

# GERMANY BENDS TO AMERICAN WILL

## ABANDON VILLA PURSUIT IN MEXICO; TROOPERS TO REMAIN FOR FINAL EDICT

Actual Chase of the Bandit  
Leader Ended—Forces  
Being Shifted.

### AWAIT SETTLEMENT

Negotiations With De Facto  
Government to Decide  
Future Action.

El Paso, Tex., April 24.—  
According to Mexicans ar-  
riving here from the interior,  
reports have been spread  
that Villa is coming north  
again with the object of at-  
tacking the American forces.

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—The  
redispotion of the forces of the  
American punitive expedition into  
Mexico, as planned by Major Gen-  
eral Funston, has been in a large  
measure completed, it was learned  
here today. The troops are now  
concentrating in strong units  
along a line of communications  
thoroughly protected, that is not  
to be much more than 250 miles  
long. Reinforcements are also  
gathering at Columbus, N. M.

Ready to meet any eventually,  
the American expedition will now  
maintain a military status quo  
while diplomatic negotiations go  
forward at Washington for the  
withdrawal of the troops. This  
will require many days, if not  
weeks. The pursuit of Francisco  
Villa is over. That is the belief  
of army officers at Fort Bliss,  
who now believe the troops will  
engage the small wandering bands  
of Villa bandits that roam through  
northern Chihuahua. These bands  
are widely scattered and operate  
in groups of two or three.

While the expedition is at its main  
base it will recuperate from the rigors  
of its rapid dash southward. Official  
admission has been made that the  
advance forces of the American ex-  
pedition have been withdrawn northward  
and it is understood they have been  
taken out of the zone where the hatred  
and dislike for the American is most  
intense. This withdrawal is designed  
to prevent clashes during the diplo-  
matic negotiations.

Washington, April 24.—Adminis-  
tration officials today looked to General  
Funston to carry out plans for redis-  
position of the American troops in  
Mexico. The plans approved by Presi-  
dent Wilson and Secretary Baker were  
the outgrowth of conferences between  
General Funston and General Scott,  
chief of staff, who went to San An-  
tonio as Secretary Baker's personal  
representative.

The plans were interpreted gener-  
ally that the United States is prepared  
to maintain a military status quo be-  
yond the international line until the  
Carranza government has demon-  
strated its ability to exterminate Villa  
and his outlaws. Meanwhile, it is un-  
derstood, the American forces will be so  
placed as to safeguard American border  
towns by virtually joining police  
duty in the territory immediately south  
of the border where Carranza has  
been unable to prevent brigandage.

Redispotion gives the state de-  
partment the opportunity to make  
counter proposals to Carranza, who  
has asked for a withdrawal of the  
American soldiers.

Under the plan the men and horses  
(Continued on Page Fourteen.)

**Fear Dykes Will Give.**  
Stevens Point, Wis., April 24.—Fear  
is entertained that the dyke that pro-  
tects the principal residential district  
here from floods may break. The town  
of Carson Bridge, near here, has been  
washed away by rising waters.

**THE WEATHER**  
Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.  
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday;  
cooler tonight with possibly frost.  
Temperature at 7 a. m., 47. Highest  
yesterday, 63; lowest last night, 45.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., seven  
miles per hour.  
Stage of water, 13.5, a fall of .3 in  
last 48 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## German Aero Raid Balked by Gun Fire

London, April 24.—A hostile aero-  
plane appeared over Dover this morn-  
ing and was attacked by British guns.  
It was driven off and dropped no  
bombs.  
The following official statement was  
made:  
"At 11:45 today a hostile aeroplane  
appeared over Dover from the east. It  
circled over the town at a height esti-  
mated at 6,000 feet.  
"Anti-aircraft guns at once came in-  
to action. The hostile machine was  
driven off. No bombs were dropped."

## MISSISSIPPI ON A SECOND RAMPAGE

River Breaks Through Dike at La  
Crosse—Railroad Tracks Are Wash-  
ed Away and Land Flooded.

