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# GERMAN MOVE AWAITED IN WASHINGTON

## Wilson's Ultimatum Reaches Ambassador Gerard in Berlin.

## GERMANY TO BE GIVEN FEW DAYS

**Washington Thinks Three or Four Days Sufficient Time in Which to Agree or Refuse to Comply With Demands—Berlin Government May Take One Week—Von Bernstorff Holds Conference With Lansing.**

**Berlin, via London, April 20.—The American note to Germany arrived in Berlin yesterday evening, Ambassador Gerard probably will present it to the foreign office early this afternoon.**

Washington, April 20.—The United States government, having said its last word to Germany in the submarine controversy, turned today with grave expectancy to Berlin, where rests the decision whether the imperial government shall abandon its present methods of submarine warfare or break with Washington. No time limit was set in the communication but the president is known to hold the opinion that three or four days would be a reasonable period to allow Germany for a decision.

If none is forthcoming within a reasonable time the step accomplishing a break in relations will be taken. Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, would receive his passports and American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin would be expected to come home.

**Bernstorff Sees Lansing.**

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, went to the state department today for a conference with Secretary Lansing on the submarine warfare situation and also to discuss the arrest in New York of Wolfe von Igel, secretary to former German military attache, Captain von Papen.

Secretary Lansing and the German ambassador were in conference fully twenty minutes. After the ambassador had left the secretary would make no statement.

**Bernstorff Not So Hopeful.**

Secretary Lansing explained in detail to the German ambassador the position of the United States, and expressed the sincere hope that the German government might see the justice of the United States demands.

Ambassador Bernstorff yesterday made recommendations, to his government which he believed, if acceptable to his government ,would be satisfactory to the United States.

In addition he informed the secretary of a message of a highly confidential nature he had received from Berlin. Last night Count von Bernstorff was hopeful that some way would be found to prevent a break. Today his manner was not so sanguine.

After returning to the embassy, Count von Bernstorff prepared a long dispatch to be sent to his government. He was represented as having sought the secretary's views in regard to a tentative proposal that Germany issue immediately a declaration covering all submarine operations, similar to that issued Jan. 7 on the operations in the Mediterranean.

Count von Bernstorff appeared to be impressed by the necessity of prompt action by Germany.

No appointment for another conference with Secretary Lansing has been made by the ambassador. He neither left nor received any communication at the secretary's office.

**Germany Wants More Time.**

After the conference it was learned that the German diplomat regarded the receipt of a reply from Germany in two or three days as physically impossible. It was pointed out that Easter Monday is a holiday in Germany and it was believed conferences of officials would require another week.

Ambassador von Bernstorff refused to discuss his conversation with Mr. Lansing, but indicated his call was not prompted by the arrival of instructions from his government.

Regarding the hope held by German officials here for a settlement, one official described the prospect as a "toss up."

**No Word From Gerard.**

Secretary Lansing said early today Ambassador Gerard had not up to that time notified the department of the receipt of the American note, altho press dispatches announced its arrival last evening. Neither had Mr. Gerard reported having received from the German foreign office another memorandum on the Sussex case.

Whether all German consuls and consular agents be dismissed and such representatives of this country in Germany recalled in case of a break was discussed. It was stated that a rupture would not necessarily extend to consuls, altho diplomatic customs generally included such officials.

Explaining the phrase in the note "severing relations altogether," it was said the phrase was intended to add emphasis to the note.

**To Guard Wireless Stations.**

Marines from the Philadelphia and Brooklyn navy yards have been sent to the wireless stations at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, L. I., to insure adequate protection. The decision was made some time ago to strengthen the guard at both points. No change in the present policy concerning wireless communications was contemplated, said Mr. Daniels.

**Bryan to Visit Washington.**

Telegrams from William Jennings Bryan, announcing the hour he expects to arrive here and reiterating the opinion that it would be "a crime against civilization for this country to go into war," were the only intimations that Representative Bailey, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bryan's spokesman in the house, had today of the Nebraskan's plans on his Washington visit.

