stationed citizens, who had been killed by the Americans before the Parral garrison could intervene.

Only Villa's head may be brought back for identification, according to Colonel Garcia. He said that the privately accompanied condition of the body and the fact that the rough mountain trails were too difficult to move miles to the grave from the nearest railroad might render removal of the corpse difficult.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 18.—The advance of the American army into Mexico has halted. Troops can proceed no further and the search for Villa, dead or alive, must be confined to the territory already penetrated. This statement was made to-day by Gen. Funston, who declared the main line of communication, now as far south as Satevo, could not be established with the present number of troops available. He expressed the conviction that further operations cannot be conducted unless authority is secured for the establishment of a new border base, free use of the railways of the material strengthening of the forces now in Mexico. He said that in stretching the line to Satevo the maximum of strength has been attained.

Cavalry is operating south of Satevo, but only as far as men and horses can carry their own rations.

Gen. Funston has received no confirmation of the reported death of Villa.

If Villa is not dead, he has now an excellent chance to escape into territory far beyond the most advanced of the American detachments because the politics there has penetrated about as far south as it is going to do with the present organization.

Official admission that it was impossible to extend the main line of communication south of Satevo was taken to-day to mean that the field of operations would be restricted to that district over which detachments of cavalry with provisions for one or two days could ride. Beyond the edge of that fan Villa would be safe so far as the Americans are concerned.

Gen. Pershing is believed to have explained in detail this phase of the situation in a report to Gen. Funston. The drive of the three cavalry columns to Parral and its environs established the fact that there is no chance of obtaining provisions in that region and that every force sent forward must depend wholly on the Quartermaster's with the main column for supplies.

Officers here regard the Parral incident as indicating clearly that Gen. Pershing's men now have to guard themselves not only against attack by Villa's men, but by those detachments of Carranza's army that are antagonistic to his announced attitude of co-operation.

Gen. Funston to-day asked that a report be made to him at once on the unofficial rumor that a train load of forage shipped from Juarez to Chihuahua and intended for the American troops, had been seized by Carranza authorities. The arrival of some of the supplies sent to Chihuahua has been reported, but no advices that they had reached the army had been received.

PERSHING MOTOR TRAIN ATTACKED; SNIPERS ROUTED

Ambush Attempted Near Providencia Failed, Says Report to Columbus.

GUARD FIRED AT PARRAL

Mexican Flag Flown by Soldiers Who Shot Americans, Troopers Assert.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 18.—A speeding motor train carrying Gen. Pershing and his staff was fired upon during a dash made at night from Satevo to the advance station at Namiquipa, according to reports received here.

According to the reports Gen. Pershing was on his way to Namiquipa to attend to the sending of detailed despatches concerning the engagement at Parral, when Mexicans in ambush near Providencia opened fire on the cars. There were only about ten snipers, all of whom fled when the Americans returned their fire. None of the Mexican bullets took effect, the reports said.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN MEXICO, April 16—(Via wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 18.)—Gen. Pershing arrived to-day at his field headquarters near Namiquipa after an all night ride from Satevo for a conference with members of his staff.

Men in Pershing's command brought details of the Parral fight of April 12, which placed the matter in the light of a deliberate attack by Carranzista soldiers, even possibly of an attempt to annihilate the little force of 114 cavalrymen under Major Tompkins.

After one of his men had been killed Tompkins made up his mind that, if his command was going to be slaughtered they would die fighting. He "cut loose," as one of Pershing's men said, and the Mexicans soon retreated, leaving over forty dead on the field.

Tompkins held his men in restraint until he noticed on an adjacent hill in Parral a body of soldiers over whom the Mexican flag was flying.

In answer to Tompkins's question, Gen. Lozango, a Carranza officer who led the American column into the city, told him that the troops on the hill were part of the garrison watching the movements of the Americans with intent to guard them.

Just then the so-called guard fired a volley into the American detachment, killing one trooper.

An enormous crowd of Mexicans, made up largely of Carranza soldiers, had surrounded the United States troops.

Previously there had been little shooting which Tompkins thought was in welcome of the Americans. He had been met by Lozango, who promised a welcome and a camping place. A non-commissioned officer dashed up to Tompkins and reported that the Americans had been fired on and a number of them wounded. Tompkins asked Lozango for an explanation, but he seemed mystified, afterward asking Tompkins to get his men out of the city immediately. Lozango offered to guide the Americans to safety, but Tompkins, fearing a trap, formed a plan of his own.

A squad of eight skirmishers was thrown out at the head of the retreating American column, seeking to find an easy defense. The moons grew larger. Rifle and pistol fire at the Americans became incessant. Then followed the incident of the so-called Carranza guard on the hill and the reply of the Americans.

Tompkins retired to Santa Cruz, where he dug himself in and awaited reinforcements.

GERMANS TAKE TWO POSITIONS AND 1,700 MEN AT VERDUN; 100,000 TROOPS IN ATTACK

Paris War Office Partially Admits Claims of Success Made in Berlin.

