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## NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORT THAT VILLA'S BODY WAS FOUND

**GABRIEL GAVIRA, THE CARRANZA COMMANDER AT JUAREZ, HOWEVER, IS STILL CONFIDENT THAT REPORT WAS TRUE.**

Dispatch to Gavira at Ten Thirty Today from Cuihuirach says the Body of Villa Had Not Arrived There and the Belief grows that there was probably an Error in the Mexico City Message Last Night. Francisco Borja and Now en Route to Chihuahua—None of the Latest Messages from Mexico Bring Confirmation of Report that Villa's Body is Being Brought to the Border—Over Wires of the Northwestern Railroad from Chihuahua Sunday Brought the Report that Villa's Dead Body Had Been Secured by Carranza Troops and Was Being Brought into Chihuahua.

El Paso, Tex., April 17.—Confirmation of the Mexican reports that Villa's body has been exhumed and is being brought to Chihuahua is still lacking at Juarez today.

Gabriel Gavira, the commander of the Juarez Garrison, said: "I still feel reasonably certain that Sunday's message over the Mexican land line, of Villa's body being found, are correct."

A dispatch to Gavira at 10:30 today from Cuihuirachie said that Villa's body had not arrived there, and the belief is growing here that there was probably an error in the Mexico City message last night, stating that Obregon had announced the burial of Villa in San Francisco Borja and is now en route to Chihuahua.

**Washington Without Confirmation.**  
Washington, April 17.—War department officials announced today that none of the dispatches or telegrams brought confirmation of the finding of Villa's body.

**Tends to Confirm Report.**  
Washington, April 17.—Secretary of War Baker received a dispatch from Naco today saying that Villa was last seen heading in the direction of the Ipace where he was reported to have been buried. This dispatch is taken by the war department officials to mean that the reports that Villa is dead may be true. President Wilson was immediately given the report. Consul Letcher has not even forwarded the rumors of Villa's death from Chihuahua City.

**Much Excitement at El Paso.**  
El Paso, Tex., April 17.—Much excitement was caused here Sunday by the report that Francisco Villa was dead and that his body, which was disinterred several days after his burial, was in the possession of the Carranza troops and was being taken to Chihuahua. For more than a week reports of Villa's death from wounds have been current here and at Juarez but Sunday's reports were apparently the most circumstantial and reliable yet received. The Mexican Northwestern dispatch at Juarez reported to General Gavira, the Juarez commander, that he had heard a conversation over the wires to the effect that Villa's body was in the possession of Carranza troops, and the operators at Madera and Cuihuirachie operators also sent confirmation of the report and that Villa's body was being taken to Chihuahua. The operator at San Antonio, which is fifty miles west of Chihuahua, said that the body was in the possession of Colonel Carlow Carranza, who is a nephew of General Carranza.

**Need More Native Scouts.**  
Columbus, N. M., April 17.—General Pershing has asked for more civilian scouts, who are familiar with the district south of Parral. Military men here interpret this as meaning that the finding of Villa's body has not been confirmed, and that the cavalry is pushing forward, possibly into Durango.

**Starting New Revolution.**  
San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—General Antonio I. Villareal is attempting to start a new revolution against Carranza, according to a report received by the Mexican consul at Laredo. Villareal is alleged to have

## ONE AMERICAN WAS INJURED

**GUSTAV OLSON OF BOSTON INJURED WHEN IMPERATOR WAS FIRED UPON.**

## THREE SHOTS FIRED

Report of Attack on the Emperor Sent to State Department by American Consul at Barcelona—Vessel Attacked Without Warning.

Washington, April 17.—Gustav Olson, of Boston, one of the two Americans aboard the Russian steamship Emperor from Gulfport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired on April 12 without warning by an Austrian submarine off Columbrede Island, according to official advices to the state department today from the American consul at Barcelona.

Three shots were fired at the Emperor, one of them being effective.

**Norwegian Steamer Sunk.**  
London, April 17.—The Norwegian ship Glendoon Neutral was sunk by gunfire and the Harrovin, an unarmed British steamship, also was sunk, according to Lloyd's report today.

## EXPECTS VAST DEVELOPMENT

**Illinois Oil Man Sees Wonderful Activity Here.**

J. I. Dunn of Bridgeport, Ill., who is a successful oil operator, is spending a number of days here. He thinks well of the outlook at Healdton and the territory surrounding that field. In a recent conversation with a good friend of his he said that Carter county was in the midst of a great oil development that would place fortunes to the credit of many men and advises that acreage be taken where it can be bought reasonably, and says the next best buy is Ardmore property. He feels that Ardmore must do much growing as the result of the bringing in of a series of oil pools which he thinks are certain to be discovered here from time to time.

