

GERMANS TAKE MALANCOURT, ON VERDUN FRONT

WEATHER—Fair to-night; Saturday partly cloudy.

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U.S. TROOPS SMASH VILLA; KILL 30; HIS ARMY FLEES

BIG BATTLE AT MALANCOURT LASTS THROUGHOUT NIGHT; THEN FRENCH GIVE UP TOWN

Paris Claims Outskirts Are Still Held, but Berlin Says Defenses on Two Sides as Well as Village Itself Were Taken

PARIS, March 31.—The Germans delivered a terrific all night attack on three sides of the village of Malancourt, says the French official statement issued this morning. The French retired from the village proper, which was in ruins, but continued to hold the outskirts.

The Germans again tried to carry by assault the position which the French had won back in the Avocourt wood, but they were repulsed.

Following is the text of the report issued by the War Office:

"In the Argonne district we have repulsed two attacks with hand grenades directed against our positions to the north of Avocourt.

"To the west of the River Meuse the bombardment of Malancourt has gone on with redoubled violence. Last night the Germans delivered a series of attacks in massed formation. They advanced from three sides at a time upon the village, which formed the advanced salient of our line and which sheltered one of our battalions. After furious fighting all night long which entailed considerable sacrifices on the part of the enemy, our troops evacuated the ruined village, but we still hold its outskirts. To the east of the River Meuse the night passed quietly.

"In the Woëvre district the Germans endeavored on three separate occasions to capture from us the work to the east of Haudumont, but all their advances were repulsed."

DEFENSES ON BOTH SIDES OF TOWN TAKEN. SAYS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, March 31.—The fortified village of Malancourt and the defenses on both sides have been stormed and captured by German troops, the War Office announced this afternoon. Following is the text of the report:

"Artillery activity on both sides in many frontal war zones increased considerably during the clear portions of the day.

"West of the Meuse, the village of Malancourt and French defensive establishments on both sides of the village were taken by storm. Six officers and 312 unwounded men were made prisoner.

"On the eastern bank of the Meuse the position is unchanged. Brief encounters at close quarters developed around French trenches south of Fort Douaumont.

"In an aerial fight in the region of Arras and Bapaume the British lost three biplanes. Two of their occupants were dead. Lieut. Immelmann thus accounted for his thirteenth enemy aeroplane.

LONDON, March 31.—The Germans have lost 20,000 men in the latest battles around Verdun, according to estimates by military experts.

The French hold on the village of Bettincourt, four miles east of Malancourt, is seriously threatened by the capture of Malancourt. It appears certain that the next great German attack on the west bank of the Meuse will be directed against the Bettincourt fortified position.

GRAND JURY INDICTS WAITE FOR POISONING JOHN E. PECK, MILLIONAIRE FATHER-IN-LAW

Dentist May Go to Tombs To-Morrow—To Be Arraigned Monday.

SECRET GERM STORES.

Hundreds of Virulent Cultures of Cholera and Anthrax in Riverside Apartment.

The Grand Jury returned an indictment against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite to-day accusing him of the murder, on March 12, of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire dentist, Grand Rapids, Mich. Judge Nott received the indictment in the Court of General Sessions.

If Waite is in condition to be removed from Bellevue Hospital to-morrow he will be brought to the Tombs. District Attorney Swann intends to have him arraigned to plead to the indictment on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Waite of Grand Rapids, the parents of Arthur Warren Waite, called on him at Bellevue this afternoon. It was the first time his mother had seen him since her arrival in New York last Monday. His father had seen him but once before.

The indictment contains two counts, each charging murder in the first degree. The first specifies that Waite killed his father-in-law by the administration of arsenic. The second specifies that Peck died from the effects of a poison "to the Grand Jury unknown."

Live malignant disease germs, in large quantities, were found to-day in a secret closet in the study of the apartment of Dr. Waite in the Colosseum at One Hundred and Sixteenth Street and Riverside Drive, A. M. Taylor, a private detective, making a thorough search of the apartment, discovered 183 slides and several sealed glass tubes. All of the tubes and some of the slides were labeled.

Among the bacilli which young Waite purchased in pursuit of his plan to kill his father-in-law and mother-in-law were cultures of tetanus, or lockjaw; Asiatic cholera, pneumonia, tuberculosis, typhoid, typhus and the extremely rare disease, anthrax.

The superintendent and owners of the Colosseum apartment house were greatly relieved by the discovery of Waite's disease germ storehouse. There is a sufficient supply of them.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN IS SLAIN BY VILLA

Two Other Foreigners Put to Death at Minaca by Baudil in Passing Through Town.

EL PASO, Tex., March 31.—A man named Herman Blankenburg and two other foreigners were murdered yesterday at Minaca, Chihuahua, by Francisco Villa and his followers, according to private but authentic sources here.

Details of the killing are lacking. Although Blankenburg's name indicates he is of German descent, the meagre information available here is that he is an American citizen. It is believed that the other victims also were Americans.

The information regarding the reported assassination was telephoned from Minaca to Chihuahua last night over a private line by an employee of an American concern and telegraphed from Chihuahua to El Paso.

Minaca is situated about ten miles south of Guerrero, where Villa is reported to have massed 172 Carranza supporters.

VILLA IS BADLY WOUNDED, GEN. PERSHING REPORTS

Seventh U. S. Cavalry Meets 500 Villistas Near Guerrero--Four Americans Wounded, None Seriously--Five-Hour Battle After Drive of Fifty-five Miles--Villa's Commander Among the Slain.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The Seventh U. S. Cavalry, commanded by Col. George A. Dodd, met and defeated 500 Villista forces at Guerrero on Wednesday.

