

VILLA'S DEATH DOUBTED NOW

SUPPOSED BODY OF VILLA IS NOT BROUGHT TO CITY

And American Consul Letcher Does Not Even Forward Rumor of Death.

COMMENT IS NOT MADE

Further Details of the Parral Fight is Wanted by the State Department.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 17.—General Pershing has asked for more civilian scouts, especially those familiar with the district south of Parral. This was taken by military men here to indicate that the advanced cavalry detachments are pushing forward possibly into Durango.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—As the hours pass without confirmation of the story of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa Washington grows more doubtful.

Villa's body was to have reached Chihuahua City by special train sometime Sunday night but American Consul Letcher has not even forwarded the rumor as to Villa's death, which must be circulating there.

The Mexican embassy here had no additional information. Its last report from Consul Garcia at El Paso said he was seeking confirmation.

State and war department officials refused to comment Monday on General Pershing's report of the Parral fight, which is much different from the version transmitted by General Carranza to support his suggestion that the American troops be withdrawn.

The American report shows that Carranza troops not only joined in the attack upon the little detachment of Americans, but followed them several miles as they withdrew to avoid a clash.

The majority of the Mexicans killed are reported by General Pershing to have been Carranza soldiers, one of whom was an officer.

It was indicated at the state department that further details would be sought from American officer before a reply would be sent to General Carranza.

Secretary Lansing planned originally to deal with the Parral incident as a separate question and not in the reply to the note suggesting the recall of the American expedition.

It was re-asserted Monday that should the body be identified as that of Villa the expedition would come out of Mexico at once.

No instructions have been sent to Consul Letcher or General Pershing as to the identification to be required. None will go forward until these officials transmit some report.

BOMBARDED

Are French Positions in Avocourt Wood and on Front from Dead Man's Hill.

PARIS, April 17.—French positions in Avocourt wood and on the front from Dead Man's hill to Camieres were bombed Sunday. There were no infantry attacks, the official report of Monday says.

To the east of the Meuse the night was calm except for artillery activity at Haudremont wood.

NO CONFIRMATION.

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BOOTLEGGER GIVES OFFICERS TROUBLE

LIFE SAVING SUIT IS FREEZE PROOF



T. E. Aue in life-saving suit.

A life-saving suit which keeps the wearer's head above water and his body warm even in zero weather has been perfected by T. E. Aue, of Herndon, Va. The suit was tested in the Potomac river in the presence of General George Uhler and other officers of the U. S. steamboat inspection service, the test resulting in a favorable, though unofficial report by General Uhler.

BIBLES HIGHER

As the Result of Advance in the Cost of Paper, Ink, Leather and Glue.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The price of Bibles has increased and is likely to advance still further because of the war. Statements issued by religious publication societies show that the expense of publishing prayer books, hymnals and other religious volumes is so much larger than heretofore that buyers have been obliged to pay nearly double the prices of last year. This is due mainly to the advance in the cost of paper, ink, leather and glue.

MR. KINCAID HERE.

Freeman H. Kincaid, newspaper circulation promoter, of New Martinsville, is in the city on a brief business visit from Parkersburg, where he has been engaged for a short time past. Mr. Kincaid is well known and popular here, having put on several circulation contests for the Telegram.

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In the City of Parkersburg Before Police Officers Succeed in Landing Him.

PARKERSBURG, April 17.—John Davis, of Clarksburg, an alleged bootlegger, gave the police all kinds of trouble Sunday evening before he was finally placed under arrest. He escaped from them twice.

Davis was first suspected by Patrolman Fleming on lower Market street about 4:30 o'clock. When accosted by the officer, Davis retailed with a right to the jaw and fled, Fleming and Captain Smith pursuing him to the Ohio River railroad shops where he disappeared.

Leutenant Hinton of the Baltimore and Ohio police then joined in the chase and the three officers learned that he had doubled back to the East End. In the hallway of the Peace residence on Harris street he was again placed under arrest and for the second time made his escape, after he had been placed in the city automobile.

The chase was then joined in by Leutenant Pickering and the officers chased the man to the Red Bridge where he jumped into the Little Kanawha river, but was too far gone to make the swim across, and was fished out by a boatman and turned over to the officers. Police say he had all long distance running records smashed.

WATER BOARD

Organizes for Year by Electing John O. Brooks as Its President.

The water works and sewerage board has organized for the ensuing year by electing John O. Brooks president. Scotland G. Highland remains as secretary and superintendent. No changes were made in the personnel of the officers and employees of the board, all having served faithfully.

The new year will be a most important one in the history of the water works. A complete pumping station with capacity of 4,000,000 gallons daily for both high and low service will be erected with all modern improvements. The pumping equipment will consist of gas engine driven units with low fuel economy. The new station and equipment will cost approximately \$32,000, and there is cash available to discharge every penny of its cost. This happy condition is the result of two years' of saving and giving precedence to this needed betterment in the interest of the safety of the department and to take care of the largely increased demands for water.

