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## VILLA'S LEG BROKEN, HIS GANG BADLY WHIPPED

### MALANCOURT IN RUINS FRENCH ARMY LEAVES IT

Trenches Torn to Dust by Huge German Shells Become Untenable—Hand to Hand Fight Raged Through Streets As French Retired to New Trenches—Crown Prince Sacrificed Whole Battalion In Effort to Break French Wedge—German Loss Estimated Above 20,000

Paris, March 31.—French troops have evacuated the ruins of Malancourt, but still hold the highways running from Bethincourt to Esnes, it was officially announced today.

Following a bombardment, which lasted all night, the Germans drove the French from their wrecked positions by three massed attacks delivered simultaneously at three places.

Before the French soldiers gave ground, however, they fought the Germans hand to hand for hours. As the troops were mixed up in one struggling mass artillery on both sides became silent for fear of killing the wrong men.

Finally the French advance guard battalion fell back in good order, leaving hundreds of bayoneted Germans in their wake. The French dropped back to strongly fortified positions on highways leading from Malancourt. As they retreated slowly through the town's debris strewn streets the Teutons followed and the fight raged from door to door until new trenches were reached, and there the German advance was checked and remnants of the Crown Prince's forces took refuge behind ruined walls.

In the Avoncourt wood where the French salient was like a small wedge in the German ranks, the crown prince sacrificed several whole battalions endeavoring to break the position, according to the communique.

Twice the Germans came on hurling hand grenades which exploded harmlessly on top of the defense shelters. When they were struggling among barbed wire entanglements the French loosed sheets of fire at them. Bodies hanging in the entanglements were blown to pieces by succeeding volleys. The Germans best efforts failed to force evacuation of the Bethincourt-Malancourt triangle.

A strong attempt was made by Germans to carry French positions east of Bethincourt. There, again, the Paris communique said, many Teutons were slain and the attack was repulsed.

Artillery Commands Approaches. London, Mar. 31.—With huge German shells smashing their trenches into ruins, French troops have evacuated all but the eastern and southern outskirt of Malancourt, Paris dispatches admitted today. They said the German artillery rendered other defenses untenable.

The highway which intersects the village is covered with a pall of dust and smoke and with bright flashes of flame as French guns shower shells on it. Heavy explosives are being planted regularly with mathematical accuracy on every foot of the road, so that the Germans will not be able to advance along it or seize any portion of it. Twenty thousand Germans have been killed or maimed as the result of the crown prince's renewal of his attack against Verdun, according to the estimates of French officials.

ABE MARTIN



A collar can't be hampered by facts and information as 'be a good creator. Puss Moppa is home from a teacher's college smelly' like a potted bycynth.

### CABINET DISCUSSES SUBMARINE MATTERS

Lack of Positive Knowledge As To Sinking of Vessels Delays Action

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, Mar. 31.—President Woodrow Wilson and his cabinet again discussed the submarine crisis today, facing a muddled problem in the mass of evidence before them.

Of the four vessels concerned in the recent sinking of the Eagle Point was in the service of the British admiralty, Germany will contend the steamer Englishman was torpedoed only when it tried to escape, that the channel steamer Sussex hit a mine. Officials believe it a foregone conclusion that the Kaiser will advance some defense for the sinking of the British steamer Manchester Engineer. Americans were on board all of these ships.

The president and secretary Lansing hope to obtain evidence from United States consuls so strong that definite conclusions can be based upon it. There have been no advices from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and this is contributing to the present difficulties. The uncertainty as to what really damaged the Sussex—submarine torpedo or mine—caused cabinet ministers to move more deliberately than it was supposed they would. Drastic action will be taken only if it is clearly proved that Germany torpedoed one of the ships without warning.

### Market Still Quiet Small Change In Prices

New York, Mar. 31.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

In the absence of important Mexican or submarine developments the market continued in a waiting attitude and there was little of interest or importance in price movements. Dealings were highly professional as a natural result of the many uncertainties which militate against enlargement of public buying. Such activity as there was was centered in a few issues. War stocks and industrial specialties were relegated to a secondary position in favor of copper stocks, which improved under the leadership of Kennecott, Miami and Anaconda. Prices were not considerably changed in either direction at the opening.