La Crosse, Wis., April 24.—Three  
hundred feet of the Chicago, Burling-  
ton & Quincy railroad at East Winona  
was carried away by the rise of the  
Mississippi river Sunday and a great  
sea was hurled upon thousands of  
acres of land and farm homes on the  
Wisconsin side of the river.

The Burlington embankment has  
been the only protection for a large  
area since the rise of the river nearly  
a month ago. The constant beating of  
the river finally wore it away and  
Sunday a gap of 60 feet was washed  
in the levee and the river fell upon  
the lowlands.  
At the point of the break the river  
was 12 feet above the level of the  
land beyond, and the flood poured  
through with tremendous force. The  
gap was steadily widened today until  
it was fully 300 feet across.

Pile drivers were rushed to the  
scene as rapidly as possible from the  
Burlington and Great Northern roads  
and an army of men is at work today  
trying to prevent the spread of the  
break and to bridge the gap. The  
main line of the Burlington system  
between Chicago and Minneapolis will  
be out of service for three days at  
least and perhaps longer. The drain-  
age district near Trempealeau is un-  
der water. It was said by Captain W.  
A. Thompson of La Crosse, head of the  
drainage company, today, however,  
that its damage would not be great.  
At La Crosse the river is 12.7 feet  
today and is rising slowly. It has  
done no great damage here.

### THE WAR TODAY

Engagements on a big scale  
have been in progress on all the  
fronts, except the Balkans.

Before Verdun, where the Ger-  
mans and French have battled for  
more than two months, the Ger-  
mans, according to an estimate of  
the French war office, up to April  
22 had used 30 divisions or about  
600,000 men, in the fighting or in  
reinforcing units which suffered  
heavy losses.

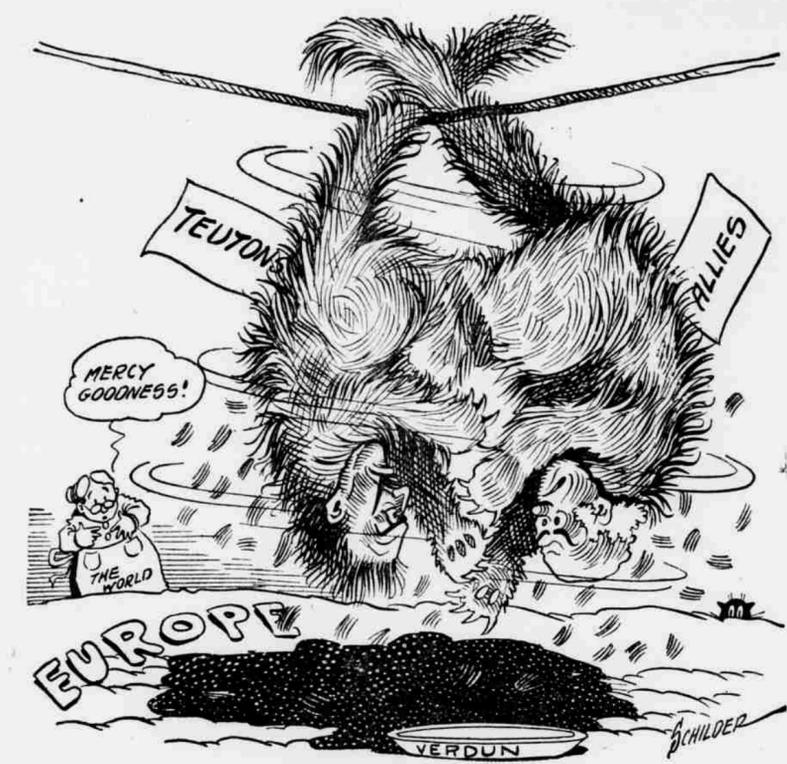
Artillery fighting has been par-  
ticularly severe on the Belgian  
sectors between Nieupoort and Dix-  
mude and south of the Meuse  
where the French have concen-  
trated their fire on German  
trenches.

