

INDIAN SCOUTS AT FRONT READY TO BEGIN HUNT

Maj. Gen. Funston Believes Apaches and New Aeroplanes Will Soon Ferret Out Bandit Chief.

VILLA REPORTED DYING FROM INFECTED WOUND

Later Dispatches Insist Reports of His Injury Are Authentic—One Rumor Declares Him Dead.

International News Service: SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 11.—Apache marauders have reached the advanced field base of Gen. Pershing "somewhere in Mexico," and will soon be in action. New aeroplanes are also on the way to the scene of operations against Francisco Villa.

Maj. Gen. Funston believes that with his Indian scouts and aeroplanes Villa will be unable to escape capture for any length of time unless he proceeds to the southern part of the state of Durango.

Funston made it clear today that there is no "dead line" in the hunt for Villa. "If Durango is sacred ground I know nothing of it," he said.

REPORT VILLA KILLED.

International News Service: QUERETARO, Mexico, April 10. (via Galveston, Texas, April 11.)—Rumors, as yet unconfirmed, reached the Mexican war office here today that Francisco Villa was killed in the last fight with Carranzistas near the town of Cieneguilla. Villa's men according to the rumor, were carrying his body as they continued their flight to the south.

War Minister Obregon at once wired the commanding officer at Chihuahua asking for a confirmation of the report, or a denial, but up to the time of sending this dispatch no reply had been received. The rumor, however, created a deep impression here.

The International News Service calls attention to the above dispatch, which is based on a rumor current in Queretaro. It is transmitted, therefore, with due reserve as to its authenticity.

MAY DIE OF INFECTION.

EL PASO, Texas, April 11.—Death from an infected wound may claim the life of Francisco Villa before the American troops still on the trail of the bandit chief, are able to overtake him, according to reports reaching El Paso today from Carranzista sources. These declare that earlier rumors that Villa was wounded had been fully confirmed and that he had been unable to get any medical attention during his rapid flight southward.

It is known that similar reports have reached Gen. Pershing, commander of the American expedition, but he has sent no official confirmation in his messages to the border. The Carranzistas have sources of information that the American troops do not have.

News from the American troops in southern Chihuahua was lacking today and interest on the border centered in the situation at Columbus, N. M., and in the hunt for Gen. Jose Ynez Salazar, the professional Mexican rebel, who disappeared from El Paso two days ago and was last reported crossing the border not far from this city. Secret service agents for both the Mexican and Carranzista governments are trying to get trace of Salazar and learn his plans.

Reports that the American troops concentrating at Columbus slept on their arms last night while increased guards patrolled the streets and more forces protected the lines of communication south of the town were connected with the disappearance of Salazar, are theories advanced in well informed quarters. Salazar had only a handful of men when he crossed the Rio Grande and disappeared in the hills south of the river, but the sleuths who have been investigating his recent movements declare he had received assurances that at least 500 more were awaiting him a few miles from the border.

Sixteen arrests were made during the night in connection with the Salazar investigation, but several of the prisoners were released as soon as they furnished a satisfactory accounting. Among those taken into custody were Gen. Marcelo Caraveo, formerly an ardent aide to the late Fasual Orozco, and El Fusio Baca, Salazar's personal attorney. Baca was freed, but it is understood that he is still under surveillance.

RELEASE HALF-ARMY.

LONDON, April 11.—A wireless dispatch from Rome states that half of the army mobilized by Greece will be temporarily released from service.

Mystery Veils Suicide of Joe Howard's Wife

International News Service: OMAHA, Neb., April 11.—Mystery today surrounded the suicide here last night of Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, wife of the actor, Joe Howard, and a partner of Michael Kitzka, of Chicago. Joe Howard, the husband, has disappeared, but is known to be in hiding in his hotel. The body of the dead wife is at the coroner's office waiting the arrival here this afternoon of Mr. Klugman, who is coming from Chicago. There will be no inquest, the coroner says. There were no callers at the morgue this morning except hundreds of the morbidly curious.

Mrs. Howard arrived here yesterday. Her husband is headliner on the Orpheum circuit. Despite what Howard says about the affair, it is known at the theater that he refused to see his wife until practically forced to do so. Then he had a talk of only a few minutes, behind the scenes and just previous to his going on the stage.