The state tax commissioner is making an audit of the water department covering the two years ended April 17, 1916. Obligations of every description have been discharged for the fiscal year ended April 17, 1916, and the outstanding accounts all of which are collectable amount to less than \$200.

CONGRESS

Of Daughters of the American Revolution is Begun in Washington City.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Delegates from throughout the country were in attendance at the opening session here today of the twenty-fifth Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Activities of the congress will take up the entire week.

A feature of the congress will be a discussion of national preparedness, Wednesday evening having been set upon for the purpose.

PRESIDENT WILLARD

And Other Baltimore and Ohio Officials Pass through the City.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and Arthur W. Thompson, third vice-president of the road, and J. M. Scott, division supervisor, passed through the city Monday morning on President Willard's special train en route to Baltimore from St. Louis, where they had been looking after business matters concerning the company.

DO YOU KNOW.

Seventy-six out of eighty-seven cases of typhoid fever which occurred in a recent outbreak have been traced by the United States Public Health Service to infected milk. Had the first cases been reported to a trained health officer the outbreak could have been stamped out promptly. When will we learn that disease prevention is sure and cheap?

D. A. R. IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED



Top, Mrs. William Cumming Story (left) and Mrs. J. C. Burroughs. Bottom, Mrs. Joseph E. Ransdell.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are holding their annual meeting in Washington, D. C. this week. Among the prominent figures in the society are Mrs. William Cumming Story of New York, president-general; Mrs. J. C. Burroughs, widow of former Senator Burroughs of Michigan, corresponding secretary-general; and Mrs. Joseph E. Ransdell, wife of Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, treasurer-general. The organization has a membership of about 116,000.

BROWN MEMORIAL HELD BY CONGRESS

Eloquent Tributes of Respect Are Paid Late Congressman from Second District.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—An audience of nearly 1,000 sat in the galleries of the House of Representatives on Sunday and heard a series of eloquent, impressive and beautiful eulogies delivered in the memorial of the late Representative William Gay Brown, Jr., of the Second West Virginia district. This throng of people was entirely out of proportion to the very meager audiences which usually assemble on occasions of this kind, and was in itself a striking proof of the wide acquaintance and popularity of "Junior" Brown in the capital of the nation.

Representative M. M. Neely, of the First district, occupied the speaker's chair, except when he took the floor to deliver one of the finest memorial addresses that has ever been heard in the House. During that time Representative Adam B. Littlepage, of the Third district presided. Splendid eulogies were delivered also by Congressman-at-large Howard Sutherland and Mr. Littlepage.

There was an array of masterly tributes spoken by members from other states who were intimate friends of the dead congressman and had a genuine affection for him. These speakers were James R. Mann, of Illinois; Judge Cullop, of Indiana; Heelin, Alabama; Saunders, of Virginia; Hays, of California; Candler, of Mississippi; Burns, of South Carolina; Kitchin, of North Carolina; Foster, of Illinois; and Taylor, of Arkansas. Dr. Foster also read resolutions adopted by the committee on mines and mining of which the deceased was a member.

In the speaker's gallery were Mrs. Brown, the widow; R. N. Brown, son-in-law, and his father, Dr. Brown, of Parkersburg; Private Secretary Foster Zigler, Judge Nell Fortney, of Kingwood, and Mrs. I. J. Kenney, mother of Mrs. Brown.

A number of prominent West Virginians who were in the city, attended, among them Judge Ira Robinson, the Hon. Sam B. Montgomery, Houston Goff Young, Colonel Mike King, the Hon. E. T. England, C. H. Henning and E. L. Long.

AMERICAN WOUNDED ON A RUSSIAN BARK

Which is Fired upon without Warning by an Austrian Submarine Off Island.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—One of the two Americans aboard the Russian bark Imperator from Gulfport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by an Austrian submarine off the Cumberland island, according to official advices to the state department Monday.

FRENCH ARMEN EXECUTE A RAID

RAID VICTIMS ARE ARRAIGNED

Ten Pay Fines but Three Fail to Produce Coin and Are in City Jail.

For the first time in weeks, police court was crowded with defendants Monday morning. There were fifteen cases up for trial, thirteen of them growing out of a police raid on the Rosenshine flats Saturday night. Seven of these defendants paid fines of \$10, one \$21.50, one \$20, one \$5 and three, in default of paying fines, are prisoners in the city jail.

Those paying fines of \$10 were H. A. Haywood, Charles Bosco, Harry Williams, Nellie Smith, Carry Williams, Bertha Harris, Virginia Blocker and Bat Brent; "Doc" Williams, who was said to be conducting the house, paid \$21.50; Harry Blocker contributed the \$20; and Virginia Blocker paid \$5 fine. Those in jail are Albert Clark, Catherine Campbell and Ethel Bender. All are colored except the Bender woman.

