

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BE MADE IN VILLA HUNT; OFFICERS DO NOT BELIEVE REPORTS OF HIS DEATH

BANDIT CHIEF IS BELIEVED TO BE HIDING IN SIERRA MADERA HEIGHTS; EXPEDITION FAR BEYOND PARRAL

Reinforcements Either Will be Sent to Pershing or Shorter Route Will be Chosen—Limited Use is Made of Railroads.

San Antonio, Tex., April 12.—General Funston announced that a change would be made in the plan for the distribution of the expedition force as rapidly as the limited use of the line will permit. This, coupled with General Pershing's action in moving his headquarters to Saco, 40 miles south of Chihuahua, on the same day that the report of Villa's death was given wide circulation, is taken as an indication that army officials do not place credence in the report.

THINK VILLA IS HIDING IN MOUNTAINS.
El Paso, Tex., April 12.—Masking his trail with the deluding fiction, spread broadcast by Mexican press that he is dead of his wounds, Villa is thought by Mexican military officers in Juarez to be safely hidden in the Sierra Madera mountains, while the American cavalry is pursuing the rear guard and of Villa bandits, whose strategy is to beguile Villa's pursuers away from the hiding place of their chief.

LIMITED USE OF RAILROADS.
San Antonio, Tex., April 12.—Supplies are being shipped to Ocas Granas over the Mexico Northwest railroad for the distribution to the expedition force as rapidly as the limited use of the line will permit. This, coupled with General Pershing's action in moving his headquarters to Saco, 40 miles south of Chihuahua, on the same day that the report of Villa's death was given wide circulation, is taken as an indication that army officials do not place credence in the report.

DETAILS OF BATTLE FIGHTING.
Torreon, April 12.—Details of the five-hour battle between the Carranza garrison at Pasa, Durango, and an attacking force composed of Contreras and Contreras bandits, were brought here. The outlaws fled in disorder into the hills of the Namsa district after losing 70 killed, it is reported. The de facto troops had four dead.

U. S. TROOPS BEYOND PARRAL.
El Paso, Tex., April 12.—That the American expeditionary force has penetrated far beyond Parral and is near, if not actually at the Chihuahua-Durango border line, is indicated in the dispatches received here by private concerns with interests in the Parral district. These dispatches said the American advance columns now are at a temporary base near Parral, and that a motor truck train had delivered supplies at this base.

SENORA WANTED TO KILL VILLA.
Parral, April 12.—Two widows of Carranza officers slain by Villa near here passed through camp en route to Chihuahua. One was Senora Innocente Rivera, 18 years old, and the other was Senora Tomas Milan, 20 years old. "I wished to kill Villa myself," said Senora Rivera. "So they are sending me away from this part of the country." The senora had been married three months when her husband was killed by the Villa forces that rushed the Carranza garrison at Saco, March 28. The 16-year-old bride was in Mexico at a dance that night, while her husband, a colonel, was on duty in Guerrero.

VILLA BELIEVED TO BE IN DURANGO.
El Paso, April 12.—It seems certain now that Villa, if he still lives, has passed into the mountain fastnesses of Durango and that he is in a position to get in touch with the scattered bands of forces of that district. It is the belief here that the forces of Colonel Dodd and Colonel Brown have not yet passed the Durango line, but have remained in touch with their supplies at Parral, without lengthening the line of communication to the danger point.

THREE KILLED IN EXPLOSION FAMOUS AUTHOR DIES SUDDENLY

Dupont Powder Plant at Nemours, Va., Destroyed Today. Stricken While at Telephone.

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed, a workman and two children, when the plant of the Dupont Powder company at Nemours, Mercer county, was blown to pieces by four explosions. The force of the explosion was such that houses in the little village were wrecked, and the sound could plainly be heard here, a distance of eight miles. The dead children were burned in the ruins of their home, near the powder mill. The principal damage done was by the first explosion, which is said to have completely destroyed the building in which it occurred. The plant has been working day and night on war orders. The details of the explosion are lacking, as Nemours is located in a wild country, and all wires leading to the town were torn down by the explosion.

NEW INFORMATION IN HYDE ACTION

Kansas City, April 12.—Dr. B. Clarke Hyde was arraigned last yesterday on a new information filed Monday charging him with the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist. Dr. Hyde waived reading of the warrant and his preliminary hearing was set for April 21. He was released on bond of \$10,000. The accused physician appeared voluntarily in Justice Clark's court, the same court in which the new warrant was filed earlier in the day by Floyd Jacobs, prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. It charges Dr. Hyde with having caused the death of Colonel Swope by the use of strychnine and cyanide of potassium. The previous information on which he had been tried three times charged use of strychnine and other unknown poisons.

