

BELIEVED VILLA IN COMMAND OF BIG ARMY

News of Massacre of Americans
and Looting of Property
Reaches El Paso.
EXCITEMENT ALL
ALONG BORDER
Unpreparedness Causes Further
Delay in Strengthening Gen.
Pershing's Line.

El Paso, April 12.—A band of Villistas numbering several hundred and possibly a thousand may have sacked Sierra Mojada, five miles across the Coahuila line, and 50 miles east of Guiminez, destroying many thousands of dollars worth of American property and looting the town of everything of value.

This news, which may prove to be of the highest information, as it is believed possibly Villa himself was among the raiders, was received here today by the representative of one of the largest American mining concerns in Mexico and is accepted by him as absolutely authentic. The bandits made their attack on the town on April 5.

Villa May Be There.
The belief that Villa himself may be directing the operations of the bandits is supported by a report received today from Olanaga, stating that Col. Rojas, the commander there, had information that Villa had doubled in his tracks and was 200 miles southwest of that town.

Another circumstance that gives color to this locating of the bandit chief is the fact that Canuto Reyes, at the head of a large number of men, was reported from Torreon a week ago, to be travelling north in the direction of Sierra Mojada. If it proves true Villa has completely evaded the American troops who have been driving south at an amazing speed and are reported close at the Durango border.

Little Credit Given.
Sierra Mojada is 140 miles east of the nearest point at which the American troops are known to be. Little credit is given to the report that Villa intends to turn north and attempt a raid on Presidio.

It is believed far more probable that the bandit, if he is at Sierra Mojada, has chosen that desolate and almost inaccessible spot for the concentration of his forces and those of Reyes with the intention of sweeping down in force on Torreon after the troops are withdrawn from Mexico.

Numerous reports agree that Villa is convinced the soldiers of the United States will soon be recalled and that then he will be able to rally all the anti-Carranzistas factions in Northern Mexico to his standard.

Americans Killed.
Several Americans have been killed or wounded in bandit raids in the vicinity of Guaymas, Sonora, according to a naval radio message received here today. The message was forwarded to the navy department at Washington, and resulted in an order to the cruiser Denver, now at San Blas, State of Tepic, to steam for the Sonora port and investigate.

Delay in Pershing.
General Ynez Salazar, who disappeared from El Paso several days ago, was positively identified today at Morris (T. O.) ranch in Mexico, 90 miles south of here and 40 miles south of the border.

He had with him four companions and is said to have threatened to kill one of the American ranch hands who knew him personally. The party left doing no damage but took rifles and ammunition owned by ranch hands.

Without Information.
Gen. Funston continued without information today as to the location of the advance cavalry detachment and no reports supplied additional information concerning the whereabouts of Villa or the state of his health. In the absence of definite information, Gen. Funston was not inclined to believe the report that he was dead, but neither did he give credence to it. The report reached here while he and his officers at El Paso were in the midst of negotiations to inaugurate the shipping of supplies over the Mexican Central, and its receipt did not alter those negotiations nor any of the work connected with the routine of the campaign.

School Bond Issue Is Snowed Under by Taxpayers of Bismarck

Taxpayers and voters turned out, many of them women, yesterday afternoon and snowed under the proposition of the school board to issue \$50,000 bonds for the erection of a new school house.

Out of a total vote of 355, there were 293 votes against the proposition and 60 votes for it. Two spoiled their ballots, one forgetting to mark the slip and another voting both for and against it.

This does not mean that Bismarck is opposed to additional school facilities, but that the taxpayers refused the bond issue in the absence of some statement from the board explaining just how the money was going to be spent.

The board will meet tonight in Mr. Wachter's office to canvass the vote. Never before have the women turned out in such numbers, although there were more votes cast by men than by women. Many women accompanied their husbands and helped to beat the proposition.

Interest in the election was intense and the vote apparently indicates that the people of Bismarck want a definite announcement of a building policy before voting for any more school bonds.

**TO INCREASE
FORCES SENT TO
CATCH VILLA**

Pershing's Line of Communication Is Said to Be Endangered.
CONCERNED OVER
CARRANZA'S ATTITUDE
Permission to Use Mexican Railroads Has Just Been Granted.

Washington, April 12.—Further increase of the United States forces in Mexico is again prominent in official consideration. It was learned tonight that upon the return here tomorrow of Secretary Baker from Cleveland there might be important developments.

In this connection, it was officially stated that Gen. Pershing's future movements in the hunt for Villa would include adequate preparation for any eventuality. Strengthening of the lines of communication for which troops are needed, principally has proceeded with that view in mind. Late today confidential advisers were received from Gen. Funston, and it is understood they refer to the question of the line of communication.

Army Officials Nervous.
Concern of army officials on the border regarding movements of Carranza troops toward Casas Grandes was reflected to some extent in official quarters here tonight. It was officially stated that Gen. Funston had complete authority for any movement of troops on the border to safeguard the United States advance columns and their lines.