Mr. Bailey today recalled Mr. Bryan's statement that if war seemed to him imminent he would come to Washington. Mr. Bailey said Mr. Bryan would attend a testimonial dinner here tonight.

**No Action by Congress.**

Senator Kern, majority leader in the senate, said at the White House today there was a general disposition in the senate not to discuss the president's note to Germany. He added that no action on the part of congress was called for and he did not expect any would be taken.

### BIG JUDGMENT REDUCED

**Court Cuts Lamphier Verdict For $25,000 in Two.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Montezuma, April 20.—Some time ago the case of Lamphier vs. the M. & St. L. R'y was tried here. The plaintiff had been in charge of a water station, had slipped and suffered a fall which left him a cripple for life. He asked $50,000 damages. The attorneys for the company apparently relied upon law points and introduced no evidence. A verdict for $25,000 was returned. A motion for a new trial has been pending since. A few days ago Judge Talbott rendered his decision upon the motion, denying the new trial but reduced the judgment to $12,500 which defendant agreed to accept.

## WILL RELEASE IGEL AND RETURN PAPERS

**Attorney General Gregory Forwards Request of State Department to District Attorney Marshall—Status of Igel's Office at Issue.**

Washington, April 20.—Atorney General Gregory has communicated to District Attorney Marshall, at New York, the state department's request for the release of Wolfe von Igel, and the return of seized documents, Secretary Lansing said today.

Photographic copies of papers taken from von Igel can not be used in court if the originals are returned.

Whether von Igel's office in New York can be considered as property of the embassy and "German territory" will depend upon the lease.

**Igel's Attorney Demands Papers.**

New York, April 20.—Another demand for the return of papers seized in the office of Wolfe von Igel, under indictment in the alleged German plot to destroy the Welland canal, was made today by John B. Stanchfield, the defendant's attorney.

District Attorney Marshall said Mr. Stanchfield had maintained that von Igel's office, formerly that of Captain von Papen, was in effect German territory, and that the intrusion of the United States agents constituted an "invasion."

Mr. Marshall said that he replied that the matter rested for decision with the Washington authorities; meantime he had no alternative but to proceed with the case.

### STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY.

**Council Bluffs Wins First Place in Games at Boone.**

Boone, April 20.—The state volleyball tournament closed here last night with Des Moines and Boone tied for second place. Council Bluffs won the tournament and took home the plaque offered to the tourney winners.

Burlington copped consolation honors without a victory.

Marshalltown and Des Moines are in the race for the next state gathering, with odds in favor of Des Moines. A committee to be named of one man from each team here yesterday with J. E. Marshall, of Council Bluffs, chairman, will perfect an organization and place the association on a permanent basis.

A banquet was served last night in Northwestern Hotel to 200 persons, at which short addresse were made by members of each visiting team. Secretary J. C. Manville, of the local Y. M. C. A., was tostmaster. The result of tourney play yesterday follows:

Council Bluffs 32, Boone 15.
Waterloo 29, Burlington 24.
Boone 38, Burlington 22.
Fort Dodge 27, Waterloo 16.
Council Bluffs 32, Des Moines 19.
Waterloo 34, Boone 17.
Des Moines 31, Burlington 23.
Fort Dodge 30, Burlington 24.
Council Bluffs 43, Marshalltown 18.
Waterloo forfeited to Council Bluffs 1 to 0.
Marshalltown 37, Burlington 28.
Des Moines 34, Marshalltown 33.
Boone 36, Marshalltown 24.
Council Bluffs 39, Burlington 12.
Waterloo 52, Marshalltown 13.
Council Bluffs 32, Fort Dodge 18.
Boone 26, Fort Dodge 23.
Fort Dodge 35, Marshalltown 30.
Boone 31, Des Moines 25.
Des Moines 29, Fort Dodge 28.

