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END OF VILLA PURSUIT SEEM TO AVERT WAR

All Indications Point to Early Withdrawal of American Forces From Mexico.

CONFERENCE NEXT MONDAY

Chairman Stone Expected to Go Over Situation With President Wilson Then.

All indications in official circles point to an early withdrawal of the American forces from Mexico. Face to face with the alternative of a break with Carranza or an abandonment of the pursuit of Villa, the President and his advisers are believed to have made up their minds that a continuation of the chase would be almost certain to lead to intervention, which, from the first, the President has been determined to avoid.

On Monday at 8 o'clock the President is to have a conference with Chairman William J. Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Although it is stated at the White House that the conference will be in connection with the general international situation, the impression prevails that it will deal principally with the Mexican situation.

REPORT DUE

Before that time it is expected the War Department will have received from Major General Scott, who was sent to San Antonio to confer with Major General Funston, a complete survey of the military situation in Mexico with whatever prospect exists for the capture of Villa.

The administration is particularly anxious to get an exact idea of the attitude of the Carranzista forces, and the extent to which these forces are organizing to block a further advance of the expedition.

From reports already received from Funston's headquarters army officers at the War Department it is believed that if the expedition is to be carried forward it will have to be reorganized on the basis of meeting with Carranzista opposition.

Such a reorganization, it is stated, would not only probably necessitate plans to seize the Mexican railroads, but would require the calling out of the National Guard to guard the border, thus freeing the entire regular army force for possible service across the Rio Grande.

Official Concerned

State Department officials are frankly concerned over the situation.

More because of the lack of consular reports than the character of the few received. It is feared that trouble is brewing.

Heretofore the Department has received a more or less steady flow of reports.

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Villa Still Menaces American Soldiers

Every Day Brings Reports of Small Bands Seen Near Troops' Location.

GENERAL PESHING'S FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NEAR NAMIQUIPA, Mex., (Via wireless to Columbus, N. M.), April 22.—The menace of Villa and his bandits is not believed removed. Hardly a day passes that small bands are not sighted or reported.

Within narrowed limits, since the Parral incident, the quest for Villa and his followers continues.

Many wild and contradictory stories reach headquarters of Villa dead or alive. The report that he is dead will be brought to some point on the Mexico Northwestern railway for identification, finds little credence among officers.

While no news has been received from the Parral district there is no concern felt over the position of the advanced American columns nearest to the scene of the suspected Carranzista trap.

The jagged defiles and canyons hereabouts are ideal hiding places for the Villistas. A band of a hundred or more could remain undiscovered until a reconnoitering expedition fairly stumbled onto them.

But the Villistas evidently have had their fill of American marksmanship in the two or three clashes to date and keep out of harm's way.

Hardship of Villa Chase

Kills American Trooper

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 22.—The body of Albert Hartmann, of Troop K, Thirteenth Cavalry, arrived here today from the front in Mexico. He died en route on a motor truck while being brought back to be treated for dementia induced by the hardships of the Villa chase.

Plan To "Speed Up" District Bills Blocked in House Committee

Congressman Vinson Refuses Unanimous Consent to Report Uncontested Measures.

FORCES AN ADJOURNMENT

Georgia Member Insists on Consideration—Scheme Was to Put Thirty on Calendar.

The plan of Chairman Ben Johnson, of the House District Committee, to report to the House thirty supposedly uncontested bills now pending before the committee, was frustrated today by Congressman Carl Vinson of Georgia.

When the District Committee convened to frame its "unanimous consent" calendar, Mr. Vinson moved an immediate adjournment, and the motion was carried on a viva voce vote.

Subsequently, it was explained by Mr. Vinson that this action did not mean he was opposed to the "unanimous consent" calendar for the District Committee, but he objected to any hurried consideration of many bills on Mr. Johnson's program.

Some of these measures, he said, have not been acted upon by subcommittees, and the Georgia member wants the regular course followed.

Among the measures upon which action was delayed temporarily by the committee today were the "fake auction," the "bad check," and the "true consideration" bills—the latter applying to the recital of true consideration in deeds covering real estate transfers in the District.

Chairman Johnson had also placed upon the unanimous consent calendar the "community forum" bill in which Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, is much interested.

An effort will be made to report out some of these bills at the regular meeting of the House District Committee early next week.

Vinson Stand Bids Speed

The objection of Mr. Vinson, however, practically precludes the creation of a "unanimous consent" calendar for the House committee. The meeting called today was a special one. The object was to place upon such a calendar and bring into the House all uncontested bills before the District Committee.

