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CONFIRMATION OF VILLA'S DEATH IS STILL LACKING

Major of Eleventh Cavalry Reports Bandit Chief-tain in Neighborhood Where His Body Reported to Have Been Found

VILLA'S REMAINS SAID TO BE ENROUTE TO CHIHUAHUA CITY

Washington Has Not Ordered Funston to Make Any Effort Toward Identification of Body—May Recall Troops if Carranza Reports Villa Dead.

Washington, April 17.—Confirmation of the death of Villa is still lacking at the state and war departments tonight and at the Mexican embassy. The only dispatch from American sources tending to lend color to the report was the brief statement from Major Howze, of the eleventh cavalry, now near Parral, that he had information which led him to believe that Villa and a few of his followers fled toward Barja. Barja is near the place where unofficial Mexican reports say Villa's body was found.

Enroute to Chihuahua. While Villa's body is said to be enroute to Chihuahua City, Washington has not ordered General Funston or General Pershing to take any steps to make certain its identification. This fact is considered significant of the attitude of the state department towards the report of Villa's death. However, it is intimated that the United States might be willing to accept a formal declaration from Carranza that Villa has been killed and order the recall of troops. The state department has not answered the Carranza note requesting the withdrawal of troops and is awaiting complete data on the Parral incident. A recapitulation of the expedition into Mexico shows Villa bandits killed as seventy, wounded unknown, prisoners, six; American soldiers killed three, wounded thirteen, missing one. In addition forty civilians or Carranza soldiers are reported killed at Parral.

GEORGIA-CAROLINA LINE DISPUTE MEANS A TIDY SUM IN WAY OF TAXES

Atlanta, April 17.—Where does the state line rest between Georgia and South Carolina? Is the line in the main channel of the Tugaloo river or along the South Carolina bank of the river? On the answer to these questions hinges the collections of the non collection by the state of Georgia of several thousand dollars in taxes from the Georgia Railway & Power company on its dam at Gregg Shoals. The state of Georgia contends that the line between Georgia and South Carolina lies along the South Carolina shore of the Tugaloo river, and therefore the whole dam is within the state of Georgia and subject to taxation by this state. The power company, on the other hand, claims that the state line lies in midchannel, and therefore only half, or approximately half, of the dam is subject to taxation by the state of Georgia.

The decision of a board of arbitration appointed several months ago was unsatisfactory to the litigants and the case today went before the state supreme court of Georgia on appeal. It is likely that the United States supreme court will finally determine the location of the state line.

More Eggs Needed. London, April 17.—Householders throughout England are being urged to keep a few chickens to increase the home production of eggs. Each year in normal times England imports 258,000,000 eggs. The women's section of the National Poultry society which is behind the movement declares that much waste could be avoided if householders had a few chickens to throw scraps from the table.

Record Wheat Crop. Sydney, Australia, April 17.—Local newspapers are calling attention to the fact that while Australia has produced a record wheat crop following on the pressing request of the British government to grow it abundantly with the object of meeting the Russian and other shortages, British shipowners refuse to transport it except at the highest rates in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Rush Ship to Completion. Belfast, Ireland, April 17.—Shipbuilders here are working at highest pressure finishing the 38,000 ton vessel, the Statendam built for the Holland-America line and the Belgeland the 27,000 ton ship launched for the Red Star line. The former will be ready about Easter but the latter will not be finished before the end of the summer.

NO NEWS OF VILLA'S END

Consul at Chihuahua City Wires A. P. "Nothing Heard of Matter."

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, April 17.—In answer to a telegram asking if he could verify the report that Villa's body had been found, American Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City, wired the Associated Press tonight: "Nothing heard here of matter."

ENJOIN ENFORCEMENT OF SEGREGATION LAW

Federal Judge Makes Order Temporary While Supreme Court is Considering Ordinance.

