

DEAD BODY MAY BE THE RIGHT ONE

VILLA DEAD TWO WEEKS ACCORDING TO MEXICANS

Is Said to Have Died After Amputation of Leg and Buried in Lonely Grave Up on the Mountain.

AMERICANS MUST IDENTIFY THE CORPSE

Pursuit of the Outlaw Will Not be Terminated Unless the Body is Proven to be That of Pancho.

[By E. T. Conkle, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

EL PASO, Texas, April 17.—Villa may be dead as reported. But American army officials here early today were anxious that the body of the bandit leader be identified by Americans in addition to the identifications by Mexicans.

A train left Juarez for Chihuahua before dawn today with a small group of Americans, including a number who knew him intimately. They expected to meet at Chihuahua the body exhumed from the lonely grave in the mountains west of Atevo which authorities believe that of Villa. The grave was pointed out by a former Villista colonel in return for amnesty. It is generally supposed here that if Villa is dead the American soldiers will soon be withdrawn from Mexico.

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General Pershing knows Villa. Pershing was near the spot where the supposed body of Villa was exhumed. If he was not asked to identify the remains, it is hoped that he may be able to report something definite about the circumstances of Villa's end.

The story from unconfirmed Mexican sources is that Villa died two weeks ago following the amputation of his right leg due to a wound suffered in the fight with the Guerrero Carranzista garrison on March 28. He was said to have been secretly buried by a few of his men. Some of the Americans who left for Chihuahua, marched with Villa for months during his campaigns against Huerta and know practically his every physical peculiarity. Unless the corpse is badly mutilated or decomposed, they will not be deceived.

American officials have feared since Villa was first reported dead or dying that Mexicans might produce a body said to be Villa's, make a hurried identification and then bury it as a means of terminating the United States expedition's presence on Mexican soil. Carlos Carranza, a nephew of the defacto government's chief, headed the Carranza detachment which located the supposed body of Villa.

They are understood to be bringing the remains on a special train due in Chihuahua today. As a number of officials there know Villa intimately, identification is expected immediately after Carlos Carranza arrives in Chihuahua with the body. All indications are that this story of Villa's end is reliable, although as yet not officially confirmed. Villa was once treated by El Paso specialists for a virulent blood disease. These experts now declare that if wounded by a bullet, gangrene would have followed unless the wound received skilful attention. There was no competent surgeon with Villa's band or in the territory around Guerrero. The village doctor reported to have operated on Villa, was believed to have been crude.

"It's a four to one shot that the body is Villa's," said Carranza Consul Garcia. "I cannot say that I positively know he is dead, but I have asked to have the body sent to Juarez so Americans here can satisfy themselves."

Rioting reported at Chihuahua and at first attributed to the excitement

over Villa's rumored death, is now said to have been due to hunger of the populace. Small wages and famine prices induced by large purchases for the American troops south of Chihuahua combined to place food out of reach of the poor in the city.

The reported riots and looting in Chihuahua were not directed against American residents, according to the advices. The messages also suggested that the depreciated value of Carranza currency was causing a food shortage among the Carranza garrison.

A number of American newspapermen and movie camera operators who desired to go to Chihuahua to view Villa's supposed body, were refused aid by Carranza Consul Garcia. He refused to give them any documents showing their identity and notified them that the Carranza government would not be responsible for their safety.

Still Sending Supplies. COLUMBUS, N. M., April 17.—Enormous reserve rations have been rushed to the United States troops in Mexico as a precautionary measure, an official of the quartermasters corps said today.

"There are enough food and supplies now in the field to carry the army to May 15, if no more is shipped," he stated. General Pershing ordered the reserve supplies, also urgently calling for civilian scouts acquainted with the region south of Parral. To the officers here this indicated the report of Villa's body found had not been confirmed and that Pershing intended to push farther south.

Fifty thousand reserve rations were rushed to the expeditionary forces in the last two days. Thousands of pairs of shoes and new clothing were transported at the same time. Several carloads of gasoline were forwarded in tank trucks. Nearly four hundred tons of food stuffs left the base camp here in three motor truck trains Sunday. The last six truck caravans carrying another vast supply of food, left the base today.

Report is Believed. MEXICO CITY, April 17.—War Minister Obregon today telegraphed to Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, asking him to confirm, if possible, the report that Villa's body has been found.

In view of the numerous telegraphic reports from Chihuahua, City and Juarez, officials were inclined to believe the news may be true.

It was pointed out, however, that similar reports have been spread by the Villistas to slacken the pursuit of the bandit leader and have been found to be false.

General Carranza, busy with the festivities arranged in honor of his arrival, would make no comment today, either on the report of Villa's death, or on the negotiations with the United States.