The committee has been more or less inactive for the past month, this being partly due to the lack of a quorum and partly to the action of the Democratic caucus which decreed that all so-called minor legislation should be sidetracked in the House.

Both Chairman Johnson and Mr. Vinson hit upon the plan of putting about thirty bills upon the House calendar by meeting today. Mr. Vinson's objection, according to Mr. Johnson, frustrates the plan for expediting legislation.

"I have no objection whatever to moving the calendar," said Mr. Vinson. "I expect that practically all of them will be reported out, but I objected to reporting these bills at one meeting of the committee, and moved to adjourn. This was not done for the purpose of defeating any special bill or bills, but I think there should be more consideration given some of these measures."

Both Congressmen Vinson and Ragsdale are listed among the opponents of the "community forum" bill, but it is not known whether this opposition includes any special bill or bills.

He called attention to the important character of many of the measures suggested for immediate report.

Johnson's Program

Chairman Johnson's legislative program, which he hopes there would not be objection in the committee—includes the following bills:

Permitting an increase of speed of automobiles in the District; providing for the annual assessment of real estate; directing the closing of all barber shops on Sunday; imposing a special license tax on automobiles; prohibiting the improper use of the United States flag; allowing the use of school houses as community forums; changing the status of street crossing policemen; prohibiting fake auctions in the District; designating October 12 as a legal holiday; incorporating the East Washington and Suburban Railway, various street bills.

Chairman Johnson is understood to have called attention to the fact that some of these bills have been referred, including the automobile bill, headed by Mr. Vinson, have not specially reported on them. He suggested that as the bills are of doubtful character, the committee might dispose of them by unanimous consent, putting on the House calendar in the hope that the committee will soon be met a day in the House for their passage.

Bandit Advertisises, Then Loots Train

Makes Special Detective, Sent to Catch Him, Pass Hat for "Contributions."

RAWLINS, Wyo., April 22.—Fulfilling a threat made in the newspapers recently, an unmasked bandit, after mingling with the passengers for two hours, disarmed a special detective detailed to catch him, and forced the detective to pass the hat in the observation car and one Pullman of the Union Pacific's California limited near here last night.

With a price of \$6,000 on his head for this and two other similar hold-ups on the same road within three months, several possees are seeking the lone bandit in the Wyoming hills today.

He observed the same chivalrous manner toward the women passengers that featured his previous appearance. The bandit also gave the special guard a souvenir of his previous robbery, a gold watch.

"I'll get another one on this trip to give away on my next deal," the young highwayman said. His loot last night included several valuable watches and an unknown amount of cash taken from twenty men.

Ideal Weather Promised Capital for Easter

Washington will have ideal weather for Easter Sunday, according to the official prediction.

Forecaster E. H. Bowie said this afternoon all indications are favorable for clear skies, abundant sunshine, and temperature just cool enough to make the Easter promenade thoroughly enjoyable.

The only storm in sight is off the coast of New Jersey and is moving northward at a rate that will take it across the Canadian line by tomorrow. This is the same storm which passed over Washington yesterday.

Generally fair weather will prevail tomorrow east of the Mississippi, except in northern New England and the Lake region.

LIQUID FIRE FAILS IN DASH AT VERDUN

German Assault Repulsed at Dead Man's Hill Despite Use of Device.

BERLIN, April 22.—Three French attacks on the Dead Man's Hill positions northwest of Verdun last night broke down, the war office announced this afternoon.

PARIS, April 22.—Using liquid fire, the Germans last night hurled heavy forces against the French front northwest of Verdun.

They succeeded in occupying trenches on the slopes of Dead Man's Hill, but were completely thrown out by a French counter-attack, the war office announced today.

The flame projectors were brought into play in the attack against the French front north of Caucette wood. The Germans were completely repulsed.

Violent fighting also developed on the west bank of the Meuse, north and northeast of Verdun, where the Germans attempted preparations for another assault on Fort Vaux.

Following an intense bombardment of the whole front from the Meuse eastward to Fort Vaux, the Germans attempted to fill in the trenches before the fort, prior to an assault on the fort itself, which occupies a position on a stony height with precipitous sides.

A violent fire from French guns stationed in Fort Vaux and from connecting works prevented the Germans from engaging from their trenches. The artillery fire was unusually effective, the Germans losing heavily.

The fact that there is no shortage in French artillery, despite the large number of guns massed at Verdun, was demonstrated by today's official communiqué. The war office reported that French artillery had co-operated with the British in the recent fighting on the British front near Ypres and Pillicken.