UNIVERSITY READINGS.
7 a. m., 43; maximum, 54; minimum, 29; barometer, 29.78.
WEATHER FORECAST.
North Dakota: Unsettled weather and colder tonight with rain or snow Thursday. Windy with rain or snow Friday. Wind from the southwest, 14 miles; precipitation, .21.

LEWIS ADMITS KILLING OFFICER

St. Louis Police Say Suspect Arrested Saturday Confessed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 12.—Joe Roy Lewis, arrested here Saturday as a suspect in connection with the murder of Motorcyclist, Policeman Jean McKenna, has confessed, according to the police, that he was one of the men arrested by McKenna and by one of whom McKenna was slain. He also admitted the role as to the murder of Dillon. Joe Roy Lewis, in his alleged confession, said that his brother, Ora, who was arrested with him by McKenna, shot the policeman after the latter had disarmed Joe Roy, and that his brother, Ora, and Frank killed the patrolman after he had followed them into their place to search for the murderers of McKenna. According to the confession, Joe Roy had no part in the actual killing of either officer.

GERMANY MUST ANNEX TERRITORY, SAYS SOCIALIST



Herr Scheldemann. Speaking for the Socialist party before the German reichstag recently, Herr Scheldemann declared that anyone who believed that after all the sacrifices Germany had made, no boundary stone would be moved anywhere, and the status quo ante restored, must be a child politically. The majority of the German Socialists demand that the war shall be carried to a triumphant conclusion, no matter what the cost in blood and treasure.

AUTHOR FOR JOB IN WAR OFFICE

Washington, April 12.—Meredith Nicholson of Indianapolis, an author, practically has been agreed upon by President Wilson and Secretary Baker for appointment as assistant secretary of war. Mr. Nicholson is a close personal friend of Mr. Baker and is understood to have the support of Vice President Marshall.

TO ASSIST IN HUNT FOR THE BANDIT CHIEF

General Gomez, de Facto Commander, to take Force Into Chihuahua.

Douglas, Ariz., April 12.—General Arana Gomez, commanding the de facto Mexican troops which have gathered on the Sonora-Chihuahua border for the announced purpose of guarding the mountain passes, is quoted by Mexican friends in Agua Prieta as having told them he would enter Chihuahua this week at the end of a cavalry detachment of approximately 2,000 men. Gomez is said to have made this statement to several people in the Sonora town across from Douglas Monday while he was there for a short time to arrange for provisions and supplies for his column. Gomez is quoted as telling them that he would start Wednesday morning from his present base at Colonia Morelos, 65 miles southeast of Agua Prieta.

The route of the Gomez column will be through Pulpito pass, the same road followed by Villa's main army when it invaded Sonora last October.

Gomez is quoted as stating that he was originally instructed by General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, and commander in chief of the forces stationed in that state, to guard the mountain passes and prevent the entrance of Villa into Sonora. "I have become convinced that Villa will not attempt to enter Sonora and I am going into Chihuahua to help capture him," General Gomez is quoted as saying.

AVERT CRISIS IN CABINET

Threatened Break in Swedish Body Stopped by Agreement.

Stockholm, Via London, April 12.—The threatened cabinet crisis over the war trade bill has been averted by an agreement which was accepted by all the parties after a consultation with the cabinet. The firm attitude of the liberals and socialists compelled the government to considerably modify the bill, which will be ready Thursday.

The original slight to give the government arbitrary rights beyond parliamentary control regarding all arrangements for foreign trade and the transit of foreign goods through Sweden. It contained a provision that no person might enter into any sort of an agreement with a foreign nation regarding goods unless the arrangement was first approved by the government.

Stockholm dispatches said Premier Hammarskjold had threatened to resign if the bill were not passed without alteration. The socialists and liberals approved the measure in principle, but feared that its passage would take out of the hands of parliament any further legislative action if undesirable conditions should arise.