May Have Been a Plot. WASHINGTON, April 17.—Whether American troops were led into Parral.

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GERMANY

BERLIN, April 17.—The lull in the Verdun fighting continued last night. The war office announced this afternoon that nothing of importance has occurred on the entire west front. On the east front the Russians were active around the Dvinsk bridgehead.

"Near Pervyse, German anti-aircraft guns shot down a Belgian aeroplane, which barely fell behind the Belgian front," said the official statement. "German artillery fire destroyed another aeroplane.

"Northwest of Peronne, Lieutenant Berthold shot down a British biplane, killing the pilot and seriously wounding the observer. This was the fifth aeroplane shot down by Berthold."

RUSSIANS IN MUTINY. BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) April 17.—Russian soldiers at Nikolajevsk mutinied, on account of ill-treatment by their officers and set fire to the barracks, Berlin newspapers reported today. Twenty-seven soldiers perished in the flames.

NO SPECIAL MATTERS. BERLIN, April 17.—No special questions were discussed during the visit in Berlin of Baron Burián, Austrian foreign minister, it was stated officially today. Baron Burián left last night for Vienna.

DUTCH PROTEST. BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville) April 17.—The Dutch government has sent a protest to England against the detention of Dutch mail, alleging that registered letters containing valuables have been detained, dispatches from The Hague reported today. The Dutch government demands the return of letters and compensation. A similar note was addressed to France.

PROHIBITED BY DUTCH. BERLIN, April 17.—German steamers seized by Portugal will not be permitted to enter Dutch ports according to dispatches received here today. Dutch commission having so decided after discussing the legal aspects of the seizure.

ENGLAND

LONDON, April 17.—The Norwegian steamer Glendoon has been shelled and sunk. The British steamer, an unarmed merchantman, has been sunk.

Shipping registers do not list the Glendoon. The Harrovian displaces 4,309 tons and is 385 feet long. She was built in 1914 and owned in London.

THREE CHURCHES SET ON FIRE. Incendiary at Waterloo Failed to Accomplish His Most Evil Purpose.

WATERLOO, Iowa, April 17.—Religiously inclined citizens said today that providence interposed to save three churches set afire by an incendiary last night, the Universalist, First Presbyterian and the First Evangelical churches. The First Evangelical was set on fire in ten places in the library and choir room and a hole was burned in the floor but the fire later died out. The fire was discovered soon after it was started in the other two churches.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17.—Edward Glenoris, an inmate of the Rhode Island state prison, has told the police that he helped bury the body of Dorothy Arnold, missing New York heiress after she was murdered, officials announced today. An investigation of Glenoris' story was begun at once.

Glenoris swore that a plot to dispose of Miss Arnold's body was framed in a Seventh avenue saloon. He swore that a mysterious man, possessing great wealth, hired him and another man to go to New Rochelle. He was to have received \$250 for standing guard while his "pal" disposed of the body.

Glenoris claims that he rode in a limousine with the missing Arnold girl and that he is certain of her identity. He said he was present when she was buried in the cellar of a house near West Point.

"If I dared, I could name the man who was hired with me," declared the prisoner. "My life would be worth little when the gang that hangs around the Seventh avenue saloon knows I told my part of the job."

NEW YORK, April 17.—The New York police this afternoon expected to investigate a story of a Rhode Island state convict that he helped bury Dorothy Arnold, New York heiress who disappeared mysteriously six years ago, but were skeptical. The missing girl's father, Francis R. Arnold, regarded the convict's story as "utter nonsense."

Edward Glenoris, an inmate of the state prison at Providence, made the confession, moved, he said, by a troubled conscience, and the fact that he "got religion" a few weeks ago.

FRANCE

PARIS, April 17.—German artillery directed a violent cannonade against French positions on the west bank of the Meuse last night, but there were no important infantry fights in the Verdun front, the war office reported today.

The bombardment was particularly violent in Avoucourt wood, where the Germans have been shooting French works heavily since Saturday morning on Dead Man's hill and in Cumleres wood.

The French did not return to the attack on the east bank of the Meuse where a sudden charge Saturday night resulted in the capture of German trench positions south of Douaumont with 200 prisoners. The night was calm on this front, excepting south of Haudromont, where artillery on both sides was active.

SIXTEEN BOMBS. PARIS, April 17.—A French aviator dropped sixteen bombs from an altitude of only 100 yards on the deck of a German warship in the North sea, the war office announced this afternoon. The French plane flew so low that it is believed the bombardment had good effect.

Aviators were active last night on the Verdun front and east of the fortress, despite the heavy fog. French air squadrons bombarded the railway stations at Conflans, Pagny, Arneville and Rompach.