### MAY POSTPONE OPENING.

**Wet Grounds May Prevent Western League Game at Des Moines.**

Des Moines, April 20. — Cold wet weather threatened today to put a damper on the crowd at the opening of the Western League here today. Omaha arrived for the opening but a two days' rain put the diamond in such a condition that it was doubtful if the game could be staged.

**Reconsider Sugar Amendment.**

Washington, April 20.—Chairman Simmons, of the senate finance committee, today moved that the senate recede from its amendment to the house free sugar repeal bill. He obtained consent that the senate consider his motion beginning at 1 p. m., Saturday, and vote on it at 5 p. m., that day.

# RUSSIANS SENT TO WEST FRONT

## Strong Force Landed at Marseilles to Fight Beside French.

## OTHER MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS PROBABLE

**Closing of Port of Archangel to All But Commerce For Russian Government May Indicate That Troop Movements Are Either Under Way or Are Contemplated—French Take Offensive in Verdun Region.**

A strong force of Russian troops landed at Marseilles today and will fight beside the French at the front. Their arrival was recognized by General Joffre in the order of the day. They are believed to have embarked for France from the port of Archangel, the only port between which there is free communication between Russia and her allies in the west. It is believed the transport made a wide sweep out in the north Atlantic to avoid the submarine zone.

In this connection it is to be noted that word was received in New York today thru private cable advices that Russia had closed the port of Archangel to all but government traffic. This may indicate that other troop movements from Archangel to the west front are either under way or in contemplation.

The French again have taken the offensive in the Verdun battle and in attacks against the German lines on the right bank of the Meuse, Paris declares, have captured portions of German trenches and have taken several hundred prisoners.

According to a London dispatch the British coalition government has been given a new lease on life, a settlement having been reported in the cabinet crisis.

A plot of wide scope conducted for the purpose of causing a revolution in India, is announced from London to have been uncovered as a result of the seizure last February of German and Austrian subjects on the liner China bound from Shanghai to the United States.

Paris, April 20.—A strong force of Russian troops disembarked at Marseilles today. They are to fight beside the allied French soldiers in France.

General Joffre welcomed the Russians in an order of the day, saying their arrival was another proof of the devotion of Russia to the common cause.

The text of the order issued by General Joffre follows:

"Our faithful ally, Russia, whose armies already are fighting against Germany, Austria and Turkey, wanted to give France further assurance of her friendship; more striking proof of her devotion to the common cause.

"Russian soldiers, chosen from the bravest in her armies, have come to fight in our rahks. You will treat them like brothers. You will show them the warm sympathy you feel in their coming to fight by our side. In the name of the army I welcome the officers, under officers and soldiers who have arrived in France. I bow before the Russian flags on which there will soon be inscribed the glorious names of our victories."

**French Troops Take Offensive.**

Paris, April 20.—French troops took the offensive last night in the Verdun region on the right bank of the Meuse. The war office announcement says that captured part of German trenches included a prominent redoubt. They took several hundred prisoners.

French resistance in the region of Verdun is compelling the German general staff to withdraw large forces from the Teutonic front in Macedonia, Serbia and Russia, according to the highest military authorities here.

The first division of the first German army corps and another division not yet identified are said to be among the troops brought from other fronts.

The Eighteenth army corps and a Bavarian division, it is declared, have been brought from the east.

**Germans Occupy British Trenches.**

Berlin, via London, April 20.—British trenches for a distance of 600 metres between Langemarck and Ypres, Belgium, have been occupied by German troops according to the official statement given out at army headquarters today.

**Port of Archangel Closed.**

New York, April 20.—The port of Archangel has been closed to all vessels except those carrying exclusively cargo for use by the Russian government, according to cable advices received here by local shipping agents.

While no official notice for closing Archangel was contained in advices received here it was assumed the Russian government had decided the import movement of munitions was sufficient to require the entire capacity of the port for its own use.

