

200 miles long, as opposed to the other line of over 200 miles. A base at Satevo would supply Paris.

Million-Dollar Plant In Flames; Villistas Loot U. S. Property

El PASO, April 8.—Anti-American sentiment is spreading in Mexico among those formerly identified with Pancho Villa, according to latest confirmed reports.

Confirmation was received today that the Arrieta brothers in Durango have burned the big lumber plant of the Compania Dadera, in that state, valued at \$1,000,000.

The plant is located and deliberately applied the torch, shouting "Down with the gringos." Hiram Smith, president of the company owning the plant, was advised today of its destruction.

Marching to Juarez. Gen. Petronillo Hernandez, who with his brigade has been at Laguna for some weeks, is reported marching to Juarez where he is expected to take command of the garrison.

Gen. Gabriel Gavira who has been ordered to the field. Six hundred men of the Gavira brigade left Juarez last night for Guzman, where their commander is expected to follow them shortly, going thence to the Casas Grandes country.

Something of a sensation was added this week to army affairs on the border when Mrs. J. M. Burroughs, wife of Capt. J. M. Burroughs, Second Cavalry, filed a suit for divorce, alleging cruel treatment and neglect.

Bernstorff Aide Denies U-Boat Sank the Sussex. NEW YORK, April 8.—According to an attaché who accompanied Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to this city to attend the flower show, the Sussex was not sunk by a German torpedo.

All of the reports that the Sussex was sunk by a torpedo have come from London, he said. The only evidence in the case is a small piece of bronze. All torpedoes used by the German government are made of steel, not bronze. That alone eliminates the theory that the channel steamer was sunk by a German submarine.

To Lecture for Benefit of Wounded Russians. Madame Bakhtmeteff, wife of the Russian ambassador, is interested in the talk in aid of the wounded Russian soldiers which Miss de Meissner will give at the Washington Club next Saturday at 11 a. m.

Amongst personal psychic experiences, Mme. de Meissner will tell of a communication from Captain Smith, of the ill-fated steamer Titanic, which is of interest as bearing upon the question of responsibility for the disaster.

The topic will be "There Are No Dead," and the proceeds will be in aid of the wounded Russian soldiers.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair tonight and Monday; freezing temperature and frost tonight; rising temperature Monday; fresh west winds.

TEMPERATURES. (U. S. Bureau.) 8 a. m. 24 9 a. m. 25 10 a. m. 25 11 a. m. 26

TIDE TABLE. High tide—12:30 a. m. and 12:45 p. m. Low tide—7:10 a. m. and 7:40 p. m.

SUN TABLE. Sun rose—5:31 Sun sets—6:31 Light automobile lamps 7:01 p. m.

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base established by Brigadier General Pershing is at San Antonio and Santa Tomas, west of the city of Chihuahua and near Cuahuatichic. Latest reports by aeroplane and wireless to the border are that the forces of Colonel Dodd and Brown are close upon the heels of the wounded Pancho and his remaining small force of bandits. They have reached a point not far north of the mining town of Parral, the messages said today.

Private dispatches received in El Paso last night announced the arrival of the vanguard of Colonel Dodd's cavalry in the vicinity of Parral, one report saying the Americans were camped within rifle shot of the city, which is more than 400 miles from the United States border.

Villa is believed to be somewhere south of Parral, making for the Arrieta border. The American cavalrymen are traveling much faster than the bandits, and for this reason the hope is held out that there is still a chance that Villa may fall into the hands of the Americans, and the prestige of the United States in Mexico be saved before the Administrator of Washington has time to interfere with the pursuit.

More Serious Aspect. Discussion centered on the border today to the mobilization of Carranza forces near the American border, and its possible connection with the continuation of the Pershing expedition. While the Carranza forces have been friendly so far, the indications lately have been that the situation may be changing.