PREMONT, Iowa, April 17.—Raymond Chacey, 23, and Ralph Myers, 28, proprietors of the Gem cafe here, were badly injured this morning when a high pressure soda water tank exploded after it had been filled with carbonic acid gas.

Chacey suffered the loss of the left leg just below the knee. He received several minor injuries when he was thrown against the ceiling. Myers' right leg was shattered by bits of steel from the tank. His heel was torn off and doctors say that amputation of his leg just below the hip will be probable.

The tank which the men were filling is believed to have been defective.

GIRL WAS SHOT BY A BURGLAR. Found With a Bullet in Her Breast at Early Hour in the Morning.

DES MOINES, April 17.—Miss Anita Craft, 17, found with a bullet wound in her breast in her home early yesterday, had not attempted suicide because her mother reprimanded her for late hours, but was the victim of a robber according to her step-father, George S. Powlinson today. He says the girl came into his room at 3:30 Sunday morning and said as she faintly: "Oh, that terrible man."

In the dining room Powlinson said he found the chairs overturned, the window open and silver drawers of the buffet opened. The girl still unable to talk, is in a precarious condition at the hospital.

Governor Peck is Dead. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 17.—George W. Peck, former governor of Wisconsin and author of "Peck's Bad Boy," is dead here today.

BALKANS

SALONIKA, April 17.—French air flotillas bombarded enemy camps at Strumitza and Bogantli Sunday.

GREECE ON THE EDGE. LONDON, April 17.—Decisive steps by the allies have forced a new crisis at Athens with the possibility that Greece may find herself thrust into the war against her will.

Over-riding the objections of the Greek government, the allies have begun transporting Serbian troops overland by rail from Corfu to Salonika. The Austrian and German governments, according to Athens dispatches today, protested several days ago that they would regard it as a deliberately unfriendly act if Greece permitted this troop movement.

A French correspondent at Athens reported today that King Constantine is incensed at the action of the allies and may attempt to stop the transportation of Serbian troops by a show of arms.

The allies did not want to transport the newly equipped Serbian army from the island of Corfu to Salonika by water, because of the danger from Austro-German submarines. They therefore suggested to Premier Skoulioudis that the Serbian troops be sent to Patras by steamer and then transported by rail.

The Greek prime minister sounded out the German and Austrian ministers on this suggestion. They telegraphed their governments and received immediate replies that both Germany and Austria would consider that Greece had overstepped the bounds of neutrality if she acquiesced in the allies' suggestion.

This information was at once communicated to the ministers of the allies. Premier Skoulioudis announced that Serbian troops would have to pass through Piraeus, the port of Athens, in a movement by rail and that their presence near the capital might inflame the people with violent demonstrations.

The allies, however, proceeded with their arrangements and the first Serbian detachment to be landed at Patris reached Salonika on Saturday.

ROME, April 17.—Plans for an Austrian offensive against the Albanian port of Valona have been abandoned because of activities along the Italian and Russian fronts, it was learned here today.

The Austrians are moving troops southward through Albania when the Russians and Italians simultaneously attacked Austrian lines. The troop movements were stopped and part of the Austrian forces were sent back to the Isonzo, where they have been seen in action. General Porro, second in command of the Italian army, has returned from an inspection of the Italian defenses of Valona.

Good Excuse to Boost Prices. WASHINGTON, April 17.—Fruit from the south will not come north in any great quantity or in condition to eat if the shortage in refrigerator cars is not overcome, the interstate commerce commission announced today. Railroads are urged to return to the owning lines all refrigerator cars in their possession. One line that will handle a large part of the fruit crop has hundreds of cars out and reports being unable to get them back.

NO TIME FOR CHURCH THESE STIRRING DAYS

President Wilson Compelled to Work on Sunday in Attempt to Straighten Out the Tangles.

GERMANY DOES NOT WANT A BREAK

Submarine Issue Must be Brought to a Close One Way or Another Within a Few Hours.

[By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson was again at work in his study early today—on America's indictment of Germany. He worked much of yesterday, breaking his custom of attending church, and had worked all day and part of Saturday night, despite his habit of getting away from the white house on the last day of the week. The final draft of the communication to Berlin on the whole submarine question was believed about complete.

The schedule of engagements for the president today mentioned no prospective conferences with members of the house and senate foreign affairs committee. With the exception of a short greeting to the Daughters of the American Revolution, who open their convention here this afternoon, the president's calendar, however, is clear after one o'clock, permitting of calling Senator Stone, Representative Flood and any other of the foreign relations committee members to the white house this afternoon. Unofficial reports continue to pour into Washington from Berlin, indicating strongly that Germany will go the limit to avoid a break with the United States. It is known that important cable messages have been received from Ambassador Gerard during the last twenty-four hours, outlining the feeling in Berlin on the pending negotiations. There is, however, no apparent change in the intentions of this government to go ahead with its policy to bring to an immediate head some physical action by Germany, proving beyond any question of doubt her desire to keep faith and friendly relations with the United States.

