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PERSHING NEEDS MORE SOLDIERS

Flying Columns in Mexico Must Have Help in Search For Villa.

HUNT GOES ON IN WIDENING AREA

Villa Must Be Sought in Area of 1,500 Square Miles—Government Buys 108 Additional Motor Trucks—Order Giving United States Use of Mexican Railroad Not Yet Issued—Villa Reported to Be at Maicao.

Washington, April 5.—Latest developments in the Mexican situation convinced administration officials that the success of the American expedition now depends largely on the completion of arrangements for the use of the Mexican railways. Officers anxiously awaited a reply to representations sent to General Carranza at Queretaro that the de facto government immediately fulfill its promise to permit the commercial shipment of supplies to General Pershing's forces by giving specific orders to General Gavieta at Juarez and other Mexican commanders in Chihuahua.

The war department today authorized purchase of 108 more motor trucks and two gasoline tanks for the expedition. These will be formed into companies of twenty-seven cars each to maintain the lengthening lines of communication with General Pershing.

Dodd's Force Far South.

Word today definitely located Colonel Dodd at Providencia on Monday. The dispatches also indicated that General Pershing has gone far south toward the fighting front.

A message from General Pershing to General Funston, dated April 4, was as follows:

"Met Colonel Dodd at Providencia yesterday and got details of fight at Guerrero. Work done by his command deserves high praise."

The order for motor trucks is due to a conviction that the Mexican railroads will serve for a time only at least.

The offer of the Aero Club of America to sell two aeroplanes to the government at \$1 each has been declined. The new appropriation of \$500,000 for aeroplanes has made its acceptance unnecessary.

MORE TROOPS NECESSARY.

Leaders of Flying Columns Need Help in Wide Search.

El Paso, Tex., April 5.—The problem Villa somewhere within an area of 1,500 square miles confronts General Pershing today.

Information from the front indicates the American troops have been dispersed to the best advantage by the possibility of running down Villa as he moves southward becomes increasingly difficult.

More troops are necessary in the word that comes back from the men leading the flying columns which are scouring the Benito, Juarez and Guerrero regions for the brigand. General Pershing has ordered that detachments of infantry be trained for mountain climbing and the establishment of a sort of American chasseur corps will be immediately undertaken. The American commander anticipates a long hunt and is preparing for it.

VILLA AT MAICA.

A Torreon dispatch places Villa at Maica, ninety miles southwest of Guerrero. If this is so, the bandit probably is proceeding along the old coach road leading into Santa Rosalia, whence he could move into Parral, his reported objective.

Through the intercession of Mexican Consul Garcia, the execution of three ring leaders of the conspiracy of a band of Mexicans to seize Juarez last Sunday night has been stayed. The conspirators were to have forced a firing squad in Juarez at sunrise today.

The El Paso police are searching for a score of conspirators said to be hiding here.

FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE TRUCKS.

San Antonio, Tex., April 5.—General Funston has suggested to the war department prompt compliance with his request for more motor truck companies.

If four more are furnished the quartermaster's department will have 270 trucks for moving supplies. It was said at headquarters today that there are in General Pershing's forces approximately 6,000 horses and mules. The average portion for these animals is ten pounds.

VILLISTA BANDS SCATTERED.

Carranza Soldiers Attack and Defeat Two Rebel Forces.

El Paso, Tex., April 5.—In an attack on Villistas yesterday at Cienegueta General Carranza killed ten and scattered the band, according to a report issued today by General Garcia in Juarez. Carranza said that he was continuing to follow up the fugitives, but called on General Gutierrez to rush forces against Batavo and other points where they were supposed to be head-

Felix Diaz Trying to Start Revolution in Southern Mexico

Washington, April 5.—Reports to the department of justice indicate there is no longer doubt that Felix Diaz has landed in Mexico. He is reported to be in command of a considerable force in southern Mexico and has received support from Guatemala.

A propaganda along the border between the United States and Mexico is reported.

Thus far there has been little definite information as to his movements or the source from which he obtained his arms and ammunition. It has been fairly well established that he received considerable financial aid in New York. One of his agents recently was traced by department agents to Canada and another was said to have left recently for Spain.

It is considered possible that Diaz may have landed in Mexico in Cuba. This information recalls the sale of arms by the United States several years ago in Cuba.

ING. HIS OWN LOSSES, CAVAZOS REPORTED.

Amounted to a man wounded and a horse killed.

This news came in a telegram from General Gutierrez, commanding the state of Chihuahua, who reported other minor engagements.

General Garza had reported, he said, that he came in contact with a small force of Villa's men, which he was following in the direction of Cienega.