Won't Call Guard Yet.
Persistent reports that the use of the National Guard was contemplated drew a statement on high authority that there was no consideration of such a step and that only in the event of more widespread military operations than the mere chase of Villa and his outlaws, would the regulars need support. Neither the state nor war departments had any further information regarding Villa's death. The report was doubted in all official quarters as a futile hoax to gain time for Villa.

Use Railroads.
It was stated that the use of Mexican Central or National railway from Juarez, as well as the Mexican Northwestern lines, might largely solve the transportation problem. The first use of the Mexican Central was made yesterday.

Officials asserted that use of the Mexican Central railroad was not formally requested by this government from the de facto government. It was explained, however, that objection by Carranza to this "commercial" use of the Mexican Central was not anticipated or even indicated in the negotiations.

BUYS ART GOODS.
Tuesday a deal was consummated whereby George LaLone took over the entire stock of moldings, pictures and other art material of A. L. Truax.

GERMANY SAYS HER SUBMARINES SUNK 3 VESSELS

Steamers Berwindvale, Englishman and Manchester Engineer Torpedoed.
SUBMITS PHOTOGRAPHS
OF STRICKEN VESSEL
Sussex Matter Still in Doubt, as the Commander's Report Is Not Given.

Washington, April 12.—Admission by Germany that her submarines recently attacked three merchant ships carrying American citizens and that one of them torpedoed a vessel in the vicinity of the point where the Channel steamer, Sussex, was damaged by an explosion has simplified the task of the state department for preparing for the next step of the United States over the issue of submarine warfare.

Following the receipt of press dispatches of the latest German note, it was stated the United States would continue to compile information indicating that German submarines are operating in violation of the rules of international law and that very soon a communication designed to be the final word of the American government on the subject would go forward to Berlin. The state department virtually has completed the collection of facts relating to all attacks on merchant ships since the Lusitania.

**TREMENDOUS
EFFORTS MADE
NEAR VERDUN**
By German Contingent in an Attempt to Secure Key to Fortress.
ITALIANS MAKE
SUBSTANTIAL GAINS

London, April 12.—The Germans northwest of Verdun evidently are holding in leash their infantry attacks in their endeavors to capture Hill No. 304 and Lemort Homme, key points which are tenaciously barring their way to the fortress. Comparative quiet prevails to the east of the Meuse around Douaumont and Vaux, where there has been such vicious fighting. Mining operations and grenade fighting has taken place in the forests, during which the Germans captured two craters near Les Courtes Chaussees.

Canadians Good Fighters.
The Germans along the Pilschke road, after three attacks, were repulsed. British troops were quickly expelled from them, while British successfully raided trenches near Richebourg L'Avoue. The British official communication says the Canadians, in their gallant fighting during the past week, have inflicted heavy losses on the Germans near St. Loix.

Artillery Duels Continue.
Dispatches from Saloniki report a recrudescence of the artillery fighting on the Greek front between Gievgidi and Doliras.

**"KICK FOR YOUR
TICKETS OVER N. P."**
Hazen Titus, the man who started out to boost for the dining car service and in doing so helped to put the system on the public map, is out with a new dodge. He is sending a miniature football that can be inflated and inscribed on one side is the slogan: "Kick for Your Tickets Over the Northern Pacific, the Route of the Great Big Baked Potato."

Titus is unique among the railroad publicity men. He injects punch and personality into his advertising work which put it over like his dining car service, known the nation over as being as near to perfection as possible.

PROPERTY TO REVERT BACK TO RAILROAD

Northern Pacific Gave 320 Acres for Permanent Site for Capitol.
CAN USE CONVICT
LABOR ON BUILDING
Just a Few More Reasons Why
New Rockford's Bubble Should Be Punctured.

If New Rockford succeeds in capturing the state capital, property now owned by the state and valued at \$1,000,000, would revert back to the Northern Pacific. Parties interested looked up the original deed of the capitol grounds, which runs from the Northern Pacific to the state. It is specifically provided that this property is to be used only as a permanent site for the state capitol.

Do the voters of this state want to return \$1,000,000 worth of property back to the Northern Pacific? If they do they should sign the New Rockford petitions. On the other hand, if they desire title to remain in the state, they should promptly refuse to aid the proposition landing on the ballot.

In time this state will need a new building. The law provides that convict labor can be used in the construction of a capitol building. Contractors estimate that labor and material in a building amount to about the same figure.

The penitentiary is located at Bismarck, which makes available convict labor both for the erection and care of state buildings at Bismarck. If the capitol were located at New Rockford, this labor would not be available and the state would have to impose more taxes both for the erection and maintenance of the new buildings.

Just think this over before signing a capitol movement petition.

NAVY LEAGUE HAVE SESSION

Score Hay Army Bill as a Menace; Penalty Be on Heads of Supporters.
Washington, April 12.—Sessions of the annual convention of the Navy League of the United States was featured today by attacks on Secretary Daniels for his refusal to permit Rear Admiral Bradley Fiske to read a paper at the convention and a denunciation of the Hay army bill by Standard Menken, president of the National Security League.