Trenches taken by the Germans  
from the British on the Langemarck-  
Yprez road have been evacu-  
ated owing to floods.

On the Russian front there has  
been severe fighting around Ik-  
skull bridgehead and in the Lake  
Narocz region between the Rus-  
sians and Germans and Petrograd  
claims the destruction of an Aus-  
trian position north of Czartorysk.  
Ten German aeroplanes  
have dropped bombs on the Rus-  
sian aviation station on Osel Is-  
land, in the Gulf of Riga, at the  
entrance to the Baltic sea.

Petrograd claims that in the  
Caucasus near Aschikala, 50 miles  
west of Erzerum, they have cap-  
tured an important sector of the  
Turks position, while the Turks  
report that they have defeated the  
Russians south of Bitlis and sent  
them in retreat toward Bitlis. In  
an engagement east of the Mush,  
the Russians were again forced to  
retreat. Fighting is in progress  
between Turks and Russians on  
the Black sea coast 10 miles  
west of Trebizond.

### MEANWHILE THE FUR IS STILL FLYING



## TEUTONS ARE DRIVEN BACK NEAR VERDUN

Crown Prince's Forces Suf-  
fer Heavily in Gigantic  
French Attack.

Berlin, April 24.—French attacks  
on the German lines in several sec-  
tions of the Verdun region have  
been repulsed, the war office an-  
nounced today. The chief French  
effort was directed against the  
vicinity of Thiaumont farm, but it  
broke down in front of the German  
trenches.

Paris, April 24.—French troops  
made progress last night on the Ver-  
dun front northwest of Caurettes  
wood, the war office announced this  
afternoon. They attacked with hand  
grenades, and in the fighting took 30  
prisoners, one an officer. Several  
German reconnoitering parties were  
dispersed southeast of Haucourt.  
There was rather heavy bombardment  
at Dead Man hill. East of the Meuse  
the night was comparatively calm.

The text of the statement follows:  
"North of the Aisne a German re-  
connoitering party endeavoring to  
penetrate our lines on the plateau of  
Paissy, were repulsed with losses.  
"West of the river Meuse last night  
we dispersed several reconnoitering  
parties. Southeast of Haucourt and  
northwest of the Caurettes wood we  
made progress with hand grenades in  
the communicating trenches of the  
enemy and took about 30 prisoners,  
including one officer.  
"The enemy has delivered a spirited  
bombardment in the region of  
Dead Man hill.  
"East of the river Meuse and in the  
Woivre district the night passed with  
relative quiet.  
"In the forest of Apremont our ar-  
tillery has shown activity and it has  
been efficacious in combating the  
trench guns of our adversaries.  
"In the Vosges we have captured a  
small German position in the vicinity  
of Bon-Homme.  
"In Belgium during the day of April  
23 and the night of April 23-24, French  
aerial squadrons bombarded on two  
different occasions the railroad sta-  
tion at Wyfweg, to the east of the for-  
est of Houthulst. On the first occa-  
sion 20 and on the second occasion 18  
shells of large calibre were thrown  
down by our aviators and many of the  
missiles reached their objective. All  
our aeroplanes returned unscathed."

**NEWSPAPER MAN AT  
BLOOMINGTON, DEAD**  
Bloomington, Ill., April 24.—E. F.  
Wright, age 74, editor and publisher of  
the Lexington Unit Journal, died early  
today. He was a war veteran and former  
minister in the Congregational church,  
holding many pastorates in central Il-  
linois.

## MANY LOST IN SEA DISASTER, REPORT

(BULLETIN).  
Shanghai, April 24.—More than a  
thousand soldiers and men of the crew  
of the steamer Hsin-Yu were lost when  
the steamer sank after collision with  
the cruiser Hai-Yung Saturday evening  
south of the Chusan islands.  
The steamer, acting as a transport,  
was taking troops to Foo-Chow. The  
collision occurred during a thick fog  
and only one foreign engineer, 20 sol-  
diers and nine sailors out of six for-  
eigners and over a thousand soldiers  
and members of the crew, were saved.  
The Hsin-Yu was a vessel of 1,629  
tons. She was built in 1889 and was  
owned by the China Merchants' Steam  
Navigation company of Shanghai.