Airship Bombs Sofia After Flying 110 Miles

AMSTERDAM, April 22.—An enemy aeroplane bombed Sofia yesterday for the first time since the beginning of the war, according to official dispatches from the Bulgarian capital today. A school and cottage were damaged, but there were no casualties.

The raiding aviator probably flew from the Anglo-French front in Northern Greece, a distance of about 110 miles, and return.

Nominee Dead

RICHMOND, Va., April 22.—William R. Votawer, recently nominated for Congress by the Republicans of that district, died at his home here early today, following a brief illness. He was a native of Princeton, W. Va.

DIGGING UP CELLAR IN HUNT FOR BODY OF DOROTHY ARNOLD

Old Colonial House on Hudson May Hold Secret of Heiress' Disappearance.

STORY IS TRUE IN PART

No Trace of Body Found, But Developments Warrant Continuance of Search.

NEW YORK, April 22.—About an old, rambling colonial house, secluded on the banks of the Hudson, near West Point, centered a search today for the body of Dorothy Arnold, missing New York heiress, whose disappearance five years ago furnished a mystery baffling the police of Europe and America.

In a cold drizzle of rain scores of curious tourists made their way over the roads from West Point to gaze upon the bleak old house.

Convict Glennorris, in the Rhode Island penitentiary, says it holds the secret of the young woman's disappearance.

Inspector Faurot, in New York, is gathering every bit of information regarding the possible house of death. He admitted today that a portion of the cellar had been dug up when he and four of his detectives visited the place last night. They failed to find a body, but the search has not been abandoned.

On the contrary the information gained so far leads Faurot and his men to believe that Glennorris must have had a part in some crime in the section he has been able to describe so minutely.

Whether or not he actually was a party to the burial of Dorothy Arnold, Faurot is not ready to concede, but he now believes the convict's confession and the old William Pell house on the Hudson warrant the most thorough investigation.

Faurot and Detective Grant Williams went to West Point to search for the house, in the cellar of which Glennorris is held.

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ARBITRATORS HEAR CAR MEN'S DISPUTE

Utilities Board Holds First Meeting With W. R. & E. Officials and Employees.

Acting as a board of arbitration between the street railway officials and employees, the Public Utilities Commission held its first hearing today.

The hearing, which was conducted behind closed doors in the office of Engineer Commissioner Kutz, who is chairman, was called at the request of the grievance committee to consider the alleged discharge by the Washington Railway and Electric Company of five of its employees, H. C. Breeden, E. J. Dent, Howard Schaeffer, George R. Schaeffer and W. B. Johnson.

At the conclusion of the meeting the commission announced merely that the hearing was adjourned until Monday at 2 o'clock.

W. H. Ham, vice president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company; S. R. Bowen, secretary; J. H. Stephens, superintendent of shops, and J. T. Moffett, superintendent of transportation; Kisen Orr, who appeared as attorney for the committee representing the employees and the committee consisting of George A. Willcutt, Harry E. Jones, and Frank M. Thomson, were present at the conference.

EASTER FINERY GOES IN BOARDWALK FIRE

Atlantic City Holiday Visitors Get Scare From Blaze in Hotel.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 22.—Atlantic City, crowded with Easter visitors, was given a bad scare today when fire apparatus in response to two alarms clanged down streets and flames were seen coming from the basement of the Hotel Pitney, near the beach.

The fire, which originated in the tailor shop of the hotel, was quickly extinguished. Several visitors who had tomorrow's boardwalk apparel in the shop, were the worst sufferers. The damage to the hotel was slight.

Americans In Germany Gather In Berlin As War Rumors Spread

Pope's Easter Message To U. S. a Peace Plea

NEW YORK, April 22.—An Easter message addressed to the American people through the United Press, Pope Benedict XV today transmitted a new plea for peace.

Without referring to the German-American crisis, the Pontiff made the following appeal to all neutral nations:

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"The United Press, 'New York.

"Peace be with you.' These sweet words the risen Saviour spoke to the Apostles, the Holy Father addressed to all men.

"May the nations at peace preserve it, thanking God for a great blessing.

"May those at war, presently, laying down the sword, end the slaughter dishonoring Europe and humanity."

IGEL PAPERS PUT AT LANSING'S DISPOSAL

Bernstorff's Selection of Those He Claims as Official Delayed Until Next Week.

The German documents seized by Federal officers in the New York office of Wolf von Igel are in Washington at the disposal of the State Department. Ambassador von Bernstorff is in New York.

Capt. William M. Offey, head of the department's agents in New York, brought the lost papers.

The process of separating from the papers those belonging to the embassy and those having no embassy character apparently is delayed until the first of the week, when the ambassador is expected back.