While the communication will probably be on the cables late tonight or early tomorrow, it is not likely that its contents will be made public before Wednesday or Thursday. The message is described as official notice to Germany that continuance of friendly relations depends now on action rather than words. With this, the suggestion is carried that promises of reparation and punishment of commander in the Sussex incident will not suffice, that the position of this government on the submarine question is based on complete review of U boat activities extending from the time the Lusitania was sunk. Belief is expressed in official circles that there must be an entire change by Germany in undersea fighting if hope is to be held out for future friendly intercourse between the two nations.

Unofficial reports from Berlin that Germany is prepared to meet this government's position in the Sussex case, having official expression that this would not be enough and that a more comprehensive settlement is wanted.

American Wounded. WASHINGTON, April 17.—One American was wounded by shrapnel and another escaped uninjured when the Russian ship Imperator, lumber laden, Gulfport, Miss., to Marseilles, was fired upon and then set ablaze.

Jingoes Expelled. WASHINGTON, April 17.—General Obregon, military head of the defacto government in Mexico City it was learned here today has ordered expelled from the country all Mexican and foreign speculators who are convicted of conspiring to hold down the value of Carranza currency.

These speculators, it was stated, authoritatively have been carrying out a systematic scheme of disseminating rumors of intervention and clashes that never occurred between Carranza and American soldiers.

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Dorothy Arnold's Body Buried in Cellar of West Point House

Dorothy Arnold disappeared nearly six years ago.

Father is Doubtful. NEW YORK, April 17.—Francis B. Arnold, father of the missing Dorothy Arnold, said this afternoon that he takes no stock in the story of a convict in the state prison that he helped bury his daughter's body.

"So far it appears on the face of the man's story, he is talking utter nonsense," said Arnold.

Story is Filmy. NEW YORK, April 17.—The New York police this afternoon expected to investigate a story of a Rhode Island state convict that he helped bury Dorothy Arnold, New York heiress who disappeared mysteriously six years ago, but were skeptical. The missing girl's father, Francis R. Arnold, regarded the convict's story as "utter nonsense."

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Glenoris said the girl died as the result of an operation. He said he and another man were hired to help bury the girl and that he was paid \$250. A wealthy New Yorker, he said, sent a taxicab to a Seventh avenue saloon in New York where arrangements were made for the secret burial. The New Yorker, he said, buried the girl with his own hands in the cellar of a house outside West Point.

The local police will probably send a man to Providence to check up on the convict's statement and try to definitely locate the Seventh avenue saloon he mentions.

Reports from Providence this afternoon said that when Glenoris was interviewed by reporters, he became confused and refused to admit making the confession. Warden Davis has declared the prisoner came to him, saying he wanted to clear his conscience and told the story. Glenoris is reported to have served terms in Elmira, Sing Sing and Auburn prisons. He is now imprisoned for having threatened the life of a Providence millionaire, the charge against him being extortion.

THIRD PARTY TALK IS GROWING LOUDER

Spreckles' Money and Ford's Popularity Are Behind the Movement.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Just returned from the west where he spoke in all of the larger cities against military preparedness, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise declared today that a well defined movement exists throughout the west to form a third party with "pro-

gressivism and anti-militarism" as a basis.

The presidential possibilities of this party are Henry Ford, Frank Walsh and Herbert Bigelow, of Ohio, Wise said. Rudolph Spreckles, of San Francisco is one of the larger financial influences back of the movement which may crystallize within the next few weeks, Dr. Wise said.

"I am convinced," he stated, "that a referendum vote would show the great majority of the people opposed to plunging the nation into the militarist maelstrom."

THE BRIDE AND GROOM WEIGHED ONLY 141 POUNDS

Midgets Married in Circus Ring With Freaks as the Chief Witnesses.

NEW YORK, April 17.—While the hon roared an accompaniment to a calliope's march, Francis Short and Miss Elsie Reineking were made man and wife in the most unusual wedding New York has ever seen. The pair are midgets with a big circus

and were married in the center of the ring with two witnesses on one pair of legs—the double bodied man performing the function.

A giant, six times the size of the bridegroom was best man and the bride came only to the knee of the bridesmaid a giantess. The happy pair were washed well by glass eaters, sworn swallowers, long whiskered men, bearded ladies, Circusian girls, fat boys and a few undistinguished by physical peculiarity.

The groom is a 72 pounder and the bride weighs 69.