During the matinee Mrs. Howard sat close down front, as near the stage as she could get. In her lap she held a large muff. In the muff was concealed the revolver with which she later killed herself. While nothing is known absolutely of her intentions, theater attaches believe she intended shooting Howard from the floor of the theater and afterward taking her own life in the presence of the audience.

The pistol was brand new of small caliber. The price tag was still attached when it was picked up after the suicide. It is believed she brought this with her from Chicago and that she intended murder and suicide when she left her home for Omaha.

ALL U. S. MAIL INTO CANADA IS CENSORED

International News Service: DETROIT, Mich., April 11.—It became known today that all mail from the United States entering Windsor, Ont., Monday, was opened in the Windsor postoffice, read and then sealed with a small sticker bearing the printed word "Censored."

This is the first time since the European war began that a censorship has been exercised on United States mails going to Canada, and no statement could be secured from Canadian authorities as to the reason for the action taken except that "this is an important matter and we cannot discuss it."

SUBMARINE ROW IS NEARING CRISIS

Cabinet Admits German Denial of Responsibility Increases Gravity of Case.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 11.—For more than two hours the president and cabinet discussed the submarine question today. The question of what action this government can take in the face of German denial of responsibility for an attack on the channel steamer Sussex was thoroughly canvassed. Although the text of the German note was not at hand, the outline of it, as indicated in the messages sent by Ambassador Gerard and communicated to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff yesterday, was thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that there had been little improvement in the general situation, but until all of the information now en route to this country is in possession of the president and the state department no action will be taken, officials said.

"The situation remains extremely serious," one cabinet official said, "and we see little chance for improvement." The members of the cabinet were unusually serious on leaving. They intimated that the flat denial of Germany in the Sussex case failed utterly to "square" with any of the evidence compiled by United States sources in London and Paris, and that in the cases of other steamers under investigation, the German claims flatly contradicted sworn affidavits now in the possession of the United States.

"The preponderance of evidence is all against the German contentions and it is hard to believe that they are not made in good faith or that German submarine commanders are not dealing frankly with their government."

TO ISSUE FOURTH LOAN. International News Service: BUDAPEST, April 11.—The fourth Hungarian war loan will shortly be issued, according to information from Budapest. The government will also issue 2 1/2 per cent 10-year exchange bonds.

DECLINES TO ENTER PRIMARIES. MISSOULA, Mont., April 11.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt has sent a telegram to ex-Sen. Joseph M. Dixon declining to enter the presidential primaries in Montana.

Two Possible Candidates For G.O.P. Presidential Nomination



COL. ROOSEVELT & MAJ. GEN. WOOD AT FLOWER SHOW

Harding Looms Up as a Potential G.O.P. "Dark Horse"

Temporary Chairman of Convention Will be in Position to Stampede Delegates in Case of Deadlock.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 11.—U. S. Sen. Warren G. Harding of Ohio, who also was keeping mum, was William Alden Smith of Michigan, who was defeated for "favorite son" by Henry Ford. In this connection the political wiseacres do not regard the result in Michigan as much of a political barometer either of the Ford strength or the position of the middle west on preparedness. They figure that there will be a real test on both when Ford and Sen. Cummins hook up in the Nebraska primaries. In Nebraska the Estabrook campaign is now attracting attention and Sens. Norris and Hitchcock have both been asked whether certain factors of it, including alleged lavish expenditure, may not be fit subject for inquiry.

Penrose to State Position. Sen. Boies Penrose is expected shortly to make an announcement regarding his position and the Roosevelt boom. At the same time his friends claim he will demonstrate that he still is the dominant power in republican affairs in his state.

So far as the position of Justice Hughes is concerned all efforts to "comek him out" have utterly failed. A number of persons have tried in the last few days including some who have been intimately associated with the justice since he practiced law in New York city and before he became interested in politics, but to all he has returned the same courteous reply, that he is not taking any interest in politics.

His position in this respect, is very satisfactory to the anti-Roosevelt republicans as they figure that so long as the justice is a possibility he will retain a strength that later will be solidly lined up against the former president.