AWFUL CARNAGE AT VERDUN GOES ON AS GERMANS VAINLY TRY TO DISLODGE FRENCH FROM POSITION

GREECE REFUSES ENTENTE REQUEST

Berlin, April 12. (By wireless to Sayville, N. J.)—A report received from Athens is to the effect that the Greek government has refused the request of the Entente Powers for permission for the passage of troops through Greek territory from Corfu to Saloniki, saying that Corfu is infected with cholera, according to the Overseas News agency.

FINE WEATHER GREET'S BALL TEAMS TODAY

Boston Only City to Report Inclement Conditions for Opening.

New York, April 12.—With clear and fair weather reported from seven of the eight major league cities, the opening games of the baseball season will probably attract big attendances. Boston is the only city in either big league where inclement weather conditions prevailed.

As is the case each season, the two major leagues staged their opening games equally between the east and west. In the National league Boston will play at Brooklyn, New York at Philadelphia, Chicago at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at St. Louis, Detroit will open at Chicago, in the American league, St. Louis at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Boston, and Washington at New York.

More than usual interest centers in the first contests this season on account of the many changes in the personnel of the teams and the ownership of clubs which have taken place since the winning of the world's championship by the Boston Red Sox last October closed the season of 1915. In the interim after the Federal league abdicated to organized baseball, there followed a general distribution of the independent league players among major and minor circuits of baseball. Following this reconstruction period, the United States is now the big leagues in Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston and other points, and strenuous efforts were made to strengthen the majority of the sixteen major circuit clubs. In some cases the teams were virtually made over.

TEUTONS, AFTER GAS ATTACKS, RUSH FORWARD, UNMINDFUL OF TERRIFIC SLAUGHTER OF MEN

Lines Break Before Impregnable Positions of Defenders—French Troops Unfatigued by Frightful Demands Upon Soldiers.

Paris, April 12.—While bringing up reinforcements to resume their attack on Verdun, the Germans are trying to recover the ground regained by the French in Callette woods and also to the north between Douaumont and Vaux. The French positions there describe an arc from a point south of Douaumont fort to the center of the village of Vaux, a front of a little less than two miles in length. For three days the only actions on the east bank of the Meuse have been centered there, with habitual preparation in heavily concentrated artillery fire and with fighting touching in the form of a couple of hours of heavy shelling with sufficing, tear-provoking gas projectiles.

SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK ON TWO FLANKS.
After a bombardment with high explosives lasting eight hours, and the use of gas for another hour or two, the Germans would attack simultaneously on the two flanks. There was no visible diminution in their courage or ardor, and neither did the French show the slightest fatigue with the consequence that the unprecedented carnage of the battle of Verdun goes on.

ASSAULT RENEWED TODAY.
Paris, April 12.—The German assault on the Verdun front west of the Meuse was renewed this morning with great ferocity. Troops advanced on Cote de Camille, a point of Camille, the war office announced, using flame projectors lavishly, but were repulsed by artillery and machine gun fire. East of the Meuse, in the Douaumont-Vaux sector, there was only artillery fighting. The war office so announced that it had been confirmed that the German losses yesterday were extremely heavy.

GERMANS GAIN SOME GROUND.
Berlin, April 12.—The German troops in the operations against Verdun yesterday gained some ground in Callette woods, southeast of Fort Douaumont, according to the official statement issued by the German army headquarters.

BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY.
Berlin, April 12.—The British Mesopotamian force, composed of troops transferred from the Dardanelles, was repulsed by the Turkish troops in a sanguinary battle lasting six hours near Telabid, April 9, according to a Turkish dispatch. An important detail, according to the report, was that more than 3,000 British dead were counted after the battle.

REPUBLICANS BIG MINE DEAL HEAL BREACH IS ANNOUNCED

So Declares Senator Penrose Seven Million Dollar Transaction Includes Minnesota Property.

Lancaster, Pa., April 12.—United States Senator Penrose in an address last night at the annual banquet of the republican club of this city said that not since the civil war has the republican party faced such great responsibilities as will confront it in the approaching national campaign. In the announcement of principles and the selection of candidates, the senator said, the party must subordinate every personal interest or petty conflict of opinion that stands as an obstacle to the performance of its duty.

The feeling prevails among republican leaders, Senator Penrose said, "that this year is to force the candidacy of any individual. It may be stated with accuracy," he added, "that there are no candidates at the present time for the republican nomination in the usual acceptance of the term."

Expert Needed.
"One thought seems to stand out," the senator continued, "and that is that the country will require in the executive office a man of training and intimate familiarity with the business of the federal government and with its diplomatic and international affairs. This is not the time to entrust these vast responsibilities to anyone who is not an expert in governmental matters. The general sentiment of republicans throughout the United States is that the delegates to the national convention should be unpledged and uninstructed."