Torreon May Yield. Telegrams from Torreon assert that a peace commission is meeting near there today with Gen. Juan Banderas and his band of Villistas to discuss terms of surrender to Carranza.

Banderas offered to surrender during the week if given six weeks in which to bring in all his men. The Carranzistas insist on a shorter term, fearing that Banderas only wishes time to permit Villa to get south and join him. The Carranzistas made the proposal today to Banderas to grant him the time asked if he will agree to place himself in their hands pending the surrender of his forces.

Telegrams from the field hospital at Colonia Dublan said that Lieut. Col. Elyce Rivers, Thirteenth Cavalry, ill with pneumonia, is barely alive, and that his recovery is very doubtful. He is too ill to be brought to the border.

Out of the entire force now in Mexico, estimated here at 12,000 men, only a little over 200 have been brought back to the border since the expedition entered Mexico. This is considered by army medical men as a small percentage, considering the hardships undergone by the men and the cold weather they have undergone.

American forces are continuing the pursuit of Villa far south of the city of Chihuahua today. The last advance

GERMANS BATTER FRENCH POSITIONS EAST OF HARCOURT

Terrific Cannonade From Cumierres to Bethincourt Repulsed Near Fort Vaux.

PARIS, April 8.—The Germans continue their terrific attacks on the French lines south and east of Harcourt. The enemy has gained a foothold between Harcourt and Hill 207.

The German batteries are keeping up a bombardment of some violence against this whole front between Bethincourt and Cumierres, but without infantry action.

Interest was suddenly directed to the Champagne district by a bombardment of unusual violence directed by the German guns against the French positions in the sector of the Navarin farm, directly north of Souain.

Near Navarin Farm. So severe was this bombardment that the French presumed it might be a preparatory measure to an infantry attack to create a diversion to benefit the German operations against Verdun.

The French threw out a curtain of fire at once, and no German infantry felt the trenches.

French Hold Firmly. After the first fierce charge of the Germans, under which they made their main attack, the battle settled down to a usual artillery combat, with the French holding their lines everywhere and the Germans unable to make any further advances.

East of the Meuse the crown prince tried to advance again on the Vaux front, after a heavy bombardment. An attack by hand-grenades near Fort Vaux was easily repulsed by the French.

Termiten Hill Taken; Counter Attack Fails. BERLIN (via London) April 8.—The German war office announces the capture of the entire French position on the ridge of Termiten Hill, on a front of more than one and one-fourth miles. The losses of the Germans were slight.

The French attempted a counter attack, but failed completely, the French losses being very heavy. Over 700 French prisoners were captured.

The official statement also announces the capture of a French position south of Soudernach in the Vosges, with the killing or capture of all the French occupants.

The capture of Harcourt by the Germans has increased the menace to the whole Bethincourt salient. Only one road, leading to Ennes, is available to the French troops, which are desperately defending Bethincourt. This road in some places is only 1,000 yards distant from the German positions, Ennes is only two and a half miles from Hill 207.

Bethincourt is the only village in this section of the front left in French hands, and is being defended with the greatest tenacity. That the French command appreciates the value of the salient is shown by the orders found on French prisoners, as well as by the statements of the prisoners themselves, which show that the troops assigned to this sector have been ordered to hold every inch of ground.

In their defense the French are assisted by the ground, which forces the German attackers to cross open ridges in the face of artillery and machine gun fire and hampered by barbed wire and other hindrances.

Austria Awaits New Offense by Italians. VIENNA, April 8.—Sharp skirmishes in the Tyrol where more favorable weather conditions now prevail, and the tuning up of artillery on the Isoneo front, preface the beginning of heavy fighting along the Austro-Italian frontier, according to dispatches received here tonight.

The Italians are expected to begin a general offensive before the first of May. Such a move is said to have been planned by the allies conference at Paris, and to have resulted in the resignation of the Italian minister of war, General Zupelli, who objected to sacrificing his troops in another attack on Gorizia.