## M'COMBS RESIGNS DEMOCRATIC JOB

Chairman National Convention Quits  
for Business Duties—Lynch  
Expected to Succeed Him.

William F. McCombs, chairman of  
the democratic national committee, to-  
day notified President Wilson that he  
will be unable to continue in his pres-  
ent position after the democratic na-  
tional convention in St. Louis and will  
be unable to direct Mr. Wilson's cam-  
paign for reelection.  
Replying to Mr. McCombs' letter, the  
president expressed regret. Fred B.  
Lynch, national committeeman from  
Minnesota is expected to succeed Mr.  
McCombs and conduct the campaign.  
"I have just formed a new partner-  
ship for the practice of law which will  
become effective on the first of May.  
My political activities must be cur-  
tailed. My arrangement, however,  
will justify my proceeding through to  
the end of the convention in St. Louis."

## TO RETURN MAIL TO AMERICAN SENDERS

New York, April 24.—Six hundred  
bags of parcel post matter, compris-  
ing probably more than 60,000 square  
packages, mailed for distribution in  
Holland, are to be returned to the  
senders in America because the steam-  
ship companies will not carry this  
mail, owing to the British seizures of  
parcel post consignments.

### DAY IN CONGRESS

**SENATE.**  
General debate began on rural  
credits bill.  
Judiciary committee met but  
failed to vote on Brandeis nomina-  
tion.  
Immigration committee called  
for Thursday to consider Japan's  
protest to immigration bill pro-  
visions.  
**HOUSE.**  
Democratic leaders decided to  
report a rule to send the army bill  
to conference over the protests of  
minority leader Mann.

## WILSON PLAN IN WATERWAY BILL FOUGHT

Disagree on Coordination Ar-  
rangement—May Cut  
Mississippi Fund.

Washington, April 24.—President  
Wilson's plan for coordinating water-  
way improvement appropriations has  
encountered a disagreement between  
those who want the war department to  
control all the work as formerly and  
those who want to enact the special  
cabinet committee's plan for a national  
waterways council, take the war, in-  
terior, commerce and agricultural de-  
partments in on the work and carry it  
on with the cooperation of the forest  
service, reclamation service and ge-  
ological survey.  
Senator Ransdell of Louisiana and  
Representative Humphreys have intro-  
duced a bill to place the work with the  
war department. Senator Newlands,  
Senator Broussard of Louisiana and  
Representative Crosser of Ohio today  
joined in a bill to enact the cabinet  
committee's plan. The former bill ap-  
propriated \$45,000,000 to the Missis-  
sippi alone. The new bill would ap-  
propriate \$60,000,000 as follows: \$25,000,-  
000 to the lower Mississippi and Illi-  
nois rivers, constituting the route of  
the Lakes to the Gulf waterway; \$5,-  
000,000 to the Ohio; \$5,000,000 to the  
upper Mississippi; \$5,000,000 to the  
Missouri, the Arkansas, Red and other  
tributaries of the Mississippi; \$5,000,-  
000 to Atlantic and Gulf rivers; \$5,-  
000,000 to the Columbia and Snake riv-  
ers; \$5,000,000 to the Sacramento and  
San Joaquin rivers; \$5,000,000 to the  
other California rivers and the Colo-  
rado river.

## FIREMAN INJURED BY FALLING CLOCK FACE

Washington, April 24.—Investigation  
was under way today to determine the  
origin of the fire in the business dis-  
trict here last night which gutted the  
general office building of the Southern  
railway, destroying valuable records  
and doing damage estimated from be-  
tween \$100,000 and \$150,000. The gen-  
eral theory is that the blaze was due  
to spontaneous combustion or crossed  
electric wires. A fireman was serious-  
ly injured by the glass face of the  
clock in the tower of the building,  
which fell on him.