Late News Bulletins

International News Service: BOSTON, April 11.—The American Woolen Co. announced today a 10 per cent increase in wages to take effect April 17. It was announced that most of the other New England woolen and cotton mills will take similar action at once.

ALLEGED PLOTTERS SHOT. International News Service: EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—Charged with plotting an uprising against the Carranza government in Juarez, Florenz Chavarria and Jose Beruel were executed across the river today.

The men were blindfolded and placed before a firing squad.

International News Service: DAN-SH SHIP BLOWN UP. COPENHAGEN, April 11.—The Danish steamer Caledonia, 1,871 tons, has been blown up in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, it was announced today.

The war office issued the following statement announcing the execution: "A prisoner charged with espionage was tried by court martial on March 26, found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentence was carried out this morning."

YOUTHFUL GANG CHARGED WITH 100 ROBBERIES

Round-up of Five Boys and Young Men Living in Northwest Part of the City Clears Many Thefts.

POLICE RECOVER \$1,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY

Loot Includes Great Amount of Automobile Accessories—Expect to Get Two More.

Five boys, all less than 17 years old, and two young men are being held by the police department as members of the gang of thieves which has been operating in South Bend for the past 18 months. Stolen property valued at more than \$1,000, found in the possession of the boys when arrested is at detectives' headquarters and the prisoners have confessed to almost 100 robberies. Two other boys will be arrested this afternoon.

Those under arrest are: CLYDE LANDGRAF, 15 years old, 831 Leland av.; RUSSELL WILLIAMS, 15 years old, 802 Sherman av.; CLARENCE HANS, 14 years old, 906 Leland av.; CHRISTIAN NELSON, 15 years old, 1038 Blaine av.; HAROLD SMITH, 16 years old, California av.; PEWEY WOOLMAN, 14 Leland av., garage proprietor.

ROSS LANDGRAF, 21 years old, 831 Leland av., jitney bus driver. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Wallace Antisdale, 15 years old, 1115 Allen st., and Richard Robbe, living on Blaine av. It was expected that these boys would be arrested Tuesday afternoon along with at least four other who are said to be implicated in the wholesale robberies.

Boys Confess. According to the confessions of the boys and the property found in their possession they have been responsible for practically all of the automobile accessory and garage robberies committed in South Bend during the past year and a half. Tools, horns, automobile blankets and accessories of every description are in the possession of the police.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon 43 thefts from automobiles which have been committed during the last 18 months had been cleared up, according to Chief Kuespert. The property stolen in these 43 robberies had either been identified by the owners or through the reports kept on file at the police department.

In all 66 automobiles are known to have been committed by the gang of thieves, as stolen goods from as many places have been identified by owners. For over a year the police department has been attempting to get trace of the thieves who have been dealing tool boxes, robes, horns, clocks and other automobile accessories. Monday afternoon Sergeant William Barnhart and John Fallo of the detective department went to the home of Ross Landgraf. There they found a great amount of stolen property and indications that a number of persons were implicated in the robberies.

Immediately Chief Kuespert directed every man on the detective force to work upon the case. All night long the men searched the home of the boys under arrest, each place finding evidence which led them to other homes. At 6 o'clock Tuesday morning half a dozen of the alleged thieves were at the city jail and telling stories of the robberies.

Much of the property was found in a shed in the rear of the home of Clyde Landgraf, while it is asserted that Dewey Woolman, who operates a small garage on Leland av., has been buying the stolen property from the boys. Woolman is under arrest along with Ross Landgraf, on charges of receiving stolen property.

The boys admitted stealing goods from the lockers at the high school building and other property from the Y. M. C. A. These robberies have been a puzzle to the police department and other officials for months, as no trace of the thieves could ever be secured. They also admitted entering a number of garages and stealing much of the property that has been taken from automobiles left standing along the streets.

It is believed that very little of the property has been disposed of. Practically all of it was of such a nature as not to be easily sold, although the police find many pieces of tool kits and other such outfits missing. Thus far it has been absolutely impossible to make up any list of the robberies in which the gang has been implicated. At the present time the police and detective department is being kept busy.