Must Have Its Dreyfus.
Robert M. Thompson, president of the Navy League, called the navy department's policy narrow and assault on the secretary for what he termed a suppression of free speech. Henry Reuter declared the department's attitude was but a reflection of the attitude of the White House and said "every administration must have its Dreyfus."

Hay Bill a Menace.
Mr. Menken characterized the Hay bill as a menace to the country and as a violation of every recommendation of experts. He charged that congress was ignoring a demand for defense on lines laid down by men who would have been in the front line if we are attacked. He said the American people had shown themselves prepared to meet their delays in honorable and that if we are attacked they will be the penalty for the wreck of the nation.

The Navy league received a telegram today from a Chicago newspaper offering to donate to the league money it had received from an anti-preparedness plan inserted by Mr. Ford.

**Saved Two
Trains From
Big Wreck**
Janesville, Wis., April 12.—William Brooks, aged 19 years, averted what might have been a bad railroad accident when he discovered today a broken rail two feet in length, over which the C. & N. W. sends its fastest trains north and south. The broken rail was discovered by Brooks in the southern part of the city a few minutes before a passenger train from Chicago, leaving there at 4 o'clock was due to arrive. The south-bound train would have passed over the same track some thirty minutes later. Brooks telephoned the passenger station and the trains were blocked.

DR. BRISTOL THREATENS TO DEPRIVE SLOPE OF BISMARCK BRANCH HEALTH LABORATORY

GETS PEEVISH OVER AGITATION FOR BETTER MILK INSPECTION AND MORE EFFICIENT BACTERIOLOGICAL SERVICE. ONLY RECALLS PLOT OF LAST SESSION TO PUNISH CITY OF BISMARCK FOR ITS PART IN PUTTING THROUGH THE LAW PROVIDING FOR A STATE BOARD OF REGENTS.

Chafing under the Tribune's demand for better milk inspection and more competent administration of the local bacteriological laboratory, Dr. Leverett Dale Bristol, director of the state public health laboratories and state bacteriologist, has written a letter to this paper which contains a veiled threat that steps may be taken to close the local laboratory.

FEEBLE ADMINISTRATION.
Health administration of the University of North Dakota. Those who were working for the interests of Bismarck at the last session of the legislature know how the university officials, during the closing sessions, attempted to deprive Bismarck of its bacteriological station, although one is located here by statute.

DR. SMYTH ON JOB.
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ADMINISTRATION FAVORS PLANT

Seven Millions Asked for Government Hydro-Electric-Air Nitrogen.
Washington, April 12.—Favorable action by the senate on the proposal to construct a huge hydro-electric-air nitrogen plant for the manufacture of war munitions in war time and fertilizer in times of peace was forecast today, when a motion by Senator Hardwick to strike out the fertilizer feature of the pending amendment to the army bill was defeated, 47 to 24.

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Senator Hardwick declared the plan socialistic and repugnant to the spirit of democracy. Senator Sutherland questioned the constitutionality of the fertilizer proposal, although he said there could be no question as to the government to manufacture chemicals for its own military needs. Senator Hardwick's motion was defeated by the votes of 38 democrats and nine republicans, among the latter being Senators Clapp, Gronna, McCumber, Norris, Poindexter, Sherman, Kenyon, Cummins and LaFollette.

The democrats who voted for it were: Senators Hardwick, Overman, Pomerene, Smith of Georgia and Stone.

STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD MAY BE ASKED TO INTERVENE

STATE'S HEALTH BILL
DEVILS LAKE:
Superintendent of Health \$ 2,400
Other expenses 2,200
GRAND FORKS UNIVERSITY:
Public Health Laboratory \$19,840
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE:
Beverage fund 24,000
Pure Food fund 20,000
Serum Institute 6,000
Grand Total \$74,440

It is a pedagogic hint to be good and not criticize the feeble health administration of the University of North Dakota. Those who were working for the interests of Bismarck at the last session of the legislature know how the university officials, during the closing sessions, attempted to deprive Bismarck of its bacteriological station, although one is located here by statute.

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THE WEATHER.
For North Dakota: Fair
Thursday and Friday; rising
temperature Friday and in
north and west portions
Thursday.
Ladd's Great Services.
At Fargo, there is an excellent laboratory equipped to perform better
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MILLION DOLLAR DEAL IN BISMARCK

The Caruguss Manufacturing Co., of Bismarck, closed a deal with a large eastern concern, disposing of their entire output of Sanitary Dispensing Cases. The deal involves over a million dollars.
This concern has been in business less than one year. It was organized and has been conducted exclusively by Bismarck men. They also manufacture the Caruguss Seed Tester, which is used in all parts of the United States and foreign countries. The name, "Bismarck," appears on all their dispensing cases and seed testers. The advertisement the Capital City is getting is of real value.