



AMERICANS ATTACKED SECOND TIME AT PARRAL BY MEXICANS

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BIG BATTLE BEFORE CUERNAVACA IMMINENT

Advance Guard of Carranza Forces in Plain Sight of Zapata Stronghold; Fears Are Felt For Safety of Americans and Other Foreigners in Parral; Censorship Over Land Lines Is Strict

Washington, D. C., April 15.—State Department dispatches from El Paso to-day refer to unconfirmed reports of a second fight with American troops at Parral.

General Funston to-day telegraphed the War Department that he had not heard from General Pershing for three days. Secretary Baker said that General Funston was urging General Pershing to rush a report on the Parral incident.

General Funston's message was taken to indicate that the silence of General Pershing probably was due to inability to get information rather than to interruption of communication.

General Funston has been in communication with other authorities in close touch with the advance expedition, but had asked General Pershing to report whether it was possible to keep the War Department advised.

Secretary Baker said he still was waiting for a report on the conference between General Pershing and Generals Herrera and Gutierrez.

Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador here, said to-day he had no further information of the fighting at Parral nor of reports of a later clash and had been advised of no developments in General Carranza's disposal for the withdrawal of American troops.

Dispatches to the Carranza embassy said the arrival of the general and his party in Mexico City was accompanied by a popular demonstration.

A battle at Cuernavaca, the Zapata stronghold, was reported imminent. The advance guard of the Carranza forces was said to be in plain sight of the fortress.

Situation Unchanged Secretary Lansing considered the Mexican situation unchanged to-day in any aspect.

Unless official reports to General Funston disclose a more grave situation at Parral, where American troops were fired upon, there is now believed to exist, there is nothing to indicate that a change might be expected in the near future.

Secretary Baker said General Funston had not heard from General Pershing directly for three days. That caused no uneasiness at the War Department, however, as General Pershing has reported only when he had definite and important information to communicate.

Reports from other commanders in the field gave no new status to the pursuit of Villa and his bandits.

As time passes without official information on the Parral fighting from American source, officials are inclined to doubt that the clash was as serious as described in early Mexican advices. It was considered unlikely that the American force was in any serious plight since the commander might have sent back messengers to the nearest supporting column.

Some army officers thought it probable that when a report was received, it would show the detachment had dispersed in or around Parral since the disorder in the morning about its business of pursuing Villa, headed

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40-MILE-GALE RIPS OFF ROOF; SINKS STEAMER

Force Rivermen to Flee With Craft to Sheltered Inlets

RIVER IS ON THE RISE Blows Down Huge Electric Sign and Puts Street Lights Out of Commission

A terrific gale yesterday afternoon and last night which at times reached a velocity of forty miles an hour, sunk a steambot and a number of flats in the Susquehanna, tore down fences in outlying districts, tore the roof off a house in New Cumberland and put part of the city lighting system out of service at intervals during the evening.

The huge electric sign over the Emerson Brantingham Implement Company building, was ripped loose by the wind and the framework twisted into an almost shapeless mass.

The sign was 100 feet long and about 18 feet high. A number of the letters and electric light globes were shattered. The sign will be replaced, it was announced to-day.

Damage was not heavy in any section but the wind followed suddenly after the rain of yesterday. The rainfall in this section caused a slight rise in the branches of the main river.

By Associated Press

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TWO HURT WHEN PROGRESS CAR "PICKS" SWITCH

Rear End Strikes Couple and Hurls Them Fifteen Feet to Street

WOMAN BADLY INJURED Rushed to Harrisburg Hospital; May Recover; Many Narrow Escapes

Struck by the rear end of a derailed car on the Progress line of the Harrisburg Railways Company, as they stepped from the curb at Fourth and Walnut streets, shortly after noon to-day, two persons were hurled to the street and injured.

They were: Miss Myrtle A. Beistline, 25 North Eighteenth street, bruises of the body and head, and lacerations. Condition serious.

Ray F. Stauffer, 418 Crescent street, lacerations and bruises of the face and head. Will recover.

The pair was hurled twenty feet across the street before it was stopped. The young woman was picked up unconscious and carried into a store nearby. A few minutes later both were rushed to the Harrisburg hospital for treatment.

When Miss Beistline was struck, she dropped her bag envelope containing more than \$21.