Although the tone was somewhat better, trading was narrow and hesitating. There was a disappointingly narrow market among railway shares, which were restrained by the trainmen's demands. A moderate increase in activity was noted in war stocks and specialties in the late trading under the leadership of Crucible Steel.

### RODE 4,000,000 MILES

London, Mar. 31.—Thomas Kinsey, lean of transatlantic purses, ended his eleventh hundredth round trip across the ocean when he arrived here yesterday and began his well earned retirement. His first crossing was from Liverpool to Philadelphia, in 1853.

### VILLA KILLS AMERICANS

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 31.—An unconfirmed report was circulated here today that Francisco Villa in flight from Guerrero had murdered several Americans at Minaca, 10 miles south. Mining men and Mexican Northwestern railroad officials were attempting to get definite news. The last reports said the Americans at Guerrero were Dr. Stell and men named Locke, Aeklin, Hemple and Herman Blankeburg.

### LIKE SCENE FROM MOTION PICTURE WAS MONEY HUNT

District Attorney, Lawyers, Photographers, and Newspapermen In Bunch

WITH THEM IS WAITE  
CONFESSED POISONER

Undertaker Pilots Party Over Sand Dunes Looking for Money He Buried

New York, Mar. 31.—Like actors in a motion picture thriller District Attorney Swann's men, a corps of lawyers, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner, and a host of newspaper photographers rode through the lonely stretches of Long Island at dawn today, looking for buried money.

They were hunting for the \$9,000 which Eugene Kane, undertaker, admits having received from Dr. Waite after the death by arsenic poisoning of John E. Peck, Waite's father-in-law. Waite claims he gave Kane the cash so he would testify that he put arsenic in the embalming fluid, thus explaining the presence of that poison in Peck's system after death. Kane says he got the money but denies ever having any intention of giving false testimony.

He was included in the strange party, which went probing among the Long Island sand dunes for the money. Kane led the crowd, trying to point out where he buried his treasure. Workmen with shovels and picks delved here and there, while seagulls cried mournfully overhead and the confessed poisoner, who says his wifed "afterago" made him kill people, stood and stared out to sea.

Mr. Margaret Horton, close companion of Waite, has admitted that he gave her a diamond and platinum ring worth \$2,000.

The grand jury may return indictments today. It is considered certain that Waite will be held for first degree murder, and true bills may also be returned against persons suspected of having guilty knowledge of his crime.

"The Man From Egypt" All the evidence in the case is being laid before the grand jurors. They have heard about Waite's romance with Mrs. Horton, "the other woman," about how he dabbled in the occult, how he needed money to maintain his various establishments and how he began studying not only persons but also virulent disease germs, visiting morgues and undertaking rooms to collect his body.

District Attorney Swann told the jury how Waite visited his wealthy father and mother-in-law to visit him at the Riverside Drive apartments, and how neither of them ever left the place alive. The robbers were also given full benefit of Waite's plea that he was forced to commit these murders by a mysterious spirit called "the man from Egypt" which kept whispering in his ear and influencing him.

Kent, the undertaker, entered a strong defense. He said Waite got him a telephone book, strangely offered him to put arsenic in the embalming fluid and forced a large sum of money into his hands. Kane declared he was so scared he "shook like a leaf," and asserted he went home and hid the cash without counting it. Later the presence of this "blood money" in his house made him nervous, so he carried it under his coat to a desolate spot on the Long Island coast and buried it among the sand dunes.

Doctor is indicted. New York, Mar. 31.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite was indicted today on a first degree murder charge. It is alleged he poisoned his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The indictment was presented by the grand jury formally to Judge Nott in the court of general sessions. The grand jury has conducted a continuous hearing since Monday. Dr. Waite, 37, was stated, will not be arraigned on the murder charge until Monday. His condition is much improved. District Attorney Swann is expected to demand that Waite be tried in the supreme court.

### BIG STEAMER AGROUND

San Francisco, Mar. 31.—Officials of the Toyo Kisen steamship line today received unofficial reports that the liner Chiyu Maru had run aground on one of the Lema Islands, off the Chinese coast. They had no confirmation from their own sources, but were making inquiries. According to their early information the accident was not serious.