## CAVE MAN VICTIM OF MODERN LIFE'S WAYS

Milwaukee, April 24.—Starving be-  
cause he was given wholesome food  
and disheartened because he was in a  
place of cleanliness, Ferdinand Nurn-  
burg, 42, a cave man, who was arrested  
for vagrancy last Thursday, died to-  
day at the house of correction.  
The man's stomach, according to at-  
tendants at the house of correction,  
could not digest the food given him.

## GERARD ADVISES WILSON THAT KAISER WILL YIELD TO SOME OF HIS DEMANDS

### Early Reply to Carranza Note is Asked

Washington, April 24.—General Car-  
ranza has asked for an early reply to  
his note of April 12 suggesting that  
American troops be recalled from  
Mexico. This was learned officially to-  
day in connection with the fact that  
Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambas-  
sador designate, sought an interview  
with Secretary Lansing. State depart-  
ment officials decline to discuss the  
matter.  
The Mexican ambassador stated that  
the request had not been transmitted  
through Mr. Arredondo so far as  
known there. It is understood to have  
been made directly by General Car-  
ranza through special agent Rodgers  
at Mexico City. A reply also would  
be sent through Mr. Rodgers.

Ambassador Cables Presi-  
dent, Giving Nature of  
Berlin Answer.

### REPLY IS OUTLINED

Note to Washington Already  
Formulated—Expected  
Middle of Week.

Washington, April 24.—Confid-  
ential dispatches from Ambassador  
Gerard at Berlin indicate that  
Germany may make certain con-  
cessions to the United States in  
response to the note demanding  
the immediate abandonment of  
present methods of submarine  
warfare.

Whether the concessions will be  
sufficiently broad to meet the  
American demands appears uncer-  
tain. However, officials reflected  
an air of hopefulness for an amic-  
able settlement of the issue.

The reply itself, it is believed, will  
be presented to the ambassador by  
Wednesday or Thursday at the latest  
and be laid before President Wilson  
by Saturday. This belief was fur-  
ther strengthened by the receipt of  
unofficial advices from Berlin indi-  
cating that the German government  
has decided upon its reply to the  
American note. It was added, how-  
ever, that the nature of the forth-  
coming communication was known  
only to the highest officials.

Count von Bernstorff, the German  
ambassador, who has been away on a  
week-end trip, was expected to re-  
turn today. He may call at the state  
department regarding the return of  
the papers seized in New York by the  
local authorities from Wolfe von  
Igel, former secretary to Captain  
Franz von Papen, former military at-  
tache of the German embassy.

It is understood Ambassador Gerard  
has received broad intimations that  
the German government will go to  
great lengths to preserve friendly re-  
lations with the United States. He is  
understood to have gained his impres-  
sions from officials of the Berlin for-  
eign office, including Foreign Minister  
Von Jagow.

The Berlin government is confront-  
ed with finding a way to satisfy the  
United States without arousing the  
element which insists upon a relent-  
less submarine campaign.

Mr. Gerard's dispatches, highly con-  
fidential in nature, were received dur-  
ing the night.

### Believe Wilson Will Not Budge.

Paris, April 24.—The American sit-  
uation absorbs the press to the exclu-  
sion of other topics and Secretary  
Lansing's note either textually or in  
copious extracts appears in the most  
prominent place. All the morning pa-  
pers in their comments on the note  
generally express the belief that Ger-  
many will try again to play for time,  
but that President Wilson, being pro-  
verbially a man slow in anger, will  
not budge an inch from the position  
he has taken.

"The German government has cir-  
culated among neutral nations a semi-  
official note which commits it to non-  
interference," says the Matin. "We learn  
that the Berlin press insists on the serious-  
ness of the situation and that it is  
hoped a solution will be reached com-  
patible at once with national dignity,  
with the rights of neutrals and the  
principles of international law and  
not unfavorable to the vital interests  
of Germany."