Bystanders said that the car did not stop at the corner for passengers and that the front truck passed over the switch safely. The rear truck, however, struck the switch and left the rails, the car striking the pair just as they were about to cross the street.

Witnesses said that they believed both Stauffer and Miss Beistline intended to cross diagonally.

The car was put out of service because several of the cables were cut. Wilbur Bricker was the motorman and L. L. Dunkle was the conductor.

Felix M. Davis, superintendent of the Harrisburg Railways Company, ordered an investigation and the switch was given a thorough test.

PAID ONE PREMIUM ON \$15,000 Dr. Benjamin Eby, of New Cumberland, who died this week of hemorrhage resulting when the bristle of a toothbrush lodged in his throat, was insured for \$15,000.

Dr. Eby had paid only one premium on the policy, it is said.

SELL BANK STOCK Harrisburg.—Ten shares of Merchants National bank stock, par \$100, were sold at \$386 per share, fifty shares of Central Trust, par \$25, at \$101 per share, and thirty shares of Blough Brothers Manufacturing Company, common, par \$50, were disposed of at \$66.50 per share at a public auction of securities on the courthouse steps this afternoon.

The stocks belong to the estate of Margaret Wingard and were sold by the Central Trust Company, administrator.

BIG ARTILLERY FIGHT IS RAGING AROUND VERDUN

Both Sides Vigorously Pressing Bombardment; Infantry Is Quiet

KAISER IS WORRIED Perturbed Because of Dissatisfaction Expressed Here Over Sussex Note

Heavy artillery exchanges continue along the front before Verdun but the German infantry has not returned to the assault.

The chief point of attack of the German guns last night was the area between Malancourt wood and hill 304, to the west of the sector bombarded, most vigorously in the preceding 24 hours, although severe artillery fighting continued in the vicinity of Corbeaux wood near the west bank of the river.

Meuse there were intermittent artillery engagements.

Russians Active Increased activity on the Galician

Amendment Requiring Guardsmen to Take Oath to Obey President Passes

Washington, D. C., April 15.—To further strengthen federalization of the National Guard the Senate to-day 33 to 23, amended the army reorganization bill to require guardsmen to take an oath to obey the orders of the President as well as the Governor of their State.

The amendment was presented by Senator Wadsworth, who said it originated in the National Guard itself.

"The chief purpose of the amendment is to place National Guard soldiers primarily in the service of the United States and secondarily in the service of the State," said Senator Wadsworth.

GOVERNOR ENDORSES PORCH AND WINDOW BOX PLAN

To the Editor of the Telegraph: Yours of the third was duly received.

I most heartily approve the plan to which you refer, as to the beautifying of Harrisburg by the use of porch and window boxes.

The capital unquestionably ought to lead in such a movement and it certainly would be gratifying if the results were great enough to have it called "The Flower City" of the State.

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Dresses Are Denounced as Curse and Burden to Women; Vote to Wear Trousers

New York, April 15.—American women soldiers will wear trousers as part of their uniform if they follow the example set by the 200 members of the American women's league for self defense.

These women have been attending weekly drills here through-out the winter. The style of uniform came up for vote last night and was the cause of animated discussion in which Mrs. J. J. Millbank, head of the organization, asserted that the suits worn by the women need not necessarily be uniform.

She objected to trousers on the ground that such a uniform would be opposed by husbands.

Others denounced dresses as a "curse and burden" to women and advised the women soldiers to get rid of them.

"When your husbands go to the front," said one speaker, "you will have to guard your home against marauders. It will be a man's work and you cannot do it in dresses." The vote for trousers was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Dynamite Used in Worst Wilkes-Barre Trolley Riot

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 15.—Explosion of dynamite caps on rails of the Wilkes-Barre Railway Company in the East End damaged cars on the East End and Miners Mills lines and resulted in the worst rioting this section has witnessed since the company's 400 employees went on strike six months ago.

Scores of persons were slightly injured by missiles hurled in the riot, and Sergeant Herzert, of the city detective squad, was rendered unconscious and had to go to a hospital for treatment.

Thirty State troopers aided a squad of city policemen in dispersing the rioters.

The disorder marked the first effort on the part of the traction company to operate cars over its East End line.