FIRST ATTACK FAILS.

Crown Prince Rushes Forward More Troops and Wins Battle at Pepper Heights.

BERLIN, April 18.—Capture of the important French position north of Verdun in Tuesday's fighting was announced by the War Office this afternoon. The French took 1,700 prisoners.

The captured positions include the works south of Haudremont farm, near Pepper Heights, and the series of French trenches on the heights north west of Thiaumont farm, near Douaumont.

Following is the text of the War Office report:

"Our artillery extensively bombarded British positions in the region of St. Eloi. We easily repulsed a weak hand-grenade attack directed during the night against one of the mine craters we had occupied. On both sides of La Basse Canal and northwest of Loos spirited hand-grenade fighting developed. In the region of Neuville and near Heuvraignes we exploded several mines with good results.

"On the battlefield on both sides of the Meuse (Verdun region) there were very violent artillery duels. On the right bank of the river our troops from Lower Saxony wrested from the French by storm positions on Steinbrush (Stone Quarry) 700 yards south of Haudremont Farm and on the ridge of hills to the northwest of Phtomont Farm. Forty-two officers, including three staff officers, and 1,646 men were captured unwounded, in addition to fifty wounded men. Their names will be published in the Gazette des Ardennes, in the same manner as the names of all Frenchmen who have been made prisoner in this war. The names of 711 officers and 38,155 men, whom we have taken prisoner since Feb. 21, in the battles in the Meuse District, also will be published. The reason is the semi-official French attempt to cast doubt on our reports.

"Attacks of the enemy in and near Caillette Forest were frustrated by our fire when they were being prepared, or when the first efforts were made. French artillery was extremely active against our positions on the Woevre Plain and against those positions on the hills southeast of Verdun, and as far as the neighborhood of St. Mihiel."

PARIS WAR OFFICE SAYS 100,000 TROOPS TOOK PART IN DRIVE.

PARIS, April 18.—It was officially announced to-day that German troops from five different divisions, aggregating 100,000 men, participated in yesterday's violent attack against the French lines east of the Meuse.

In last night's fighting the Germans were partially thrown back from a first line trench they penetrated in Chauffour Forest, northwest of Douaumont.

The Germans attacked with the greatest violence on a ragged front, extending from the Meuse in a southeasterly direction to the Douaumont-Ornes road. German artillery had prepared the way for the assault by a drum-fire that opened at midnight and continued without cessation for twelve hours.

The first blow fell against the French barriers in the narrow ravine southeast of Pepper Heights, the scene of furious fighting ten days ago. Time and again the German legions piled up against the French works in fruitless charges. This ravine and its wooded slopes were swept by a steady stream of shrapnel and machine gun fire until the gorge itself was choked with bodies.

Repulsed in this attack, the Germans extended the fighting on both flanks. One division, advancing from Talou Heights, moved southward along the west bank of the Meuse, but came under a heavy fire that forced an immediate retreat.

The heaviest blow was struck on the eastern wing. Calling up two divisions, the German commanders hurled them against the French line in Chauffour and Ablain Woods, driving southward in an attempt to reach the Douaumont-Bras Road.

The first German attacks were beaten back before the enemy reached the French trenches. The second assault, delivered by still heavier forces, carried the enemy into the advanced positions and forced the surrender of a redoubt and its connected advanced trenches forming an exposed salient northwest of Douaumont village.

The losses on both sides in the hand-to-hand struggle in the shell-wrecked woods were very heavy. Unprotected by ravines, the attacking forces sacrificed men by the hundreds on small sectors of this front. The French successes reported in to-day's communique from the War Office apparently were against these advanced positions taken by the Germans yesterday.

The German bombardment of Hill 304 and other positions west of the Meuse, reported in last night's official statement, is increasing in violence. The War Office reported to-day that the French first lines between Dead Man's Hill and Cumieres were heavily shelled.

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ARTIST CHRISTY AND PRETTY MODEL DENY ENGAGEMENT

Premature Announcement by Mrs. Palmer's Mother Followed Trip to Poughkeepsie.

Howard Chandler Christy, the noted illustrator, and Mrs. Nancy Palmer, his model, are greatly upset by the announcement in a newspaper that they are engaged to be married. They declare that there is not a word of truth in the story, and they are indignant at the publication. It is true that they took an automobile trip together on Sunday, but that's all.

The story, which comes from Poughkeepsie, declares that Mrs. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Coon of No. 31 Bellevue Avenue, announced the engagement after her daughter had made a trip to see her last Sunday. The mother added that her daughter has posed for many of Mr. Christy's most celebrated pictures, as well as for pictures by Charles Dana Gibson and other eminent artists. She said she preferred to have Mr. Christy make formal announcement of the engagement.