Russians Break Up Austrian Attacks. PETROGRAD, April 8.—By emerging from their trenches as if to counter-attack, the Russians quickly broke up an attempted Austrian offensive on the Middle Strip, in Galicia, the war office reports. The Austrians returned to their trenches.

On the German front only minor artillery and mining activities have occurred. In the Caucasus, Turkish attempts to cross the River Karadere were checked.

BERLIN, April 8.—In transmitting to the Dutch government denial of responsibility for the sinking of the Dutch steamer Palembang, the German foreign office states:

"At the time when the Palembang met with accident no ship belonging to the German navy was even in the neighborhood of the place where the ship was sunk."

APRIL "FLAREBACK" ABOUT AT AN END

Weather Man Sees No More Snow, But Spring Won't Return Till Tuesday.

After banging freezing temperature tonight, the Weather Bureau holds out hope that the April "flareback" will have spent itself.

No more snow is in prospect. The cold weather will continue, however, until tomorrow night, when the temperature will be close to freezing. Then spring will return again, the weather men say.

Washington again awoke this morning to see a driving snow, but about 1 o'clock this ceased. It was the tail-end of the storm that worked its way northward from here, and just now is giving New England, already snowed under, an added coat, and is raging with a strong gale in the Cape Cod section.

Killing frosts are reported from Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. Florida did not experience this, though the northern portion of that State may be nipped tonight.

Cold weather prevails today over the entire section east of the Mississippi. Warmer in West. In the West generally warmer weather is making its appearance, and it will come eastward by Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Gales along the Atlantic seaboard reached dangerous proportions last night, though storm warnings had been currying for the shore, and little damage to shipping was reported today. The wind sweeping in from the sea reached a velocity of forty miles an hour off Sandy Hook, and forty-eight miles off Cape Cod and the Delaware breakwater.

A general snowstorm which had continued since for nearly twenty hours last night, blanketed the higher regions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey with snow six to eight inches deep. The streets of New York and nearby coast cities were rivers of slush.

Ships Crash in Snow. Most serious of the minor accidents reported as a result of the storm was the collision between the Tenadores, a fruit line steamer and the Marillo, a freighter, in New York harbor, just off the Battery. Neither ship was seriously damaged. The lookouts could not see through the swirling snow.

The campaign of the D. A. R. who were to sell Belgian flags on the streets for the Belgian Relief Fund, was brought to a standstill out doors in New York and was handicapped in the morning hours in Washington.

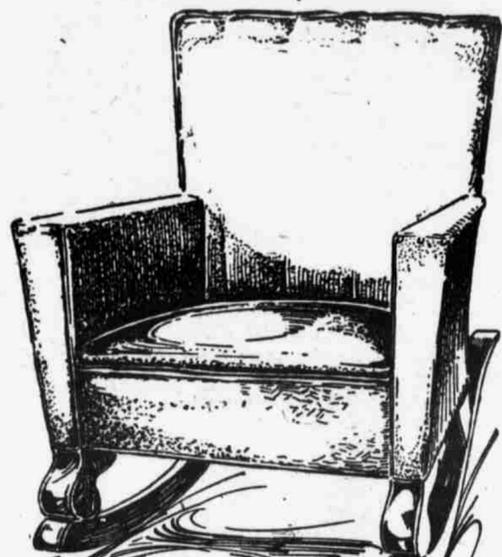
In New York and in Baltimore baseball games were scheduled which would have been as appropriate at Christmas time as during the weather of yesterday.

Fewer Suicides in Paris; Want to See War's End

PARIS, April 8.—Suicides in Paris have dropped to about two a week, as compared with an average of fifteen to twenty in ordinary times.

People who always want to know the why and the wherefore of everything have endeavored to get at the reason of this. A wag, who is perhaps not so far off the truth as some might imagine, suggests that every one is so anxious to see how the war will end that they cannot bear to shuffle off this mortal coil until victory crowns the day.

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