## LARGE CROWDS TO SEE "BIRTH OF A NATION"

**SPECIAL TRAINS FROM NEARBY TOWNS WILL BRING MANY VISITORS TO CITY TO WITNESS WONDERFUL SPECTACLE.**

The presentation for the first time in this city of the greatest spectacle ever shown, "The Birth of a Nation" has attracted widespread attention throughout this section of the state, and many out-of-town visitors will be here to see the great spectacle.

Tomorrow afternoon's matinee has been set aside for the accommodation of out-of-town people, and special trains will be run for their accommodation. A special will leave Tishomingo, and another from Madill, to arrive here in time for the afternoon matinee, which starts at one o'clock. About seventy-five reservations have been made from Marietta, and as many from Davis and Sulphur. This spectacle promises to exceed in drawing capacity any entertainment ever given in this city, and the house at every performance will be filled to capacity.

The many friends of Prof. and Mrs. C. W. Richards will regret to learn that their little son is quite ill of pneumonia.

Postmasters may be made, but toastmasters are born—but not so very frequently.

## POSITIVE NOTE ALMOST READY

**COMMUNICATION TO GERMANY ON SUBMARINE QUESTION MAY GO TO BERLIN TODAY.**

## BROUGHT TO ISSUE

Wilson's Note Will Emphasize that the Sussex Case Only Forms Link in Chain of Evidence that Germany's Promises Have Not Been Kept.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—President Wilson has practically completed his communication to Germany and it probably will go to Berlin late today or tomorrow, it was announced today.

It is said that the document will press the submarine issue to a decision. It is emphasized that the Sussex case forms only a link in the chain of evidence that Germany's promises have not been kept.

The note is characterized by officials as being very positive in tone, and they believe that only a prompt acquiescence in the position taken by the United States can prevent a break in the diplomatic relations.

## NORMAL SCHOOL AT HOME

**Announcement of Much Interest to Young Teachers of the County.**

Upon his return to Oklahoma City from Ardmore, State Supt. Wilson notified City Supt. Richards that all persons who complete the Normal Training Course as prescribed by the Ardmore high school will be granted a two-year teachers' certificate. Particulars concerning the course may be had by applying to Supt. Richards. This message is fraught with much meaning to Ardmore young folks who desire to teach. It means that they have a normal school at their own door that is given state recognition and state certificate can be obtained without the expense of an examination or a course at one of the normal schools located away from home. It is possible that the high school will gradually take the place of the normal school.

## WHITE WAY SYSTEM OF LIGHTING

**HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN THE CITY AND PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE.**

The new method of lighting streets which is popularly termed "the white way" has been demonstrated in this city, and the citizens have had ample opportunity of comparing it with the old system.

The question which now confronts the city, according to statements of city officials, is: Will the property owners along Main street be willing to install the necessary equipment, and will the taxpayers be willing to pay their share of the cost, if there is any involved?

H. E. Foster, of the Ardmore Ice, Light & Power company, at his own expense, installed the block now in operation, with the understanding that it was to be for the edification of the citizens for a certain period. That period is passed, and it is now up to the city to make the next move, and either adopt the system or reject it entirely.

The matter will probably be taken up by the city commissioners within a short time, and some disposition made of the white way question. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the system should be adopted, along Main street, at least, and the old method dispensed with.

## LITTLE ACTIVITY AT VERDUN NOW, AFTER NEW FRENCH OFFENSIVE

**AFTER TEMPORARILY ASSUMING OFFENSIVE AGAINST TEUTON FOES, FRENCH ARE HOLDING TROOPS THERE IN CHECK.**

French Claim They Gained Ground in their Temporary Offensive Against Germans—Germans Are Also Silent Today at Verdun—Some New Important Move Being Planned West of the Meuse Where Germans Report Bringing Down of Two Hostile Aeroplanes—Two French Aerial Squadrons Active on the Saloniki Front—One Dropped Bombs Sunday on Bulgarian Forces at Strumitza Station, While Other Attacked Germans at Bogdantze, Both Attacking Squadrons Escaping Unharmed—Verdun Battles are Pronounced Greatest in World's History, Having Entered Now Upon the Ninth Week of Continued Fighting There for Possession of this Great Fortress.