St. Louis, April 17.—The enforcement of the negro segregated ordinance was enjoined today by Federal Judge Dyer. Dyer said he made the injunction temporary because the United States court is considering a similar ordinance from Louisville. Otherwise, the judge declared, he would have made the injunction permanent. The ordinance provides against negroes occupying blocks where an overwhelming percentage of residents are whites.

GEORGIA NEGROES HAVE BEEN DENIED ADMISSION TO BULL MOOSE RANKS

Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—If the negroes of Georgia expect to become a factor in politics, either state or national, it will have to be as members of the Republican party, as they of course are not admitted in the Democratic party and the recent action of the state executive committee of the Progressive party denies them admission to the Bull Moose ranks in this state.

The committee's action, at its meeting in Atlanta Saturday in drawing the color line against the negroes, raises the interesting question whether the leaders of the Progressive party will consent to be merged into the Republican party at Chicago, should such a merger be brought about, which is generally expected. The Republicans of both factions in Georgia have received the negroes with open arms, and if the Republican national convention at Chicago absorbs the Progressive party, the Bull Moose of this state will find themselves lined up with such negro Republican leaders. In this state, as Henry Lincoln Johnson, A. W. Wimberly, H. A. Rucker, B. J. Davis, Rev. E. T. Walker, et al.

Bar Public Gambling. Bangkok, Siam, April 17.—The final prohibition of public gambling in Siam has been decided upon. The lotteries have already been closed, and the gambling houses, will be shut gradually during the next two years.

TREAT FROM PARRAL WILL BLOCK TRAIL

Americans Warned Not to Advance on City—Will Be Attacked.

(By Associated Press.) American Headquarters in Mexico, Wireless to Columbus, April 17.—Army officers here stated tonight that Major Frank Tompkins has received a written threat from General Lozano, commander of the Carranza garrison at Parral that the Americans will be attacked if they advance to the city. The officers added that Major Tompkins' men were ambushed by soldiers of the Parral garrison. The officers say the hostility of the Carranza garrison has blocked the best trail to Villa's hiding place.

L. & N. IS FIGHTING ACT OF LEGISLATURE

Effort Made to Over-Ride Law Barring Line Parallel to W. & A. R. R.

Atlanta, April 17.—The Atlanta law firm of Dorsey, Brewster, Howell & Heyman, of which Hugh M. Dorsey, prospective candidate for governor, is the ranking member, appeared today before the state supreme court of Georgia as attorneys for the Louisville & Nashville railroad in the latter's attempt to override the act of the Georgia legislature prohibiting the issuance of a charter to any railroad to build a line parallel to the Western & Atlantic railroad, which is owned by the state and leased to the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, which railroad in turn is controlled by the Louisville & Nashville.

The Louisville & Nashville applied to Secretary of State Phil Cook for a charter for the North Georgia Mineral railroad, a line which the Louisville & Nashville proposes to build from a point near Cartersville into Atlanta, thereby completing the last line of its intended and attempted parallel of the Western & Atlantic. Secretary of State Cook, in compliance with the anti-parallel act which the legislature passed in 1915, declined to grant the charter. Judge Pennington declined to issue the writ. The Louisville & Nashville then appealed from Judge Pennington to the supreme court, and the case came on for argument before the supreme court today.

BIG GRAIN ADVANCE TO INCREASE SALARIES OF PARSONS IN SCOTLAND

(By Associated Press.) Glasgow, Scotland, April 17.—One result of the phenomenal grain prices ruling in Scotland is that the salaries of the Parish ministers of the Established church will be increased this year by anything from 50 pounds to 200 pounds (\$250 to \$1000). This is due to the fact that the amount of these salaries is governed by the prices of wheat and barley, and big prices for the former mean big wages for the parson.

Use Montessori Method.

Peking, April 17.—Mrs. Howard Gould is in Peking for the purpose of establishing a school for Chinese girls in which the Montessori method will be used. Mrs. Gould recently had an interview with the minister of education, and is cooperating with a number of missionaries in educational work. She will finance the new school, which will serve as a model for Chinese teachers.