Gutierrez reported to Gavieta that he had talked with one of his captains and two privates who had been captured by Villa in Namiquipa and escaped during the fight at Guerrero. They said after the fight that Villa left with 200 men for Llamas in the Juan Batista district. Candelario Carventes, who had taken over the command of 200 of Pablo Lopez, and Julio Acosta, with 200, they reported, had escaped into the mountains of Guerrero.

SCATTER REMNANT OF VILLA BAND.

Namiquipa, Chihuahua, by wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 5.—A small remnant of the Villa force defeated by Colonel Dodd's cavalry at Guerrero were scattered in a skirmish with Carranzistas on March 31, according to word reaching here today.

The Villa leader, Manuel Baca, was killed, according to the report.

What is believed to have been firing by Villa troops was heard in the mountains here last Sunday but after investigation the American troops concluded there had been no serious trouble.

Additional reports from Colonel Dodd today indicate that the Villistas were scattered in Guerrero numbered but forty-six.

Altho by hard marching the American cavalry have overtaken and repulsed two detachments of Villa forces, General Pershing realizes that much hard work lies ahead of them.

PACKING INDUSTRY IN HANDS OF FEW

Edward L. Burke, of Omaha, Tells House Judiciary Sub-Committee of Alleged Rapid Concentration of Interests.

Washington, April 5.—Representatives of the meat packers, investigation of whose industry is demanded by live stock dealers, presented their side of the case to the house judiciary sub-committee today. Among those on hand to testify was Arthur Meeker, vice president of Armour & Company. One of the speakers today was Edward L. Burke, of Omaha, representing the live stock committee of the American Live Stock Commission.

"The rapid concentration of the slaughter and distribution of meat animals in this country and South America went into the hands of a few men," he said.

"A simple statement of the facts is sufficient. Less than twenty years ago the working capital of the leading firm, Swift & Company, was a little more than \$16,000,000 and the volume of business about \$100,000,000. Now the working capital is approximately \$120,000,000, the earnings for 1912 were over \$14,000,000, and the volume of business, \$500,000,000. Armour & Company have expanded at almost the same rate and the three smaller companies have emulated the leaders altho on a smaller scale.

"Our association feels that there exists necessity for a searching inquiry and the application of a remedy to the end that both the producer and packer may receive a reasonable return, and the public have meat at reasonable prices."

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NEW FORMATION INEFFECTIVE.

But the change proved ineffective. The first line of riflemen advanced to within fifty yards of the French trenches and then they dropped to the ground under heavy fire. The second and third lines advanced but were stopped in the rear by machine gun fire.

The Germans in the first line were in a critical position. Shrapnel worked havoc among them. They charged out of the question and as long as they remained at the point to which they had advanced they were exposed to a decimating fire.

German Ranks Thinned.

The second and third lines were little better off. The entire attacking force finally adopted the only move open, retreating under heavy fire. They left half their number on the field. At least three regiments took part in the attack.

The wood proved an insecure shelter for the French artillery covered that entire area. It demolished shelters and piled up the German losses.

The action yesterday as showing that the Germans, even with their new formations, are unable to escape the furious responses of the French artillery; that the French positions, they may be vulnerable at certain exposed points, can not be shaken, and that the French counter is effective.

THREATENED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.

Paris, April 5.—A Havas dispatch from Valencia, dated April 4, says that a Norwegian steamer was seen during the morning, thirty miles off the coast of Spain, signalling for help. A British vessel approached but perceiving a German submarine in the neighborhood made for port, and reported the incident to the Spanish authorities. The fate of the Norwegian steamer is unknown.

MORE SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 5.—The Spanish steamship Vigo, of 1,137 gross tons, has been sunk in the Bay of Biscay by a German submarine, according to a Lloyd's report. The crew was set adrift in a boat and later picked up by the British steamer Polo and taken to Gibraltar.

Lloyd's also reports the sinking of the British steamer Bendow, with the loss of one of her crew.

The crew of the Norwegian steamship Arena of 1,013 tons gross, has been taken to Ymuden by the trawler Clara. A Reuter dispatch from Ymuden says the Arena was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

SINKING STARTS INQUIRY.

United States Demands Explanation of Destruction of Steamer Berwindale.

Berlin, via London, April 5.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, today sent an inquiry to the German

FRENCH REGAIN LOST TRENCHES

Recover Positions Taken by Germans in Caillette Wood.

GERMAN LOSSES SAID TO BE CONSIDERABLE

New Formation Attempted by Tgutos But French Claim Without Success—Change in Attack Taken to Indicate That Germans Have Suffered Heavily in Previous Efforts to Penetrate French Lines.