The Villistas left 30 dead on the field; others were probably carried away dead.

Four Americans were wounded, but none seriously. The fight lasted five hours, and the U. S. troops went into it after marching fifty-five miles in seventeen hours.

Gen. Funston's despatch from Fort San Houston forwarded Gen. Pershing's despatch as follows:

"San Geronimo Ranch, March 30.—Col. Dodd struck Villa's command, consisting of 500 men, at 6 o'clock March 29 at Guerrero. Villa, who is suffering from a broken leg and lame hip, was not present.

"Number Villa's dead known to be thirty; probably other carried away dead. Dodd captured two machine guns, a large number of horses, saddles and arms.

"Our casualties four enlisted men wounded, none seriously. The attack was a surprise, the Villa troops being driven in a ten mile running fight and retreated to the mountains northeast of the railroad, where they separated into small bands.

"A large number of Carranzista prisoners who were being held for execution by the Villa troops were liberated during the fight.

"In order to reach Guerrero, Col. Dodd marched fifty-five miles in

EXPLODING MINE KILLS MAN IN NAVY YARD

Government Worker at Norfolk Plant Mangled and Building Partly Wrecked.

NORFOLK, Va., March 31.—W. W. Dillmouth, an employee, was instantly killed when a coast defense mine, one of 3,000 being made at the Norfolk Navy Yard, exploded to-day in building No. 32. Dillmouth's head was nearly blown off. The building was partially wrecked.

HYDROAEROPLANE SINKS IN SOUND AFTER CRASH

Aviator John D. Cooper and Passenger Saved by Lighthouse Crew When Aircraft Hits Wreckage.

BIRMGHAMPTON, Conn., March 31.—A hydro-aeroplane, driven by John D. Cooper and carrying one other man,

crashed in Long Island Sound off the outer harbor to-day, after striking a mass of wreckage. The occupants were rescued by a boat from the Bridgeport Lighthouse.

The other man on board was Gen. Stenographic of Manhattan, N. J. When the machine struck the wreckage the forward pontoon was torn off. Cooper was thrown against the steering wheel, stunned and tossed into the water. He was rescued by Stenographic, who drew him onto a part of the machine which remained afloat, holding him there until help arrived.

Story of Victory as Reported To the Carranza Commander

EL PASO, Tex., March 31.—News of the victory of the U. S. troops under Col. Dodd was received by Gen. Gavira, the Carranza Commander at Juarez, from Lieut. Col. Refugio Davila at Casas Grandes.

Col. Davila's telegram to Gen. Gavira said that he received his information through the Chief of Staff of the American expeditionary force at Tres Alamos camp, under instruction from Gen. Pershing.

The telegram read:

"Chief of Staff of American Expeditionary Force, Tres Alamos Camp, instructed by Gen. Pershing, has informed me that the Seventh Cavalry on March 30, at San Geronimo, fought a Villista column composed of 500 men under Eliseo Hernandez. Villistas lost Hernandez and thirty men. "American forces had several wounded. Confirmation received that Villa was wounded at last fight with Carranzistas and is hiding in neighborhood of Guerrero."

BRITISH LOST IN MARCH MORE THAN 20,000 MEN

LONDON, March 31.—British casualties in March, as compiled from the published lists, amounted to 1,197 officers and 13,317 men.

CLYDE STRIKE COLLAPSING.

ALLANBY, March 31.—The strike on the Clyde, involving points at which large quantities of the army are assembled, seems to have collapsed. More men are returning to work to-day and there are indications of a general resumption on Monday.

FUNSTON SAYS TROOPS ARE DRIVING BANDITS TO THEIR LAST STAND.

SAN ANTONIO, March 31.—American troops have caught up with Francisco Villa, fired upon a portion of his forces, and are now making a vigorous effort to check his headlong flight and force him to fight.

After a week of hard marching Villa's main force has been located working along the railroad which extends south from Guerrero and the rear guard has been fired upon by the pursuing American troops, according to reports reaching Gen. Funston to-

NEW YORK WOMAN JAILED BY SWISS AS A GERMAN SPY

Charlotte von Kuehnan, Artist, Gets Prison Term of Two Months in Berne.

BERNE, Switzerland, March 31.—Charlotte von Kuehnan, an artist, of New York, who has been residing for some time in Lucerne, was sentenced to-day to imprisonment for two months, followed by banishment, on a charge of having engaged in secret service work on behalf of Germany.

It is said she was implicated in a plot with a German agent named Latke and a girl named Corlin, both of whom received the same sentence as the New York woman.

ORGANIZED BALL PLANS \$900,000 SUIT DEFENSE

National League President Tender Confers With Attorneys on Baltimore Club's Damage Case.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—President Tener of the National Baseball League conferred here to-day with attorneys with regard to defending organized baseball against the \$900,000 damage suit instituted in the United States Court on Wednesday by the Federal League Club of Baltimore.

Copies of the bill of complaint filed by the Baltimore Club were mailed to all the defendants and a further conference will be held later to frame replies to the charges made.

FORBIDS PRIZE FIGHT FILMS.

Senate Act in Companion to Measure Abolishing Athletic Board.

ALBANY, March 31.—Senator Jones of Chenango introduced a bill prohibiting the display of prize fights or boxing exhibitions in moving picture theaters. The bill is a companion to the Jones measure abolishing the state Athletic Commission.

SHORT EASTERN CRUISES.

Laboratory, New York, N. Y., to all steamship lines. The World, Travel Bureau, 400 Fulton St., New York, N. Y., 100 Park St., New York City. Telephone Berama 1000.—Adv.