### BRITISH CABINET AGREED.

**In Accord on Recruiting Proposals to Be Made to Parliament.**

London, April 20.—At a meeting today of the British cabinet an agreement was reached upon the proposals which the ministers will make to parliament on the subject of recruiting. Their proposals will be made at secret sessions of each house on Tuesday.

It is understood that a proposition advanced by Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education, and a labor leader, will have the effect of reopening the voluntary enlistment scheme for a month or six weeks and that this proposal was accepted in principle by the cabinet to ascertain whether a sufficient number of men would come forward for service.

The labor leaders demand that all facts and figures regarding the military situation and requirements shall be submitted to the house of commons before they consent to any measure of uniform conscription.

## *Soldiers in Mexico Beset By Dangers On Every Side*

San Antonio, Tex., April 20.—Frightful destruction of the country thru which the American troops have been operating was pictured in a long report received by General Funston today from General Pershing. The report was written at Satevo before General Pershing had learned the details of the fight at Parral, April 12.

General Funston refused to discuss the character of the report in general terms. It was a report on conditions, such as caused Secretary Baker to send Major General Scott to the border.

For a long time, the American officers did not feel certain which attitude, friendliness or opposition, the Mexicans would assume, therefore unfriendly incidents were minimized in the reports.

It is now felt that little progress can be made without opposition from Carranzistas.

Caution of American officers has been a great handicap altho self-imposed. The soldiers have not fired on Villistas at times because they were not sure of their identity.

At Parral Maj. Frank Tompkins, who had only 114 men, permitted only his expert marksmen to return the Carranza fire, in order to avoid the danger of hitting women and the children, and the effectiveness of the American resistance was thereby reduced.

### AVIATORS ARE TARGETS.

**Frequently "Given a Party" by Villistas and Carranza Troops.**

General Pershing's Camp, at The Front, April 15, via Aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., April 20. — American aeroplanes have been fired on several times by Mexicans and, in at least one instance, Carranza soldiers.

The latter case was reported by Lieutenant Chapman, who sailed into camp this morning after an absence of two days, from what should have been a two hours' flight.

Three nights ago wind and darkness forced the lieutenant to alight twenty miles from here. He found a ranch in the hills where the Mexicans seemed friendly. They advised him to sleep in the house, declaring the hills were "full of Villistas."

Next day, while near a town with his machine on the ground, a trainload of Carranza troops passed. Apparently for no other purpose than to test their marksmanship, some of the soldiers opened fire on the plane. The aviators have come to call this thing "giving us a little party."

## BRYAN IS DEFEATED IN DELEGATE FIGHT

**Late Returns From Nebraska Primaries Show Commoner to Be Running Sixth — Ford's Lead Is Increased.**

Omaha, Neb., April 20.—Liberal returns from Tuesday preferential primary have increased the lead given Henry Ford, of Michigan, for the republican nomination for president.

William Jennings Bryan, candidate for delegate at large to the democratic rational convention is running sixth. There are seven candidates. Four are to be nominated. Nine counties complete and 328 scattered precincts over the state gave Ford, 11,453; Cummins, 9,619; Hughes, 6,604; Roosevelt, 81.

The names of Justice Hughes and Colonel Roosevelt were written on the ballots by voters.

### QUARREL HAS FATAL ENDING.

**Irate Father Shoots Daughter, Then Ends Own Life.**

Binghamton, N. Y., April 20.—Alfred L. Sharpe, formerly collector of customs at El Paso, Tex., is dead, and his 18-year-old daughter, Holland, is seriously wounded as the result of a quarrel last night between father and daughter, which ended when Sharpe seized a revolver and shot the girl twice thru the back and sent a bullet thru his own heart. Doctors said the girl had a chance to recover.

Money matters are said to have caused the quarrel. Sharpe, according to a report, had recently lost heavily in a business deal in Texas.