In evident determination not to permit the Germans to retain the ground they won recently in the Vaux-Douaumont region, the French are continuing their violent attacks there. The French war office reports today that ground was gained last night in Caillette wood.

Several engagements have been fought in Lorraine, the Germans being repulsed.

London reports the sinking of the Spanish steamer Vigo by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay. The Dutch schooner Zinnia Helfa has been torpedoed on the North sea and the British steamer Bendow has been sunk with a loss of one member of the crew.

In a notable speech in the German reichstag today, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg denied reports that Germany contemplated aggression against the United States after the war.

Italy has a new minister of war, Gen. Paolo Morone, appointed in succession to General Zupelli, who has resigned on account of ill health.

PARIS, APRIL 5.—In yesterday's fighting around Verdun the Germans lost considerable ground and sustained heavy casualties.

At 3 p. m., after the ground had been battered by several hundred tons of shells, a thin line of riflemen debauched from Chaufour wood, just northwest of Douaumont. The Germans advanced by short bounds toward the French trenches. A second and a third line followed at equal distances with small supporting and attacking columns in the rear.

This information has been noticed during the last few days and is regarded as proof that the Germans have been sorely punished in previous assaults.

HOAN WINS IN MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, April 5.—City Attorney Daniel E. Hoan, social democrat, will be the next mayor of Milwaukee, having defeated Mayor Beading, non-partisan, in yesterday's election by a majority estimated at between 1,000 and 1,500 votes.

LIGHT VOTE IN NEW YORK.

New York, April 5.—Returns from yesterday's primary elections in New York state of delegates to the republican, democratic and progressive national conventions, show a light vote and few contests.

Interest in the republican primary centered in whether the old party organization had cut the vote for Governor Whitman as one of the four delegates at large to the national convention, and thereby lessened his prestige in the coming campaign for renomination. Friends of the governor said the result was satisfactory.

BOLD TRAIN ROBBER ESCAPES OFFICERS

Lone Bandit Who Robbed Passengers on Union Pacific Train Believed to Have Ridden into Laramie—Said to Have Obtained \$567.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 5.—Belief that the bandit who last night held up and robbed a number of passengers on west bound Union Pacific train No. 1, rode into Laramie, was expressed today by officers. An examination of the graveled road bed near Corlett Junction, where the robber was reported to have left, the train officers said, revealed no marks such as would have been made by a man jumping from a train traveling thirty miles an hour.

The authorities were aided in their search by a description furnished by Hector Robitaille, a railroad man, who saw a man swing aboard the train 200 yards from the Cheyenne station. Revised reports placed the booty secured at \$567.

Four suspects arrested during the night were released today.

SCHOONER'S MASTER LOST.

Vessel Goes Ashore and Skipper Drowns in Attempting to Land.

Norfolk, Va., April 5.—The schooner Elsie A. Bayles, of Bangor, Me., went ashore this morning near New Inlet, N. C. coast guard station. Captain Thayer was drowned while attempting to reach shore in a small boat. Two of the crew who were with him landed safely. Four men were saved.

GUGGENHEIM HOME BURNS.

Summer Residence Near Long Branch Destroyed With Loss of \$100,000.

Long Branch, N. J., April 5.—The summer home of Daniel Guggenheim, president of the American Smelting and Refining Company, at Ellberton, was destroyed by fire this morning with a loss of \$100,000.

The annual product of the American chicken yard is estimated at \$500,000,000.

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Meanwhile it is reported that a band of Villa supporters have completely alienated the bandit's cause in the neighborhood of Sombrerete by wrecking a passenger train.

This took place last Thursday, a number of people being killed. Sombrerete lies between Durango City and Cananea on a branch of the Mexican Central railroad.

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After several days' interruption train service has been resumed between here and Durango. It is believed here that the bandits who wrecked a train between here and Sombrerete are remnants of the Argonoes-Zapatistas.

Torreon is quiet.

ILLINOIS DRIES MAKE SOME GAINS

Between 350 and 400 Saloons Eliminated in Cities and Towns Voting on Liquor Question—Some Dry Territory is Reclaimed by Wets.

Chicago, April 5.—Almost complete returns of the local option elections held in various Illinois towns and townships yesterday indicated today that between 350 and 400 saloons will be eliminated and that former dry territory, which before the prohibition laws, again will permit the sale of alcoholic.

Complete returns of yesterday's election showed that the democrats made gains in the city council.

The vote cast yesterday was 457,334. The women vote fell considerably below expectations. The republican vote of 188,912 was 208,583 less than last year, when William Hale Thompson was elected mayor by a majority of 144,147.