Officials here make little secret of their keen interest in the selections the ambassador will make.

Some express confidence that no matter whether he claims them all as embassy property or eliminates those that would indicate knowledge by the embassy of unneutral activities by Germans, the government will be left in possession of the most important information developed since investigation of conspiracies began.

Von Bernstorff's protest notwithstanding it is pretty definitely assured that the State Department will retain photographic copies of the papers, in other words, if the evidence is important to the success of the government's effort to squelch alleged plots in this country, diplomatic niceties will not be allowed to prevent its use.

Formal apology for the seizure of proper embassy documents may be made, it is said, but their value to the department of justice and to the State Department will not be overlooked.

The German embassy expects to receive today or tomorrow instructions from the Berlin foreign office regarding the Igel papers and directing their return to Berlin and directing their return to the State Department over the arrest of von Igel and the seizure of his papers.

It is intimated again at the embassy that the acts are of so serious a nature as perhaps to warrant the German government in recalling its ambassador.

The least that will be asked, it is said, will be a formal apology from the State Department.

Igel's Office Not Leased In Name of the Embassy

NEW YORK, April 22.—Wolf von Igel's office in Wall street was not leased in the name of the German embassy, it was stated yesterday by a member of the staff of H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney, and affirmed by officers of the department of justice.

The lease was in von Igel's name, and for that reason the papers found may not be considered in the light of privileged matter.

United States Officials Confronted With Problem of Finding What to Do With Them.

BIG NEWSPAPER OPTIMISTIC

Lokal Anzeiger Says Satisfactory Settlement Is Possible, Despite Great Alarm.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

FREELIN, April 22.—American officials here, confronted today with the problem of what to do with Americans arriving in Berlin for interior cities of Germany because of reports that Germany and the United States are on the verge of a break.

United States Consul General Lay conferred with Ambassador Gerard on this subject this morning. Gerard said he had received no instructions from Washington regarding the 700 Americans now in Germany.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, influential liberal newspaper, which claims the largest circulation in Germany, today expressed the view that a satisfactory settlement of the pending controversy is possible, despite pessimistic reports.

"The Lokal Anzeiger has not thus far examined the text of President Wilson's latest note.

"We insist on the right to hit our foes in the weaker spots," said the Lokal Anzeiger. "Nevertheless, we want peace with the great people across the water, just as we have not wanted war with our present foes."

"An agreement with the United States should be possible, even across the ocean. We emphasize that it is possible we have overstepped our right to safeguard our vital interests and honor. However, we reserve the right to state or interpret when we have knowledge of the note."

The Berlin newspapers today published an English news agency dispatch inquiring for the first time the content of the German-American situation is very serious. The public generally believes the English report to be an exaggeration.

"The Lokal Anzeiger said it is understood to be in the hands of the German government."

The Tageblatt attributed the delay in the publication of the Easter holiday note to the fact that it was due to mechanical difficulties. The Lokal Anzeiger said it was possible the text of the note would be published and published simultaneously with the German government's answer.

Foreign Secretary von Jagow has asked Ambassador Gerard not to inquire into the content of the note until the foreign office consents to its publication.

Austria Trying to Induce Kaiser to Yield to U. S.

ROME, April 22.—Austria will bring strong pressure to bear to prevent Germany from breaking with the United States, it was learned here today from neutral diplomatic sources.

German statesmen in particular desire that Germany yield to the United States, rather than bring matters to a break. It was their influence that caused Austria to back down completely in the Ancona negotiations with the United States.

Americans Get Ready To Flee From Germany

THE HAGUE, April 22.—Many American business men in Germany have made preparations to wind up their affairs and leave on 48 hours' notice if diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States are broken off.

This was learned from Holland branches of several American concerns doing business in Germany. In a number of cases Berlin representatives of American firms have made arrangements to come to Holland, leaving their affairs in the hands of other partners in Berlin and directing their return to the State Department over the arrest of von Igel and the seizure of his papers.

A number of Americans, however, will remain in Berlin even though a break occurs, confident that it will not result in war.

Thus far there has been no noticeable increase in the number of Americans crossing the Dutch frontier from Germany since the situation became critical. Several Americans now in Holland who planned to leave for Berlin earlier in the week, have postponed their trips and will remain here, pending the outcome of the present negotiations.

There are now about 700 Americans in Germany. Since the Lusitania crisis last May there has been in close touch with their consulates, at the suggestion of Consul General Lay, at Berlin, those wishing to leave Germany probably would concentrate in Berlin and travel by special train to the Dutch frontier.