### BIG MERCANTILE TRANSFER.

**Peterson Department Store at Davenport Sold For $600,000.**

Davenport, April 20.—The business and stock of the J. H. C. Peterson department store today was sold to the Harned and Von Maur Company; which also operates a department store here. The purchase price was given as $600,000. The deal was the largest mercantile transfer that has ever taken place here.

The late J. H. C. Peterson, founder of the firm, began his mercantile career about fifty-six years ago, selling matches on street corners.

### ESCAPING GAS KILLS TWO.

**'Frisco Attorney and Companion Found Dead in Hotel Room.**

San Francisco, April 20.—Timothy Lyons, an attorney, and Mrs. Ada Diamond, recently from Salt Lake City, were found dead here today in a hotel room with the gas flowing from an open jet. The woman left three notes. The police believe she wrote them and turned on the gas after Lyons fell asleep.

# TORNADO KILLS SCORE OR MORE

## Fatal Storm Sweeps Thru Portions of Kansas and Missouri.

## HUNDRED INJURED, PROPERTY LOST

**Series of Tornadoes Crosses State Line From Kansas Into Missouri, Visiting Several Counties and Doing Great Damage in Country and Towns—People Given Warning and Take Refuge in Storm Cellars.**

Kansas City, April 20.—Twenty persons were reported dead and scores injured in a series of tornadoes which swept thru the central portions of eastern Kansas and western Missouri last night. Property damage was believed to be great, altho accurate information was unavailable because of disabled telegraph and telephone service.

The storm areas centered north of Topeka and in a line running from the southwestern corner of Wilson county, in Kansas, across the Missouri line into the border counties.

Six persons were reported dead and about fifty injured in Stover, Morgan county, Missouri, with the town laid in ruins. A special train was sent from Eldon, Mo., to the relief of the stricken populace of Stover. Among other damage the railway station is said to have been blown across the track, blocking traffic.

The storm is also supposed to have struck near Jefferson City and California, Mo. Oleon, six miles north of Eldon, was in the path of the storm and there are reports of many injuries there.

**One Hundred Injured.**

Reports received up to noon today from the tornado swept section of Missouri and Kansas indicated the death list in yesterday's storms would reach twenty. Over 100 persons were injured. Property damage probably amounted to more than $750,000.

Stover, Mo., still was cut off from communication today and it was impossible to confirm reports that six were killed there. The death list was added to by reports from Uniontown, Kan., which said four persons had been killed there. Oleon, Mo., reported the death of John Farris and wife, who lost their lives when the tornado wrecked their home. Two deaths and the injury of thirty persons were reported from Arthur, Mo.

The wind swept a path four miles long and a quarter of a mile wide near Fort Scott, Kan., razing all buildings in its path. The little town of Berlin, Kan., which recently petitioned state officials to change its name, was badly damaged.

All the Kansas storms broke during the daylight. Black clouds gave people ample warning and most of them were able to get into storm cellars.

**Damage at Clear Lake.**

Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, April 20.—The wind storm last night tore porches from a few cottages and wrecked some outbuildings near Clear Lake, ten miles west of here, but there was no great property damage and no loss of life or injury reported. The tornado crossed the C. & NW R'y just south of Bricelyn, Minn., on the state line, but no great damage appears to have been done, according to reports at division offices this morning. The storm came up about 5:30 and passed from the southeast to the northwest.

### GERMANS FEAR RUSSIANS.

**Have Great Respect For Strategy and Cunning of Slav Soldiers.**

[Correspondence of Associated Press.]

Pinsk, Russia, April 4.—Though the average German soldier has the highest respect for the fighting qualities of his English and French opponents, it is the Russian, according to officers stationed in the East, who employs strategy and cunning to an unexampled degree. There are almost as many stories of Rurrian cleverness going the rounds as there are officers who have met with it.