Democrats polled 210,028 or 41,023 less than last year. Socialists received 45,719 votes, or 21,000 more than last year. Progressive and other scattering votes totalled 12,615.

THIRTY KILLED IN SECOND CLASH WITH REMNANT OF OUTLAW FORCE.

San Bernardino, Cal., April 5.—Aeroplane to Colonia Dublin, and by Wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 4.—Two hundred American cavalrymen under Col. W. C. Brown, Tenth cavalry, defeated an equal force of Villistas in the second engagement of the campaign at Agua Calientes, thirty miles north of Guerrero on April 1.

This report was made to General Pershing today by two Mexican ranchmen, who said that the Mexican forces lost thirty men and forty horses while the Americans suffered no casualties.

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For hours the American cavalrymen followed Manuel Lopez, one of Villa's lieutenants and his bandits thru tortuous winding canyons and almost impassable trails of the mountains.

Believing that they had eluded their pursuers the bandits relaxed their vigilance and before they realized it they were confronted by the troops of the Tenth cavalry of General Pershing's old regiment, which had been stationed near the town to intercept bandits attempting to make their escape.

The only most meager details of the ensuing engagement were brought here by the Mexican ranchmen, but in many respects it resembled that of a week ago at Guerrero.

Immediately the bandits realized the presence of American troops they began a hurried, disorganized flight from their camp, some seizing their ponies and others trying to make their escape. Then, sent singly and in small parties, all firing at the American troops as they fled.

None took time to aim, the ranchmen said, and as a result none of the bullets found a khaki-clad mark.

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It was asserted also that because of the nature of the engagement it is probable that some equipment and supplies and prisoners may have been captured. The ranchmen told General Pershing that the Villistas were fleeing in scattered bands of three to five men before the cavalrymen.

Fired On by Outposts.

Reports reaching here indicated that the force encountered by the American cavalrymen was the largest detachment of the force defeated and scattered at Guerrero a week ago today by Colonel Dodd's command. These troops were said to have been in the vicinity of Bachiniba pass for several days.

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Special to Times-Republican.

Clarion, April 16.—Elmer, the 8-year-old son of John McClelland, was run over by an auto driven by C. C. Thorn at noon today. His left leg was broken and he was bruised on the head, but will recover.

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T-R BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather.

Sun rises April 6 at 5:53. At 6:30.

Iowa — Partly cloudy today and Thursday; colder in south portion tonight.

Telegraphic News:

Pershing Needs More Troops. Man Hunt Over Area Necessary.

General Reyes For Time. French Regain Lost Trenches. Germany Not Planning to Attack U. S.

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NO AGGRESSION AGAINST NEUTRALS

Chancellor Disclaims Intention of Nation to Extend Territory or Attack United States or Canada at War's Close—Says Empire Is Fighting For Existence and For Germany's Future—No Peace Possible With Dishonor.

GOVERNMENT PLANT BILL IS APPROVED

House Naval Committee Favors Senate Bill For Federal Armor Plate Factory By Vote of 16 to 6—Wilson Urges Action of Army Bill.

Washington, April 5.—The senate bill for a government armor plate plant was favorably reported today by the house naval committee by a vote of 15 to 2.

Debate on the army increase bill was continued in the senate today.

President Wilson urged several senators to speed up the army bill and Senator Stone told him every effort would be made to speed the bill.

The first amendment today was offered by Senator Sutherland, republican, to increase the coast artillery considerably over the increase provided in the present bill.

Action on the Immigration bill, which recently passed the house, and is now before a senate committee, is being delayed. Thus far the senate immigration committee has not been called to consider the bill.

Whatever the committee may decide the administration officials declare it must remain on the calendar until other legislation is completed.

CLEAR UP RATE CASES.

Commerce Commission to Dispose of Hundreds of Old Applications.

Washington, April 5.—Hundreds of rate proceedings which have been hanging in the interstate commerce commission for five years are to be cleared up by an order issued today. A wide list of commodities on which railroads ask relief from the long and short haul provision, make up the bulk of the cases.

It is also clear away the accumulation that the commission called on the railroads today to state the status of each application as yet undisposed of.

"It will be the purpose of the commission," reads the order, "to set down for hearing the remaining applications of all carriers and they will be expected to present at the time of such hearings all the evidence they expect to present."

BRITT STORE ROBBED.

Thieves Steal Silks From C. T. Lewis Mercantile Establishment.

Britt, April 5.—Between \$500 and \$600 worth of silks were stolen Monday night by unknown thieves from the C. T. Lewis general store. The robbers gained access to the building by breaking in the rear door. The time of night at which the robbery was committed is unknown. It was discovered when the store was opened this morning.