Two other cases up before Mayor Gordon were those of Esther Diggins and Slim Hedges, both colored, charged with disorderly conduct. Hedges paid a fine of \$6.00, but Esther failed to dig up the coin and she was remanded to jail. They were arrested Sunday evening by Officers Sims and L. L. White as they came out of the Rosenshine flats.

NORWOOD PARK TEAM HAS FIRST PRACTICE

Thirty-Five Promising Baseball Players Are Trying for Positions on the Team.

The first work-out of the Norwood baseball team was held on the Norwood park diamond Sunday afternoon and about thirty-five of the best ball players of this section were out for trials. From the material that showed up Sunday, Manager Jesse Sackett should be able to select a team to represent the park this summer as fast as any class B league team in existence.

Among some of the most promising material out Sunday were Emmitt Moran, who played several years in the Virginia league; Frank Moran, who played on the local team last season and later played in a league in New York state; Joseph Carduff, one of the best players of the city; Clarence Moran, Al Walmisley, William Kennedy, Robert Cropp and George Whitney.

With more than a half dozen players who have had league experience and several other good fast players, Manager Edmund Denham, of Norwood park, predicts that he will have the best semi-professional team in West Virginia this season. He has a number of first class teams scheduled for games here, among them the

MEXICAN MASSES FACE STARVATION

And That is the Reason for the Rioting at Chihuahua, a Message Says

EL PASO, April 17.—Messages received here in regard to rioting at Chihuahua stated that there had been no anti-American outbreak but that the trouble was due solely to the desperate condition of the masses of the people, who are facing starvation. Corn is selling in Chihuahua at two pesos, worth four cents, American, a

On Several Towns Which the French Refer to as Quite Important.

MANY SHELLS ARE DROPPED Eleven Missiles Find Their Mark on a Vessel of Enemy in North Sea.

PARIS, April 17.—The French official report Monday says: "During the night of April 16-17, a French air squadron, composed of nine machines, executed certain important bombing operations in the region of Condans, Pagny, Arnaville and Rombach. Projectiles were dropped as follows: "Twelve shells on the railroad station at Condans; sixteen on the factory at Rombach; eight on the railroad station at Arnaville; and eleven on the railroad line at Pagny and Arn.

"During the night of April 15-16, a French armed aeroplane flying over the North sea at an altitude of 300 feet threw sixteen shells at a vessel of the enemy. Eleven of these missiles found their mark. "Raids by two French aero squadrons stationed on the Saloniki front are reported in a Havas despatch from Athens. One squadron dropped bombs Sunday morning on Bulgarian forces assembled at Strumitsa station. The other attack was made on German positions at Bogdanze. Both squadrons returned undamaged.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ENGAGE IN MUTINY

BERLIN, April 17.—The Overseas News Agency today made public the following: "Russian soldiers at Nikolayevak, government of Samara, mutinied and set fire to the barracks. Twenty-seven soldiers perished in the flames. The men complained of ill treatment by their officers."

NEW COUNCIL TO MEET. The new city council will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Committees for the year will be announced and police and fire department officers appointed. Will H. Cole assumed the duties of city clerk this morning. L. Harper Rogers went on the job as city treasurer. Edward J. Doyle is looking after the streets as street superintendent.

Pittsburg Collegians and the Chinese University teams.

BINDER TWINE SOUGHT.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senator Ransdell, chairman of the committee investigating an alleged monopoly to control the output of sisal, announced Monday that the federal trade commission would be asked to suspend the disposal of the 125,000 bales now in Yucatan in order to insure a sufficient supply of binder twine for the American harvest.

OREGON PREACHER OPENS CAMPAIGN

The Rev. Samuel R. Hawkins Makes Fine Impression on Three Large Audiences.

The Rev. Samuel R. Hawkins, of Portland, Ore., opened an evangelistic campaign at the Central Christian church Sunday with three sermons, which were heard by large and attentive audiences. The evangelist made a fine impression. Although handicapped by the fact that he was suffering from a severe cold, his voice was plainly heard in all parts of the big church.

At the morning service, the Rev. Mr. Hawkins spoke on "Breaking the Ice." This sermon, as its title implies, referred to the opening of an evangelistic campaign. The speaker said that he hoped the ice here would be thin, and added that he believed it would be. The afternoon meeting was largely attended. War came in for discussion at the hands of the evangelist, who spoke on "War, Its Cause, Character and Cure." The sermon was a masterpiece of pulpit oratory and was delivered in a very forceful manner.

In the evening, the evangelist's subject was "The Blossom of Life." This meeting was the biggest of the day, the church being filled to its capacity.

Two converts came forward yesterday—something very unusual on the first day of such a campaign. An evangelist never gets "warmed up" in his work for at least three or four days and the fact that there were conversions on the Rev. Mr. Hawkins's opening day speaks volumes for his ability. The evangelist will speak tonight on "The Character of God." The campaign will probably last for three weeks or a month.