## ARDMORE WON THREE GAMES FROM MADILL

**MADILL PLAYS HERE NEXT SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, BY WHICH TIME FOUNDRY PARK WILL BE READY.**

STANDING OF TEAMS			
	Played	Won	Lost
Marietta	3	0	1,000
Ringling	3	2	1,565
ARDMORE	6	3	3,500
Madill	6	1	5,166

Manager Barnes and his Ardmore team returned home last night from Madill, where they took all three games of the series with the Marshall county team.

The next game in Ardmore will be played next Sunday, when Madill comes here for three games—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Out-of-town exhibition games will probably be arranged for the team this week.

Ringling plays at Marietta today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The foundry park and grandstand will be ready for the game here next Sunday.

Following is the score of Sunday's game at Madill, which was the best of the season:

R H E	
Ardmore	000 200 000—2—4—9
Madill	000 000 000—0—2—3

Hitt and Newman; Balstic and Snyder, Umpire Creelmore.

## OIL MAN'S PLAN

**Louis Campbell Tips Off War Department on Plan to Capture Villa.**

Louis Campbell, who is here from Tulsa, representing the Magnolia Petroleum company, has a plan for catching Villa which he recommends to the war department of the United States. His plan is for the government to give him an allotment in the Healdton field in Carter county and start the lease scouts after him.

The plan was suggested to Mr. Campbell in the Barney Thlocco incident which occurred in the Cushing field. Barney Thlocco was said to have been a Creek Indian. By accident he was given an allotment in Cushing. The Indian is said to have gotten in bad in some way, and went to Mexico to join one of the revolutionary factions. Purchasers offered fancy prices for his lease, but Barney was gone, and his property could not be purchased. Scouts immediately left for Mexico and they succeeded in finding about thirty Barney Thloccos, all claiming to be the original Barney, all claiming Creek blood, all claiming to have allotted the land at Cushing. Mr. Campbell is of the opinion that the lease scouts under the same circumstances could bring Villa to the United States and end the punitive expedition.

At any rate what there is of the United States army is being trained in the methods of up-to-date warfare.

After temporarily assuming the aggressive in the Verdun battle by launching attacks in Douaumont Vauv region, which is declared gained them some ground, the French are holding their infantry in check today. The German infantry is also silent, Paris says.

Apparently a new movement of some importance is in preparation west of the Meuse, where the Germans report the bringing down of two hostile aeroplanes, one aviator bringing down his fifth adversary.

With its entrance upon the ninth week, the Verdun battle has become the greatest in the world's history. The fighting has been almost continuous during that time. The losses have exceeded those of any previous battle, with no apparent termination of the battle for possession of this great fortress.

**French Aeroplanes Active**  
Paris, April 17.—Two French aerial squadrons are active on the Saloniki front, Havas reports. One dropped bombs Sunday on the Bulgarian forces at Strumitza Station, while the other attacked the Germans at Bogdantze. Both squadrons returned undamaged.

## FRUIT DOING WELL

**Harrison Says Peaches, Plums, Apples and Cherries are Making Crop.**

R. H. Harrison who is making the race for county commissioner in the first district and who is a progressive farmer of the county, states that he has recently made a thorough investigation of his fruit crop. He finds that his plums, peaches, cherries, and apples, are doing well, and have not been ruined by the freeze during the early part of the month. This will be good news to the people of the county who have been uneasy about the safety of the crop. Mr. Harrison states that oats need a few days of warm sunshine and that corn in many fields is being replanted on account of the freeze.

## IF A CHICKEN DISOBEY LAW, SHOOT HIM (OR HER)

Acting Mayor Lasher stated this morning that there was going to be some drastic action taken to abate the nuisance of chickens running at large and ruining neighbors' gardens. The law on the statute books is very plain, and the pound officer will receive instructions to begin a crusade with a small-gauge shotgun and shoot all fowls found running at large, and also summon the owner to appear in the city court, if the owner can be found.

Gardens in the past have been ruined, and the owners thereof refrained from starting a rough house for the reason that they desired to get along peaceably with their neighbors. The law will now take the responsibility off their shoulders, and the pound man with the little shotgun and the scavenger man with his cart will be busy for the next few days, unless there is a radical change in the manner of raising chickens in Ardmore.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
New Orleans, La., April 17.  
—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Tuesday is fair and warmer.

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