Major Tompkins' Troops Fired on in Mexico



Major Frank Tompkins.

The advance column of American troops on the hunt for Villa under Major Tompkins was fired on when it passed through the town of Parral in the extreme southern part of Chihuahua, 400 miles from El Paso. Follow-

ing that General Carranza asked the administration to recall the troops. If the "first chief" insists these troops may not see the railroad for their supplies, they may have to maintain a line 400 miles long.

GERMANS AGAIN A "SHAKEUP" IN SWEEP BACK BY AVIATION CORPS FRENCH FORCES NOW PROMISED

Teuton Attacks Fail Except in Small Portion Chauffeur Wood.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 17.—Germans launched heavy infantry attacks against the French positions from the Meuse to Duamont and have again been swept back except where they obtained a footing in a small portion of the Chauffeur wood.

German bombardments of Hill No. 304 continue. Both the British and German artillery are active in the sector between Steler and Ypres-Comines canal. The Germans are shelling the Russian positions along the Dvina river at Ikull Bridgehead and about Dvinsk.

Shortage of Threaders.

Nottingham, Eng., April 17.—The lace trade here has suffered so from a shortage of threaders who have joined the army and the transfer of women to munition works that the government has complied with the request of the manufacturers for a relaxation of the rules prohibiting the employment of females of under sixteen years of age and males of sixteen years in branches known as threading the brass bobbin, winding, jacking off and stripping.

216 Percent Dividend.

Stockholm, Sweden, April 17.—The Form Shipping company, which the minister of marine, M. Brestrom, is the principal owner, has declared a dividend of 216 per cent for 1915. The dividend three years ago was 20 per cent.

Earth Tremor Reported. Greenville, April 17.—A citizen reported Monday morning that he felt a distinct tremor of the earth about midnight, Sunday night. The quake, he said, shook his bed perceptibly.

FINAL WORD TO GERMANY

30 DIE IN A COLLISION OF FAST TRAINS

New York, New Haven and Hartford Local Crashes Into Express.

(By Associated Press.) Bradford, Rhode Island, April 17.—Thirty or more were reported crushed or burned to death in a collision of trains of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here tonight. Hospital and wrecking crews are said to have recovered thirty bodies four hours after the wreck, which occurred at 7:30. The deaths occurred in the rear coach of a four car local from Boston to New London, which stopped here when run down by a glide express bound from Boston to New York. Thirty-seven is said to have been telegraphed by the car. Only six are known to be alive. Vice President Whaley, in New York, stated only three were killed.

GRAND JURY INDICTS CAPTAIN VON PAPER

Recalled Military Attache Charged With Conspiracy to Blow Up Welland Canal.

New York, April 17.—Captain Franz von Pape, recalled military attache, was indicted today by a federal grand jury in connection with alleged plots to blow up the Welland canal in September, 1914. Von Pape is one of the five persons indicted, including Capt. Hans Teuscher already under arrest. The indictments are based on testimony given by Herat Vondergelts, it is understood Vondergelts recently was brought here from England.

EXPERIMENTING WITH SULPHITE-AMMONIA TO INCREASE POTATO CROP

(By Associated Press.) London, April 17.—Farmers in the British Isles are conducting experiments with sulphite of ammonia to increase the production of the potato fields.

In this connection one of the recent reports of the department of agricultural and technical instruction for Ireland showed that fifteen tons of farmyard manure gave a yield of eight and a half tons of potatoes. The addition of a hundredweight of ammonium sulphate increased the potatoes by nearly a ton. The University College of North Wales has made similar experiments which show that in four years the expenditure of one pound (\$5) in sulphite of ammonia and superphosphate produced once one ton and three times a ton and a half of potatoes beyond the yield of ten tons of farmyard manure to which it was added.