Excitement over the German-American situation has subsided, noticeably since the first Dutch newspaper comment on the American note. The feeling is growing here that Germany either will yield or once with masterly matters in such a manner as to prevent an early break.

Little Hope Here That Germany Will Yield

Little hope that Germany will meet fully the American submarine demands is apparent here today.

Statements of Admiral von Holtzendorff, German admiral in chief, furnished the State Department the first definite line on the German official attitude.

The conclusion was drawn by some officials that perhaps modification of the sternness of the American demands offered the only chance of avoiding a diplomatic break. Such a modification is out of the question, they said.

OFFICER SAVES CHILD; FATALITY HURT BY AUTO

Policeman Ippolito Sacrifices Self for Boy and Is Run Down by Fire Chief.

THOUSANDS SEE TRAGEDY

Great Crowd Gathers at Seventh and F Streets—Fire Engines Were Answering Call.

Sacrificing himself for a child, who stepped heedlessly in front of fire apparatus, Crossing Policeman Frank T. Ippolito, was struck and fatally injured by the machine of Deputy Chief Sullivan at Seventh and F streets, shortly after 11 o'clock today.

Ippolito ran from his platform to stop the little boy who was stepping into the street when the machine hit him squarely in the chest and hurled him upon his head.

Chief Sullivan was responding to an alarm from the fire box at Seventh and K streets northwest. His machine was just turning into Seventh street when it struck the crossing man.

SIRENS WERE SOUNDING. At the time the chief was running just ahead of No. 14 Engine Company and the siren at Seventh and F streets was whistling and the bells of all of the apparatus were clanging loudly.

When Ippolito saw the boy step from the curb on the northwest corner and start across the street, the big red machine in the van was by this time but a few yards distant.

The crossing had been cleared. Ippolito ran toward the lad shouting and waving his arms. The chief stopped back just in time. Ippolito was struck.

Private William H. Nash, driving the chief's machine, stopped immediately. The car did not stop until Nash assisted in putting the injured man in the automobile truck of a department store and hurried him to the Emergency hospital.

Did Not Continue. Nash and Chief Sullivan did not continue the fire run. After the accident they came to headquarters and made a verbal report to Chief Wagner. They were instructed to immediately prepare a written report for submission to Commissioner Brownlow.

Nash said of necessity he slowed down for the turn at Seventh and F streets, that the crossing was clear. Ippolito ran out from his platform.

Nash said he could not remember how he made the turn. He said the accident happened so quickly that he had no time to do but little.

The accident occurred when Seventh street was turned to the right and hundreds of men, women and children witnessed it. Several women fainted after seeing the automobile strike the policeman.

Big Crowd Gathers. In an instant a crowd estimated at 2,500 men, women, and children surged around the automobile and the policeman. The policemen who rushed to the scene experienced difficulty in keeping back the crowd, in which men and women struggled with each other to get a glimpse at the automobile or its victim.

The windshield of the automobile was shattered and the paving was scraw with glass, many pieces of which were picked up as souvenirs. The policeman's cap was jammed between the headlight and hood of the automobile, and several persons attempted to remove it, either to keep it as a souvenir or to the policemen battling with the crowd.

Eyewitnesses say that Nash cut the turn and went through on the inside of the platform instead of going around it. His course was east on F street northward on the west side of the street, that in making such a left hand turn, vehicles must pass to the right of the intersection of the two lines of the two streets, or in passing a crossing platform or umbrella on a left hand turn they must go around and not cut across the front.

The alarm to which Chief Sullivan was responding was pulled from box 263, for a fire in the cigar store of Is. M. Haskens, at 104 Seventh street northwest. It was not a serious one. The damage to stock and fixtures is estimated at \$10.

Fracture of Skull. Policeman Ippolito's injury, upon his arrival at Emergency hospital, was found to be a fracture at the base of the skull. He is said to be in a critical condition.

Major Pullman, superintendent of police, arrived at the hospital a few moments after the injured man had been carried in.

The major said the accident was the first that has been reported to him in which a member of the traffic squad had been seriously injured while on duty.

Deputy Chief Sullivan and his driver, Private W. H. Nash, also hurried to the hospital. They described the accident to Major Pullman.

The crossing policeman, they said, equaled them to proceed up Seventh street and then turned around with his back to them and without any warning

The Battle Against Dope

What the U. S. Government Has Done In a Year Under the Harrison Anti-Narcotic Law

Stories that make De Quincey's "Confessions of an Opium Eater" seem a tame tale. Where and how the work has been done. What a little room on the third floor of the Treasury Department means to the unhappy victims of drug habits: A real story about a real task

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