early last night and the sun was shining bright this morning. A continuation of fair weather is expected. It was cold enough last night for the light frost that was predicted, but the wind prevented its appearance. The sky was clear generally over the state this morning.

The forecast calls for fair weather with a light frost tonight, warmer in the west; Saturday fair and warmer. The temperature probably will not be

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District Ought to Have Model Teacher's Home

Spokane Wash., April 21.—Marked interest was shown today by members of the Inland Empire Teachers' association in an address made by Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, advocating as a part of each rural school's equipment, a model home for the teacher and a ten acre farm to be cultivated as a model for the community.

"I do not believe we can ever succeed," Dr. Claxton said, "when so many teachers move each year from place to place as is the case in Washington. The teacher must become an accepted part of the community."

WATCHFULLY WAIT

Gerard Sends Word He Has Delivered U. S. Ultimatum.

Fear U-Boat Attack Meanwhile Will Mess Things.

Washington, April 21.—Word from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin that he had delivered the American note to the German government and some indedication from him as to how it was received, was awaited with keen expectancy by administration officials today. Unofficial advices early today saying that he had presented the communication to the German foreign office last evening and that the chancellor had not seen it because of his absence at army headquarters, were read with interest by officials.

Pending Germany's reply to America's demands that she immediately abandon the present methods of conducting submarine warfare, one of the chief concerns of officials here is the possibility of another attack on a ship carrying Americans. It was admitted that an immediate rupture could only be prevented by proof that Germany had been unable to communicate with her submarine commanders. How long the United States is willing to wait for the German reply has not been disclosed. It is suggested that the German foreign office may be delayed in replying immediately because of a series of religious holidays in Germany which begin today and continue until Tuesday.

Bryan Goes to Capital.

Former Secretary of State Bryan, who is here in the hope, as he expressed it, of being of some assistance in preserving peace, continued his conference with Democratic members of congress today. Mr. Bryan's view is that "it would be a crime to enter the present war."

"The responsibility for declaring war is upon congress, not upon the president," declared Mr. Bryan, "and it is fair to assume that when the duty of acting falls upon congress, the president will be willing to refrain from embarrassing congress as he was anxious that he should not be embarrassed."

He suggests arbitration of any quarrel that may be had with any European nation.

BLOW UP MUNITIONS

Two Floors of Factory Making Explosives for Allies, Wrecked.

Chicago, April 21.—An explosion early today wrecked two floors of the Abbott Alcaloidal company's factory here and rocked buildings within a radius of half a mile. The company is said to have been making large shipments of compounds for the manufacture of explosives for the entente allies.

REINSTATE A RULER

As Return Compliment, Albanian Prince Appeals for Soldiers.

Paris, April 21.—A Havas dispatch from Corfu says that Prince William of Wied, recently reported to have been reinstated as ruler of Albania has issued a proclamation at El Bassan, appealing to the people of the country to submit to the Teutonic allies and enroll in the army. The proclamation was signed by the prince and an Austrian officer, Ghirilladini.

EXHUME A BODY BUT IT IS NOT PANCHO'S

Verify Incident, but Results a Disappointment.

Even De Facto Official Denies Report of Villa's Death.

CONSUL LETCHER'S VERSION

Says Villa Was Not Present at Battle of Guerrero.

Thousand U. S. Cavalry Now Concentrated Near Parral.

Field Headquarters General Pershing by Wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 21.—American military authorities detailed to investigate the report that the body recently disinterred at San Borja was that of Pancho Villa, reported today they were unable to obtain confirmation. No details were given which would tend to throw light on the situation.

Chihuahua, April 21.—The body supposedly Villa's proved to be that of a Villista but not the bandit leader himself. The report that the bandit leader's corpse had been exhumed was positively stamped as false today by General Luis Gutierrez, military commander here.

This and official American reports that Villa is in Durango state unwounded were disclosed, together with a Carranza order of April 15, prohibiting United States aviators flying over Mexican cities and barring the American forces from using Mexican telegraph and telephone lines.

Scores of shots were fired at the American who made a flight over the city Wednesday.

Resentment of the Mexican soldiers and populace against the continued presence of the American troops is becoming so general that Carranza military authorities declare they will be unable to control the people unless the expedition is soon withdrawn.

Letcher Tells of Hostility.

Consul Letcher reported to Washington that the Parral incident was not an isolated case. Other attacks on American troops by the inhabitants of Mexican towns are believed to have occurred.

The bandit whose life was spared when he promised to point out Villa's burial place, led the Carranza soldiers to a grave but the body was not Villa's.

"I never did consider the report as having any foundation," said Gutierrez. "In fact, I do not know whether Villa is dead or alive. For days I have been unable to secure any definite information as to his whereabouts."

Reports to Consul Letcher assert that Villa probably was not in the Guerrero battle in which he was reported by the Carranza authorities to have been wounded.

A number of Americans who came here to investigate the reported death of Villa and identify his body,

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FRENCH ADVANCE

Capture Deadman Hill Trenches and 154 Prisoners.

Today's Paris Report Also Claims Other Verdun Gains.

Paris, April 21.—The French continued to make progress in the region of Dead Man's Hill on the Verdun front, in the fighting of last night. The war office announcement of this afternoon reports the capture of German trenches and of four officers and 150 men.

East of the Meuse a fierce German attack was repulsed. In the sector south of Haudremont Wood the French made gains.

The text of the statement follows:

"West of the Meuse the attack undertaken yesterday by our troops in the region of Le Mort Homme (Dead Man Hill) progressed during the night. In addition we seized a trench on the northern outskirts of the Caurettes wood and made prisoner four officers and 150 soldiers.

"East of the Meuse, a violent bombardment of our positions was followed at the close of the day by a powerful offensive action by the enemy on a two-kilometre front between the Thiamont farm and the Pond of Vaux. The Germans who had gained a foothold in our lines south of Fort Douaumont and north of the Pond were completely thrown back by our counter attacks during the night. Two machine guns and a number of prisoners fell into our hands.

"West of Douaumont in the sector south of Haudremont wood, we likewise made progress. We recovered some wounded French prisoners and captured a score of Germans.

"In the region of LePreter wood our artillery was quite active."

Italians Forge Ahead.

Athens, April 21.—Italian forces have occupied Thanassi, Fagheon and Kiorka heights, in northern Epirus near the Greek-Albanian frontier. They are fortifying these positions with heavy artillery.