### FUNSTON IS CERTAIN CLASH HAS OCCURRED

Authentic Report As To Villa's Location—He Has Been Heavily Reinforced

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 31.—Major General Fred Funston today received authentic but unofficial reports that Francisco Villa is working along the railroad from Guerrero toward Chihuahua City. Americans and Villistas, said the report, had exchanged shots.

Funston is certain that fighting has occurred between Villistas and members of the expeditionary forces. "We have reports," he said, "that Villa has been strongly reinforced. I am confident, however, that our capable men under strong leadership can take care of themselves."

"Some of our isolated detachments are bound to suffer, but if Villa stands against our larger forces he will discover their mettle."

Funston refused to name the source of his advices. Carranzistas, he said, were strongly co-operating.

"Unless we bring Villa to decisive battle he can continue his flight toward Central America," declared Funston. "I hate to consider the difficulties of maintaining a line of communication much farther."

Army men believe there may have been clashes in which the Villistas were numerically stronger. Funston, in forestalling rumors, stated he expected to receive unauthentic reports of American casualties.

General Pershing has joined the regular advance guard apparently aware that Villa is about to give battle.

Funston predicted that Pershing's intelligence and skill would offset any numerical advantage of the Villistas should there be an open clash. He refused to divulge the location of the main American column.

The general stated that the Villistas marched southward through Minaca after the Guerrero fight following the railroad leading southward. He would not comment on the Mexican railway situation except to mention the fact that there has as yet been no shipment over the Mexico Northwestern.

In his southward march from Guerrero Villa is not following the Guerrero-Chihuahua City main railroad line, it was learned.

### Chinatown Police Squad Raid Chink Social Club

San Francisco, Mar. 31.—A mid-afternoon raid by police on Chinatown resulted in the seizure of a large number of opium smokers and other offenders. The raid was conducted by the Chinatown police squad under Sergeant Andrew Gough and resulted in the seizure of a large number of opium smokers and other offenders.

### DESSERT AUTOS FOR CARRIAGES

(By United Press.) New York, Mar. 31.—The demand along eastern highways for thoroughbred carriage horses during the last month indicates a reversion to hoof-drawn instead of motor driven pleasure vehicles this spring, horse dealers here said today. They added that the rising price of gasoline had nothing to do with the change.

### FEATHER PRICES DOUBLED

(By United Press.) New York, Mar. 31.—Leading milliners today announced that ostrich plumes worth \$2 before the war now cost \$4.50 because a corn shortage due to the closing of European markets has started to deplete the supply of ostrich feathers in South Africa, the source of the ostrich feather industry.

### THIRTY DEAD MEXICANS RESULT OF FIRST CLASH

Colonel Dodd's Cavalry Dropped Down On 500 of Them and Gave Them Taste of Real War—Villa Was Not In Fight, He Being Laid Up With a Broken Leg and Other Injuries—Skirmish Took Place Wednesday—Many Guns, Horses and Munitions Captured

Washington, March 31.—The war department today received confirmation of a report that Villistas had been badly beaten in a clash with the American expeditionary force.

Colonel George Dodd's cavalry struck the Villistas at six a. m. Wednesday near Guerrero, according to a war department message from the San Geronimo ranch. The dispatch was dated yesterday and transmitted from General Pershing via General Funston's headquarters.

Villa, suffering from a broken leg and other injuries, was not in the battle. The Villistas left 30 dead on the battlefield. Others are believed to have been killed. Dodd captured two rapid fire guns, many saddles, horses, munitions and supplies.

The attack was a tremendous surprise to the Villistas. They did not have time to arm before the American cavalry was upon them. Dodd's men had marched 55 miles in 17 hours to overtake the bandits.

Commander Elison Hernandez, of the Villistas was killed. The Mexicans showed no fighting qualities, said dispatches. They merely grabbed the nearest guns, mounted their horses and fled. A running fight ensued.

The battle lasted while American and Mexicans galloped side by side for 10 miles, fighting. At last the bandits separated and fled to the mountains, abandoning a number of Carranzistas who had been taken prisoner in previous encounters. Four Americans were wounded, none seriously in the fight.