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PROGRESS of the War

International News Service: LONDON, April 11.—The British steamship Ellaston has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew was picked up and landed today. The Ellaston was unarmed. The lost steamship, a vessel of 3,796 tons, was last reported as having sailed from Philadelphia to Queenstown.

International News Service: BERLIN, April 11.—Reprise of French attacks all along the Verdun front were announced by the German war office this afternoon. Although the war office enumerates additional prisoners that have been captured by the Germans in the fighting in the Verdun sector, no claims as to fresh advances by the crown prince's army are made.

Counter attacks by the British with grenades south of St. Eloi, after careful preparation with artillery, were repulsed. In the Argonne French trenches were damaged by mines which the French themselves set off. In West Flanders two more allied aeroplanes have been shot down.

International News Service: LONDON, April 11.—The Italian steamer Unione has been torpedoed, according to an announcement by Lloyd's. The Unione plied between Italian and South American ports. The steamer displaced 2,367 tons, was built in 1895 and hailed from Spezia.

International News Service: ROME, April 11.—The Italian government has recalled to the colors cavalrymen of the class of 1890; field artillerymen of the classes of 1882 and 1883; mounted artillerymen of the classes of 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1886 and all territorials belonging to the cavalry, artillery and engineering divisions of the classes of 1882 to 1885 inclusive. They are to report April 16.

TO SEND MORE TROOPS TO AD. GEN. PERSHING

Villa's Rapid Flight Makes Reinforcements For Americans Necessary.

PAGE ONE—TO SEND MORE TROOPS TO AD. GEN. PERSHING

WASHINGTON, April 11.—There is every indication in war department circles today that immediate reinforcements will be sent into Mexico to strengthen Gen. Pershing's forces in pursuit of Pancho Villa. The news that Villa and his bandits have eluded their American pursuers and dashed 50 miles ahead into Durango added to the grave concern felt by army officers.

It was realized that more and more of Gen. Pershing's command must be withheld from the head of the column to guard the all-important line of communications. With Villa now 50 miles ahead of his pursuers, and Gen. Pershing unable to place much dependence upon the Mexican railroads in maintaining his communications, seasoned veterans today declared that the chances of running down the outlaw with the present American forces daily grow more remote.

Gen. Scott, chief-of-staff, stated today that there are left along the border approximately 15,500 troops. As the number stationed along the border and sent there since the chase for Villa was begun was about 20,000, it is believed there are about 12,000 now in Mexico. By far the largest part of those are guarding the line of communication between Columbus, N. M., and Gen. Pershing's field bases.

The next step probably will be to withdraw some of the American forces now patrolling the Mexican border and send them down through Chihuahua to strengthen Pershing's ever-lengthening lines. The reported declaration of Gen. Jose Ynez Salazar, former Huerta commander, that he will take the field against the American invaders, has caused no little concern. Likewise, the probable juncture soon in Durango of the Villa forces with those of Gen. Canuto Reyher has brought the seriousness of the plight of Gen. Pershing's command home to officials here in its full seriousness.

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HOLLAND IS ASSURED OF ALLIES' INTENTIONS. International News Service: THE HAGUE, April 11.—The Dutch foreign office was assured today by the French minister that neither France nor any of the other allied nations has any intention of violating Holland's neutrality. These assurances were called forth by the war preparations of Holland and the reports from Berlin that one of the entente powers is preparing to strike at Germany through Holland.

New Superintendent Of Local Schools



JOHN F. NUNER.

GERMANS CAPTURE 36,000 PRISONERS

Berlin Official Announcement Claims Heavy French Losses at Verdun.

International News Service: BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless,) April 11.—More than 36,000 prisoners have been captured by the Germans on the Verdun front since the great battle for the French fortress opened 51 days ago. Official announcement of the number of prisoners taken was made today through the Overseas News agency.

It is understood by German military critics that the French have lost nearly 150,000 men in killed and wounded. West of the Meuse river about 25 square kilometres of territory have been captured.

German newspapers now point out that the French report having evacuated Bethincourt, "according to a previous plan." However, in this connection it is pertinent to point to an order found upon a French officer which says: "This important place (Bethincourt) must be held under all circumstances."

The fact that more than 700 wounded French prisoners were taken and many more than that were killed or wounded is proof that the French plan of evacuation could not have been perfectly carried out.