"That is the whole program, and  
we are curious to see the literary pro-  
duction which will answer to such  
varied requirements."

**Says Rupture is Inevitable.**  
A. Fitzmaurice, foreign editor of the  
Figaro, writes:

"It only remains for Germany, if  
she desires to avoid a rupture, to give  
in and humiliate herself. She cannot  
do this even did she wish without dan-  
ger of definitely ruining what little  
prestige she still possesses in neu-  
tral countries and without publicly  
admitting she is afraid of the United  
States. This would be worse than hu-  
miliation. It would be defeat for  
which Germans would demand a strict  
accountability from Dr. Bethmann-  
Hollweg and the kaiser himself. A  
rupture is inevitable."

**Ambassador Shea Is Guest.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—Judge  
Joseph H. Shea, recently appointed am-  
bassador to Chile, was the guest of  
honor here today at a special luncheon  
of alumni of Indiana university. Am-  
bassador Shea, who will depart this  
week for his new post, is a graduate  
of Indiana of the class of 1889.

## AMERICAN ARMY HUTS UNEARTHED

Forty-Five Dwellings Erected and Oc-  
cupied by Soldiers in 1776 are  
Discovered.

New York, April 24.—Forty-five  
huts erected and tenanted in 1776 by  
the American army under General  
William Heath and by the British and  
Hessian troops who drove the Ameri-  
cans from Manhattan island in the  
battle of Washington Heights, have  
been unearthed at Broadway and 203rd  
street, near the old Dyckman mansion.  
The site is soon to be turned over to  
the city as a historical park.

The huts occupied first by Ameri-  
cans and then by the British and Hes-  
sian troops were composed in part of  
bricks, stood in three rows and con-  
tained many relics, including English  
and Hessian coins, a set of dice fash-  
ioned from musket bullets, quarts ar-  
rowheads and broken china. Buttons  
and belt buckles of the Seventeenth  
Leicestershire, Fourteenth Bucking-  
hamshire, Coldstream Guard, Twen-  
ty-third Welsh Fusiliers, two Black  
Watch regiments and an Inniskilling  
regiment were found.

Some of the huts will be recon-  
structed in the park.

### Elect Senators in Spain.

Madrid, via Paris, April 24.—In the  
senatorial elections held throughout  
Spain to renew the elective section of  
the house, 115 members of the minist-  
rial party were returned and 65 mem-  
bers of the various groups of the oppo-  
sition.

### Latest Bulletins

Washington, April 24.—The  
British ambassador, Sir Cecil  
Spring-Rice, today delivered to  
Secretary Lansing his govern-  
ment's reply to the American pro-  
test against interference with neu-  
tral commerce. France concurs in  
the main with her ally, but will  
particularize for herself on minor  
points. The note is a legal and  
technical defense of the sea policy  
of the two nations.

San Antonio, Texas, April 24.—  
Another American aeroplane was  
wrecked and one of its occupants  
slightly injured in a fall west of  
Chihuahua, according to a report  
received today by General Fun-  
ston.

Galesburg, Ill., April 24.—Jacko  
Zefo, a dairyman, was shot and  
killed today in a quarrel. Rocco  
Evan, a railroad laborer who was  
said to have fired the shot which  
killed Zefo, escaped.

Washington, April 24.—Presi-  
dent Wilson has practically de-  
cided to appoint Evan Evans of  
Baraboo, Wis., United States cir-  
cuit judge in the seventh district,  
including Illinois, Wisconsin and  
Indiana.

Galesburg, Ill., April 24.—An-  
tonio Franchi, a shoemaker, and  
Attila Miellori, a coal miner, were  
struck and killed last night by a  
freight train at Farmington, Ill.  
They were walking along the  
tracks.

Berlin, April 24.—The Austrian  
city of Trieste has been raided by a  
squadron of seven Italian aero-  
planes, bombs dropped which  
killed nine persons, wounded five  
and destroyed a monastery.