In the great German drive eastward, according to Lieutenant von D——, the Germans and Russians finally took up their positions respectively on the west and east banks of a river. The Russians were not taking their defeats with equanimity, and on every possible occasion were disposed to develop counter offensive movements.

Thru underground channels the Germans learned that the Russians intended , at night, to recross the bridge which, undestroyed, spanned the river, and attempt to surprise their rivals. The Germans in consequence very carefully and quietly destroyed one small section of the bridge nearest them, leaving a slight gap, and lay in wait for the Russians.

The night was fairly dark, but not so dark but that the Germans could see as the Russians suddenly turned a big, unharnessed horse loose at their end of the bridge, and with a few whip lashes started him at a gentle canter toward the German lines. Puzzled German riflemen, lying in hiding, withheld their fire as the animal advanced steadily toward them.

In a moment or two the horse reached the gap in the bridge and, with the instinct and keener sight at night possessed by animals, stopped and peered at the dark water flowing past. He paused only a moment, then turned about and trotted back to the Russian lines. The Russians made no attack that night.

At a number of points the Germans have adopted what is a very old precaution for giving warning of the approach of the enemy—the stringing of empty bottles on a wire around their positions which clink and jangle when anyone approaches and stumbles onto the wire. Unfortunately the bottles know neither friend nor foe, and clink when German sentries scouting at night strike the wire.

Formerly it was the custom of such German sentries to shout out instantly the password or parole of the day so that other sentries behind the bottle-strung line should know that friends were approaching and should not shoot their own men down. But Russian cunning again intervened to make even this hazardous.

The Russians, it was found, sent out little squads numbering at least one man with a knowledge of German. These squads would then conceal themselves in the marsh grass, allow German sentries to pass unmolested, and then listen carefully for the password, the Russian squads then would approach the German lines boldly, disarm suspicion by giving the parole correctly, and inflict at least slight damage before vanishing in the dark.

## T.-R. BULLETIN.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

**The Weather.**

Sun rises April 21 at 5:14, sets at 6:45.

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## REVOLT IN INDIA OBJECT OF PLOTS

**British Government Claims to Have Uncovered Conspiracy as Result of Seizure of German and Austrian Officers.**

London, April 20.—As the result of the seizure of German and Austrian suspects aboard mail liner China, last February, while bound from Shanghai to the United States, the intelligence department of the British government claims to have uncovered a plot of immense ramifications conducted for the purpose of causing a revolution in India.

The American headquarters of the plotters is said to be on the Pacific coast. At least one ship is known to have sailed from San Francisco with a German crew and Indian conspirators and arms on board.

Officials say they believe that Franz Bopp, the German consul general at San Francisco, and other persons under federal indictment there participated in the plot.

The headquarters of the plot in the orient was at Shanghai, and when the gun-running was uncovered, according to the authorities here, the plotters set sail for Manila aboard the steamship China. The leaders of the plot seized on the China are said to have had false passports which they destroyed. Among the men removed from the vessel were five Austrian officers and a number of German officers interned in Shanghai.

The seizure of the men did not end the plot, declare officials. They state that enough is known, however, to check any possibility of trouble in India.

### NEW CONFIDENCE GAME.

**Swindler Confiscates Canadian Money Carried by Passengers.**

Chicago, April 20.—The very latest in confirence games was revealed here today thru the arrest of Harry Watson by agents of the department of justice. Watson,it was said, rode in and out of Chicago, questioning passengers what kind of money they were carrying. When he found passengers carrying Canadian money he told them it was unlawful to carry British or Canadian money from one state to another and he would take the money. Watson's arrest was secured when a passenger said Watson had confiscated $140 of his Canadian money.

### TWO SENTENCED TO DEATH.

**Murderers of Barnet Baff to Die in Electric Chair Week of May 29.**

New York, April 20.—Giuseppe Archiello and Frank Ferrara, recently convicted of the murder of barnet Baff, a wealthy poultry dealer, in November, 1914, were sentenced today to die in the electric chair the week of May 29.