The war department's message said: "San Geronimo, Mar. 30.—Colonel George Dodd struck Villa's command consisting of 500 men at six o'clock Wednesday morning at Guerrero, Chihuahua, who was suffering from a broken leg and a lame hip, was not present. The number of Villa dead is known to be 30. Probably others were carried away dead. Dodd captured two machine guns, a large number of horses, saddles and arms. Our casualties consisted of four enlisted men wounded, not seriously. The attack was a surprise, the Villistas being driven back in a 10 mile running fight. They retreated to mountains northwest of the railroad where they separated into small bands. A large number of Carranzista prisoners who were being held for execution were liberated during the fight. In order to reach Guerrero, Dodd marched 55 miles in 17 hours. Hernandez, the Villa commander, was killed. With Villa permanently disabled and Lopez, his chief lieutenant, wounded, Hernandez died, the blow administered is a serious one to Villa's band."

"PERSHING."

Caught Garrison at Dance. El Paso, Texas, Mar. 31.—Francisco Villa was again reported wounded today. He was said to have been hit while attacking Carranzistas during a dance at Guerrero Tuesday. General Pershing said there was a possibility that Villa had been caught between strong American and constitutional forces southwest of Chihuahua City.

The mayor of Tomochic telegraphed that he had proof Villa had been wounded in the left leg and that Mexican saw him, in a wounded condition, passing through Cuahachich after the fight at Guerrero.

Gavira announced that 1200 cavalry under General Luis Herrera left Chihuahua City on Wednesday to cut off Villa's flight to the southward. Herrera telegraphed to Juarez that he intended to kill Villa and ship his head to Consul Garcia in El Paso. Garcia Villa today or tomorrow, possibly with the American vanguard arriving in time to support the Carranzistas.

Villa was reported to have captured considerable ammunition and supplies at Guerrero. He is believed to have been reinforced by recruits gathered in the friendly Guerrero district and of conscription.

Gavira believed there might be Carranzista losses among the Guerrero garrison, which totals 50 to 75 men. Advice said that when Villa rode into the town most of the garrison troops were dancing. General Cavanaugh, the commander, escaped by leaping through a window when Villa came in the door. It was reported Villa would not attempt to regain the town and would continue his flight southward, aiming to reach the east slope of the great divide. Americans believe he is still on the west slope.

By H. D. Jacobs. Aviators On the Job. U. S. Army Headquarters, Dublin, Mex., Mar. 31.—(By motor to Columbus.) "American army aviators in Mexico are encountering conditions never faced before," said Captain Foulis of the aero squad today.

"The Sierra Madre create shifting winds and dangerous air pockets," he continued. "The land altitude of one mile gives our machines a leeway of only one mile in the air, as they are only equipped for a maximum altitude of two miles. Despite this and despite rough landing places, there has been no serious mishap."

"A land altitude of nearly two miles which will encounter further south will undoubtedly test our men and machines to the utmost. Their experience now makes them superior to any aerial force of the same numbers in the world."

Regular aeroplane mail deliveries are being made by the military flyers at Columbus daily. The American infantry column is marching southward. Francisco Villa is somewhere 155 miles south, it is believed. A trainload of Carranzistas has been sent southward from Casas Grandes. Small groups of constitutionalist soldiers are co-operating with the American vanguard. General Pershing is highly satisfied with the treatment he has received from Carranza representatives.

THE WEATHER  
Oregon: Tonight and Saturday fair; northwesterly winds.

### Wonderful Adventures of Game Little Jim Dick

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 31.—After a hike of 87 miles over the desert little "Jim" Dick, the five-year-old son of an American rancher found a home of the hearts of the American soldiers on the border. "The little fellow," precocious beyond his years, and nifty as the toughest border veterans, has been adopted as the ward of the border guard guard. His father, J. B. Dick, has been found a place as night watchman.

The heart of the camp went out to little Jim and bronzed men in khaki found time for sentiment when he came trailing into Columbus, clinging to his father's hand. Both were at the point of exhaustion and Jim was being fairly dragged over the last leg of the journey. "Give the kid some water, for God's sake," gasped the man. His lips were cracked and purple, his nostrils fringed with alkali dust.

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