Mr. Christy, on April 4, brought action for divorce from his first wife, Mrs. Mabelle Thompson Christy, at Zanesville, O., alleging gross neglect of duty. This is the culmination of years of disagreement, during which the Christys have been parted and reconciled, only to be parted again. They have one child, Natalie.

Mr. Christy was found by The Evening World reporter this afternoon at his studio, No. 15 West Sixty-seventh Street. He seemed much distressed at the publication.

"It is absolutely untrue that Mrs. Palmer and I are engaged to be married," he said, "or that there is any foundation for such a story. Let me tell you that all the newspapers sent men to see me last night, and on my assurance they all turned the story down—that is, all but one. I have known Mrs. Palmer for years and she has posed for me and others.

"Last Sunday I wanted to get out in the country, and a party of us were going out in my car. The man who was going with us was detained, but there was no use letting that spoil the day; so we went to Poughkeepsie. Mrs. Palmer didn't want anything to eat, so I went to the Nelson House to luncheon, while she called on her mother. That's all there was to it. I called for her with the car and brought her back to New York.

"I admire Mrs. Palmer a great deal and I admire a great many other girls, too. Many of them have been out with me in the car. But that does not mean that I'm going to marry any of them. I wouldn't dare to print the names of some of the others, I suppose. Just because this divorce matter of mine has come up in court after dragging along for eight years I suppose they think they can say anything they like about me. It is most unjust to Mrs. Palmer."

Mrs. Palmer came in while Mr. Christy was talking. She, too, was indignant.

"I wish," she said, "that you will contradict the report. I am not engaged to marry Mr. Christy, and there is no foundation for the story that we are engaged."

Mrs. Palmer is tall and slight and dark, with bright brown eyes and red cheeks. She attended the Illustrators' ball with Mr. Christy last January, as well as The Fakers' ball, an artists' dance, two weeks ago.

Artist Christy and His Model; Both Deny Report They'll Wed

MISS NANCY PALMER AND HOWARD CHANDLER CHRISTY

This photograph was taken when Mr. Christy and Mrs. Palmer attended the Illustrators' fancy dress ball in January.

CABINET TAKES UP DETAILED REPORT SENT BY FUNSTON

No Change in Policy, Announcement After President and Advisers Confer.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Secretary Baker laid before the Cabinet to-day long reports from Gen. Funston reviewing the whole situation on the border and in Mexico.

President Wilson and the Cabinet went over the situation fully, and afterward it was announced that there was no change in the situation nor in the American Government's policy.

Gen. Funston's despatches came last night and are the fullest discussion of his problems he yet has submitted. They contain no mention of the reported death of Villa.

Renewed sniping around Parral was not reported to the department, although despatches from Gen. Pershing's camp disclosed that American troops had again been fired upon by Carranza troops.

War Department officials would not discuss the probable result of the continued hostility.

Withdrawal of American forces from Mexico within the next month is likely.

It was learned to-day that while no change in policy has yet been determined, the Administration at least gives thought to the possibility of withdrawal without Villa's death or capture.

This Government feels that already it has accomplished an enormous task. It has driven Villa and his men 300 miles beyond the border; it has robbed Villa of any glorification among his folk for being the first Mexican to invade the United States and kill "gringoes."

BRITISH CHECKED AGAIN ON RELIEF OF KUT-EL-AMARA

Lines Are Driven Back From 300 to 800 Yards on Tigris River.

LONDON, April 18.—The Turks have inflicted another serious reverse on the British expedition attempting to relieve the besieged garrison at Kut-el-Amara.

Gen. Lake reported to-day that the British lines were forced back from 300 to 800 yards on the south bank of the Tigris by heavy Turkish counter attacks.

TRAFFIC POLICEMAN HURT.

Right Knee Fractured When Unbalance Tries to Avoid Laborer.

The driver of a New York Hospital electric motor ambulance tried to avoid striking a laborer who was dumping cement into the Seventh Avenue subway excavation at Thirty-third Street and Seventh Avenue at noon to-day and a wheel of the vehicle struck the laborer's wheelbarrow. It was knocked from the man's grip and thrown against Traffic Policeman William Nestor, fracturing his right knee.

The laborer, who fled the scene, left behind the wheelbarrow and a bound and harried Nestor to the hospital.

Capt. von Papen Cannot Be Extradited to United States.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—"There is absolutely no way by which Capt. von Papen can be extradited to answer the charges brought against him in the indictment handed down in New York," was the statement to-day of Bruce Bielaski, Chief of the Division of Investigations.

22 FRENCH AEROPLANES BOMBARD BULGARIANS

Air Machines Attack Staff Headquarters at Doiran—Germans Repulsed.

PALERMO, via Paris, April 18.—Twenty-two French aeroplanes bombarded the Headquarters of the Bulgarian staff at Doiran yesterday morning. The raid was an entire success, the French officers say. A small German squadron which attempted to engage the bombarding French aeroplanes was driven off by French machines which forced them to abandon the fight.

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