# U. S. TROOPS IN MEXICO IN GRAVE DANGER

## Army Officers Fear Withdrawal Would Bring On General Attack.

## PLANS UNDER WAY TO PROTECT LINES

**General Pershing Concentrating Forces in Larger Bodies and Reinforcements Being Sent Forward—Must Be Withdrawn From Mexico or Entire Plan of Campaign Changed—Plan Might Bring on War With Mexico.**

**Washington, April 20.—Official advices to the state department today noting the recent movements of Carranza forces to the Parral region caused concern among officials.**

**It is believed the movements are intended as a hint to the Americans if they sought to penetrate farther into Mexico. It was added, however, that there was every indication that the movement was made without the knowledge of General Carranza.**

**Basing figures on previous reports of the strength of Carranza garrisons, officials here believe the force can not exceed 1,500 men.**

San Antonio, Tex., April 20.—Early withdrawal of the troops sent into Mexico as a punitive expedition or the authorization of military operations on a large scale must be the result of Gen. Hugh L. Scott's investigation of the situation, in the opinion of army officers here.

General Pershing is not pushing his campaign against Villa and will not until he gets from headquarters authority and facilities to operate more freely. Officers here believe the facts in the case, showing the futility of extending operations along the existing lines, will convince Secretary Baker's envoy of the hopelessness of the pursuit until Pershing is given more effective backing.

**New Plan Necessary.**

Villa, if yet alive, can be caught, officers believe, but on a plan Mexicans certainly would characterize as a "war." Army officers are convinced that if the expedition must be undertaken, armed oppositions from both factions must be met.

General Pershing is holding intact his 10,000 men. The mobile cavalry detachments that have been scouring the districts beyond Satevo now are in easy communication with the main column and will hold their positions for the present.

General Pershing has sent thru several reports in the last forty-eight hours but General Funston has made none of them public.

### FEAR ATTACK ON TROOPS.

**Withdrawal of Pershing's Forces Would Be Dangerous.**

El Paso, Tex., April 20.—While the American punitive expedition is marking time today efforts are being made to strengthen the army bases and lines of communication.

Fears are openly expressed by army officers that should an order come to withdraw American troops, the Villistas and other Mexican forces will raise the cry that the American army is in retreat and will be subject to constant night attacks.

To prevent his troops being subject to attack, General Pershing is preparing to move his troops in large units. If necessary General Pershing may call for new troops to aid.

The belief is general here that the troops will encounter more difficulties in a withdrawal from Mexico than they did in their rapid drive to Parral.

No word has come from General Cavazos, who, with Colonel Carranza, was reported to have gone to San Francisco Borja, to bring back the body of Villa. Officers of the Juarez garrison fear that General Cavazos have been led into a trap and been ambushed.

A dispatch from Chihuahua today says Villa is not dead, but has passed far south into Durango.

**No Light on Villa Rumor.**

Washington, April 20.—There were no official messages to the state or war department today bearing on the death of Francisco Villa. A message last night said General Obregon was inclined to place credence in reports that two Mexican officers and an American officer had examined the grave.

General Obregon had been described previously as being dubious about the reported death of Villa.

The war department has received no confirmation of press reports that a shipment of hay via the Mexican Northwestern had been seized by Carranza officials.

**Yaqui Outlaws Routed.**

Reports today from Admiral Winslow on the west coast indicate that Carranza forces in Sonora state have renewed the campaign against Yaqui Indian outlaws in an effective way.

In a battle April 13, near Aguascalientes ranch, forty-seven Indians were killed. Twenty-three Carranza soldiers were killed and wounded. Another clash, in which 100 Indians were killed and 200 Indian women and children taken prisoners by Carranza forces, was reported to have occurred a few days later near La Virginia.

The dispatches confirm reports of the release of two American women members of the Lehr family, who they had been held prisoners by the Yaquis.