Crowds continued to gather all evening, and after midnight the placing of dynamite on the rails seemed to be a signal for a general attack on the police.

AUCTION OFF HEIRLOOMS AT RUMMAGE SALE

Hospital Benefit Closes Tonight; Big Opportunity For Buyers

"Fair and warmer"—dawned the last day of the big rummage sale, 308 Market street.

Fair and warmer, as business boomed, were the busy girls and ladies who have given of their time and energies to making the sale "go."

Over \$2,800 had been taken in during the first two days' sales and no let-up to-day.

A hoisting success is a mild appellation. To-night the "howl" will be

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HOW CAN RIVER CARNIVAL FUND BE COLLECTED?

Newly-Appointed Committee to Discuss Problem at First Meeting Friday

How funds, with which to finance Harrisburg's 1916 river carnival, can best be raised will be discussed Friday evening, April 21, at a meeting of the recently appointed water sports committee.

The session will be the first to be called since City Planning Commissioner George W. Rely announced the personnel of the committee of canoeists, motorboatmen and others interested in the promotion of aquatic activities and the development of the Susquehanna "basin." Notices will be sent out in the course of a day or two fixing 7.30 o'clock and the park de-

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FIVE BIDS FOR AUDIT OF CITY TREASURY BOOK

Notable Firms Want to Devise New System of Keeping City's Accounts

Five bids for auditing the books and accounts of the city treasury for the ten years prior to January 1, 1916 have already been filed with City Clerk Charles A. Miller and more are expected before noon Monday, the time limit for receiving proposals.

At the regular session of Council Tuesday morning the bids will be

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Alderman Kramme to Give Away 2,000 Eggs

If you're not a child in Alderman Fritz Kramme's ballwick you'll be a much envied youngster Easter morning because the alderman is going to give away some 2,000 colored Easter eggs on that occasion.

The alderman will announce the egg-giving time a little later.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity forecasts till 8 p. m., Sunday: Fair to-night; Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain by night; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 42 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night; Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain by night; moderate, variable winds.

River The Juniata, Chemung, Upper North and Upper West branches will fall to-night and Sunday. The Lower North and Lower West branches will rise slightly or remain nearly stationary to-night and fall Sunday. The main river will rise to-night and the upper portion will begin to fall Sunday. Stage of about 1.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning, with a maximum stage of about 1.5 Sunday afternoon.

General Conditions The storm that was central over Lake Ontario, Friday morning, has moved northward off the North Atlantic coast. It caused rain in the last twenty-four hours over the eastern part of the Lake region and in the Upper Ohio Valley, and thence eastward to the Atlantic coast with some snow in New England.

There has been a general fall of 2 to 20 degrees in temperature over the eastern half of the country.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 40. Sun: Rise, 5:26 a. m.; sets, 6:44 p. m. Moon: Full moon, April 18, 12:07 a. m. River: Stage: 11.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 42. Lowest temperature, 44. Mean temperature, 50. Normal temperature, 50.

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FRENCH TO FLOAT NEW LOAN New York, April 15.—The French fiscal agent in this country announced to-day that negotiations for a new loan not less than \$100,000,000 and may be double that amount were well under way.

W. H. BROOKS IS DEAD Philadelphia, April 15.—William H. Brooks, of this city, who introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature the high license law which bears his name, died at his home here to-day. He was a member of the State House of Representatives from 1883 to 1891.

ELECTROCUTED ON HIS WEDDING DAY Lancaster, Pa., April 15.—Elliott Murphy died this morning as a result of falling on a transmission line carrying 70,000 volts. Murphy was to have been married to-day and his bride-to-be was at his bedside when he died.

HERBERT TO RUN FOR SENATE Harrisburg.—Friends of Alderman George D. Herbert, Eleventh Ward, to-day circulated nomination petitions for his candidacy on the Democratic ticket for State Senator from this district.

MARIETTA MAN DROWNS Marietta, Pa., April 15.—Burd Shellenberger, aged 23, was drowned this afternoon when he jumped from his boat into the Susquehanna river in an attempt to get to shore.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Andrew Bots and Iva Foltz, city. John Robert Hoffman and Mary Marguerite Krow, city. Martin Leroy McCabe and Margaret Deuter Maxwell, city.