HARRISON BUILDING IN AUGUSTA DAMAGED BY FIRE TO EXTENT \$75,000

Augusta, Ga., April 17.—Fire last night damaged the Harrison building at Broad street opposite the principal building destroyed by fire March 22, to the extent of seventy-five thousand dollars. It was extinguished early today.

Back at Peking.

Peking, April 17.—Carl Whiting Bishop, of the University Museum of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has returned to Peking after three months of exploration in Szechuen province. Mr. Bishop was at Changtu, the capital of Szechuen province, and traveled some distance northwest from that point to examine old ruins and make archaeological studies. He was at Suifu three days before his capture by the revolutionists, and says that time the government troops did not apprehend the Yunnanese were near. Mr. Bishop was undisturbed in his trip down the river from Suifu to serious unrest.

Office Pays Own Way. Washington, April 17.—The copyright office is one of the few government institutions which pays its own way. In 1915 its expenses were \$103,580 and fees received were \$9,342 more than that amount.

PRESIDENT COMPLETES MOST EMPHATIC NOTE HE HAS EVER APPROVED

FRIENDLINESS OF THE TWO NATIONS IS NOW AT STAKE

Senator Stone Will Be Called to White House and Informed of Administration's Intentions.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 17.—A note which is to be the last word of the United States to Germany on the submarine issue was completed today by President Wilson and probably will be dispatched to Berlin tomorrow. The document reviews Germany's change in policy, and asks if it can make possible the continuance of friendly relations between the two nations. While the president is the only one familiar with all the details of the note tonight, it is understood to be the most emphatic one he ever approved.

Senator Stone, of the foreign relations committee, was asked to visit the White House tomorrow to be informed as to the intentions of the administration.

It was learned today that one of the two Americans aboard the Russian bark Imperator was wounded when an Austrian submarine attacked the Imperator.

FURTHER TROUBLE TO NECESSITATE GUARD

Reed Says They'll Be Mobilizing on Border if Conditions Fail to Brighten.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 17.—According to an agreement reached sometime ago voting on the senate army bill will begin tomorrow afternoon at five o'clock.

Amendments today were defeated in rapid succession. Senator Reed answered Senator Borah's recent criticisms of the national guard. Reed declared: "I don't know whether the body of Villa is on the way to the American border, but if further trouble arises I do know that within forty-eight hours our national guard troops will be mobilizing along the Rio Grande."

Tomorrow Senator Brandegee's amendment to increase the proposed strength of the regular army from one hundred and eighty thousand to two hundred and fifty thousand will be voted on.

HUNDREDS WOMEN NOW EMPLOYED AS SWEEPERS IN STREETS OF VIENNA

Vienna, April 17.—More than a thousand women are employed in cleaning the streets in Vienna. At least half the men in the streets department have left their posts. Most of them are in the army; the others have obtained more lucrative work. The women who take their places receive the same rates of pay—from 55 cents to 60 cents a day.

Also in Liverpool. Liverpool, April 17.—Several hundred women have just taken up the work of cleaning the streets in Liverpool. They are taking the places of men who have joined the army and are said by the oldest employees in the department to be as efficient as the men.

Commander Hayes Dead.

Liverpool, Eng., April 17.—Commander George Hayes, Liverpool's foremost sea captain, is dead at his home here, aged 65. Commodore Hayes was called in shipping circles "the best known man in South America." He had made 122 voyages to South American ports. For many years he was commodore of the Pacific Steam Navigation company, a merchant fleet. He navigated his ships two and a half million miles, taking them 4,000 times to different ports.

Buy 3 Motor Steamers. Copenhagen, April 17.—The Norwegian government has purchased three motor steamers, the Bandon, Chump and Fangan from the East Asiatic company of Copenhagen, for the sum of 3,000,000 kroner (\$2,500,000). The ships will be employed exclusively for the service of the Norwegian State Supply commission.