It will be necessary to invoice the lines of goods from which the thieves made their selection to learn the exact loss.

Sheriff Baumgardner was summoned from Garner and is here investigating today. He has notified the police authorities of all nearby cities and towns to look out for the thieves, and suspicious characters generally.

It is thought the work was that of outside talent. There have been many tramps about the city of late.

BARON LOWTHER DEAD.

Former British Ambassador to Turkey Passes Away.

London, April 5.—Sir Gerard Augustus Lowther died today.

Sir Gerard Augustus Lowther was born Feb. 16, 1858. His father was the Hon. William Lowther, brother of the third Earl of Lonsdale. In 1905 he married Miss Alice Blyth, daughter of Atherton Blyth, of Philadelphia. He entered the British diplomatic service in 1879 and was secretary of the embassy at Washington from July, 1899, to November, 1901. He was appointed minister to Chile in the latter year. In 1908 he was made ambassador at Constantinople, where he remained for five years. He was created a baron on Jan. 1, 1915.

NEGRO HANGED BY MOB.

Joseph Black, Charged With Assisting Son to Escape Is Lynched.

Kingston, N. C., April 5.—Joseph Black, a negro, was taken from the Lenoir county jail here today by a mob of armed men and lynched. He was the father of 16-year-old William Black, who was removed last week to the state prison to escape lynching. William Black was charged with original assault. The elder Black was assisting his son to escape.

GERMANY SEEKS TO SAVE SELF

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg Outlines Attitude of Empire.

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Chancellor Disclaims Intention of Nation to Extend Territory or Attack United States or Canada at War's Close—Says Empire Is Fighting For Existence and For Germany's Future—No Peace Possible With Dishonor.

Berlin, April 5.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg protested vigorously in the reichstag today that Germany now or in the future contemplated aggression against the United States.

"The latest offspring of the campaign directed against us is a report that we, after the end of this war, shall run against the American continent and that we shall attempt to conquer Canada. This is the silliest of all imputations invented against us.

"We fight for our existence and for our future. For Germany and not for space in foreign countries are Germany's sons dying on the battlefield. This moral force strengthens our will in order not only to weather the storm but to achieve final victory."

No Peace Without Honor.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg indicated in his speech that any suggestions of peace on the basis of destruction of Prussian military power would make possible the only answer—the German sword.

The chancellor stated that if Germany's adversaries desired to continue the slaughter of men the guilt would be theirs and Germany would "have to stand it."

The chancellor turned to the subject of eventual conditions of peace, after a brief reference to the entrance of Portugal into the war. He pointed out that in his speech of Dec. 9 he had declared his readiness to discuss peace. "Let us suppose that I suggest to Mr. Asquith that he sit down with me at a table and examine the possibilities of peace," he continued, "and Mr. Asquith begins with a claim of complete destruction of Prussia's military power. I suggest that the war be ended before it began. There could be but one answer and this answer would be that which our sword must give."

Points Out Progress.

"When I was last at headquarters I stood with the emperor at a place to which I had accompanied him one year previously. The emperor pointed out the important changes that had taken place. At Gorlice we had just begun to break thru the enemies' lines and Hindenburg's powerful offensive had just started. Now we are deep in Russia.

"The British and French at that time had attacked the Gallipoli. Now the Bulgarians stand firmly on our side. Then we were engaged on the defensive in Champagne battle, and now guns of our word we resound the guns at Verdun."

"HOLLAND BARES HER TEETH."

Public as Well as All Europe Surprised at Attitude.

London, April 5.—Holland has bared its teeth to the belligerents on both sides so unexpectedly that the Dutch public was as much surprised as the rest of the world," said a neutral who arrived today. This person who enjoys the opportunity of obtaining reliable information, states that the Dutch army is mobilized.

The mobilization was accomplished swiftly. Virtually every private motor car in the country was seized to add to the excitement of the German masses men and guns along the Belgian frontier near Antwerp as if to repel an invasion.

The returned neutral is convinced that the demonstration was aimed as much at Germany as to England.

On account of the British blockade Holland is experiencing a shortage of food to such an extent that an American commission to the relief of Belgium has been asked to loan some of its food supply to some sections of Holland. Holland is determined that food shall be transported to Holland in vessels without any limitations fixed by agreement with the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

Most Precautionary Measure.

The Hague, via London, April 5.—At the opening of the second chamber of the Dutch parliament today the president of the chamber read a brief statement declaring that the recent suspension of furloughs of army officers and men was a precautionary measure, as Holland is resolved to maintain its neutrality.

The suspension order was not a consequence of political troubles, he said, but was decided on after certain information reached the government and which the government does not judge opportune at the present moment to make public.