According to the French war office the new French front lies from the southern corner of Avocourt forest along the first slopes of the Hill No. 304 on the southern slope of Forges brook, northeast of Haucourt, thence eastward and south of the point where the Bethincourt-Esnes road and the Bethincourt-Chattancourt roads cross and north of Cumières to the Meuse river.

Fortifications Destroyed. As reported by the German war office the fortifications of the village of Avocourt, south of Avocourt forest, were destroyed by the German guns. Methodically, but with the certainty of a well regulated machine, the Germans are smashing their way forward on both sides of the Meuse and to borrow the expression of an enemy general, they are "ribbling" their way into Verdun.

Fresh troops are continually being sent to the front to relieve the veterans who have played their part in previous storm assaults. A division and a half of reinforcements has just been sent to Maiancourt front to take part in the drive against Hill No. 304 which now forms a modified salient in the German line.

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NUNER NAMED AS SOUTH BEND SCHOOL HEAD

Mishawaka Man is Chosen by School Board for Superintendency Succeeding L. J. Montgomery.

WILL ASSUME DUTIES HERE ON AUGUST 1

Contract Calls For Year of Service at Salary of \$3,800—Appointee Was in Mishawaka 14 Years.

John F. Nuner, superintendent of the Mishawaka public schools, has been appointed superintendent of the local schools, to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of E. H. Rupel and William Clem, members of the board of education, to reappoint L. J. Montgomery. Mr. Nuner will begin his work here Aug. 1. H. G. Imel, acting superintendent, who was named by the board when Mr. Montgomery resigned, will probably be in charge of the schools until that time.

Although the appointment of Mr. Nuner was not put on the school board records until Monday night, it was decided upon by the three members of the board, C. P. Drummond, E. H. Rupel and William Clem, several days ago. He has been considered as one of the likely candidates for the position ever since the school trouble started, two months ago.

His familiarity with the school situation in South Bend together with his reputation as an educator, are given by the school board as reasons for his appointment over the 26 or more reported applicants. Mr. Nuner has been in school work since 1896 when he was graduated from the Indiana State Normal school at Terre Haute.

He attended Indiana university for a short time and later returned to his work as a teacher. His first position was as an instructor in a country school. He was advanced to a position as a grade teacher and later took up high school work at Montpelier.

Taught Mathematics. In 1902 Mr. Nuner went to Mishawaka as a mathematics teacher in the high school. The following year he was made superintendent and has held that position ever since. During his superintendency the present Mishawaka high school was constructed and many improvements have been made in the school system. He is 43 years old.

Mr. Nuner's contract with the Mishawaka school city expires this year, but it is understood that he was to be reappointed to the office. The Mishawaka board of education was unable to pay \$3,800 a year, the salary Mr. Nuner will receive here, and he accepted the South Bend position.

During the summer the new superintendent has been attending school at the University of Chicago, taking a bachelor of science degree there in 1912. Since that time he has been continuing his work through the extension department and soon will be given his master's degree.

According to C. P. Drummond, president of the board of education, Mr. Nuner's active work in all parts of the school system makes him especially qualified for the South Bend superintendency. During the investigation of the various applicants which the board made it was learned that Mr. Nuner was considered throughout in this section of the country as an efficient school man.

Mr. Nuner did not make a formal application for the position when it first became known that Mr. Montgomery would not be here next year. Members of the school board held a conference with him and asked him if he would consider the appointment, but the superintendency was not offered to him at that time.

Three Others Applicants. Besides Mr. Nuner three other applicants were given serious consideration by the school board. John F. Thomas, superintendent of the Detroit Normal school, Louis P. Benzene, superintendent of the LaCrosse, Wis., public schools, and Frank A. Gause, superintendent of the Bay City, Mich., schools, were visited by members of the board.

It was decided sometime ago by the board that the superintendent would be chosen from among these four men. All of them are well known in an educational way. Investigations of their schools were made and all of them visited the South Bend system.

As is customary, Mr. Nuner has been given a one-year contract. Mr. Montgomery was brought to this city from Wisconsin under a contract for the same term, but it was renewed for three years when it expired. Mr. Nuner said Tuesday morning (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)