NOT TO RESIST HUDSON'S REMOVAL
New York, April 12.—Counsel for Clarence Hudson, alias Ernest Schiller, who "captured" the British freighter Matoppe at sea, decided not to resist his client's removal to Delaware to answer to a charge of piracy. The decision was based upon the discovery that there were grounds upon which Hudson could be deported to England, where he might be hanged for his exploit.

After Hudson's counsel had abandoned his plan of seeking a writ of habeas corpus, Judge Learned Hand signed a warrant upon which the German sympathizer will be taken to Delaware tomorrow.

DEBATE BEGINS.
Washington, April 12.—General debate on the agricultural appropriation bill began late yesterday in the house. The measure carries appropriations of \$14,500,000, an increase of \$1,500,000 over last year, and \$27,000,000 over the fiscal year 1915. It probably will be passed early next week.

MRS. C. VANDERBILT STARTS A \$300,000 FUND FOR ROYALTY



Left to right, top: Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Countess of Kinross and President Potomac. Bottom, Henry O. Frick and Queen of England.

New York, April 12.—With a plan of war relief that is unique even in these days, when it has seemed that novelty in the way of raising money were exhausted, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt is being going among her friends in this city and Philadelphia recently, inviting them to contribute toward what might quite properly be called a "royal relief fund."

Mrs. Vanderbilt is endeavoring to collect \$300,000, which she intends to present—in gold, in equal shares—to Queen Mary of England, the Countess of Kinross and President Potomac, those rulers to be at liberty to devote the money to whatever purposes they choose. Contributions of \$10,000—no more, no less—are being asked for. Of course that limits to thirty the number of persons who may have the privilege of donating to royalty and rank. Not every one is invited to participate in the contributions. Only those of unquestioned social position, and, naturally, of ample means—have been asked by the committee of the plan to subscribe. Just how many have done so is not certain, but it is understood that the fund has reached \$140,000, which means that Mrs. Vanderbilt's appeal has failed successfully upon the ears of a dozen besides herself and her husband, who started the fund with \$10,000 each. Gold simply radiates from the plan. The rulers are to receive their respective one hundred thousand in gold coin. The coin, it is said, will be sent to them in gold bags. But most striking of all the elements of Mrs. Vanderbilt's project is a "Book of Gold" idea. It is her purpose to have three volumes made of the precious metal, in which shall be inscribed the names of the contributors to the fund. Each of the rulers will get one of the gold books with the \$100,000. Each book, of course, will contain only two names.

Youngstown, Ohio, April 12.—An interest of rights in the Mahoning mine on the Mesaba range in Minnesota, where there are estimated deposits of 100,000,000 tons of iron ore, was transferred to an important deal, according to an announcement here. President James A. Campbell, of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, announced that his company has bought outright the capital stock of the Andrews and Hitchcock Iron company at a cost of \$2,500,000. Included in the deal is the transfer of interest in the ore rights in the Mahoning mine.

The Andrews and Hitchcock concern has two 400-ton blast furnaces at Hubbert, near here. Extensive coal lands in Pennsylvania and Ohio also are included in the deal. The sale also carries an interest in the steamship companies in lake-carrying trade. The estimated value of all the property involved in the transaction is \$7,000,000.

YEGGS MAKE HAUL BARNVILLE OFFICE

Safe in Postoffice Blown Open and \$400 in Cash and \$50 in Stamps Are Stolen.

(Herald Special Service.)
Barnesville, Minn., April 12.—Four hundred dollars in cash and \$50 in stamps and a quantity of money order blanks were obtained by yeggs, who dynamited the safe in the Barnesville postoffice last night, after midnight value of all the property involved in the transaction is \$7,000,000.

P. H. Kiefer, postmaster, discovered the robbery early this morning, when he found the door of the safe wide open. The robbers had entered through a side door, which was smashed open. The robbers obtained tools for their work in a local blacksmith shop. They drilled a hole in the outer door of the safe, and blew it open with nitroglycerine.

The robbers are believed to have made their way to Barnesville from Sabin, Minn., a gasoline speeder, stolen at Sabin, being found near here. The robbery has increased the interest in the safe in the Barnesville postoffice last night, after midnight value of all the property involved in the transaction is \$7,000,000.