

## FRENCH LOSSES ARE CUT DOWN

### A Scientific Projection of Shell Barriers.

#### VERDUN CASUALTIES 2,000

More Than 4,800,000 Shells, Weighing 10,000 Tons, Hurdled By the Great French Guns.

Paris.—A first-hand account of the Verdun victory, directed particularly toward explaining the amazing disproportion of the French and German losses, which is absolutely without precedent in this war, considering that the French were the attacking side. Their casualties were only a little more than 2,000, including a large proportion of slightly wounded hit by machine-gun bullets.

It was an accepted axiom previous to this war that the assailants necessarily suffer heavier than the defenders when storming strongly fortified positions, but the results are completely reversed, now that the artillery has developed unbelievable power.

A general leading the French attack south of the Somme stated that the French losses had been cut down 60 per cent. owing to the scientific projection of shell barriers in front of the infantry after all the enemy cover is pulverized. The French casualty list this week at Verdun shows that the diminution has been increased to 90 per cent.

#### Millions of Shells Fired.

Last year this invaluable ground on the Meuse would have been considered lightly won if the casualties had been 20,000.

A staff officer pointed out that the hellish ultra-modern gunfire increases the losses of the other side nearly in the same ratio that it reduces your own. Therefore, it is not surprising that General Joffre swept up practically the whole German force south of Douaumont and Dambloup. For 150 hours General Nivelle's heaviest guns had blasted the Meuse forts, trenches and redoubts. More than 4,800,000 shells, weighing about 10,000 tons, not only wiped out every obstacle in the way of the infantry but wrought slaughter as efficiently as a death sweep along the Teuton positions.

#### Dugouts Death Traps.

The ordinary earth entrenchments which the French infantry occupied practically without loss seemed almost devoid of defenders at first sight, but as the advance continued cleaning-up parties brought to light hundreds of buried bodies. Numerous dugouts were found choked with dead. The battle decided definitely that dugouts, unless of the deepest and strongest variety, become worse death traps during the heaviest cannonades than open trenches. On Tuesday the occupants were either buried alive or killed by the poisonous fumes of shells.

General Nivelle has revived the worst horrors of the Verdun battle, only this time it is the gray-clad German legions that stand the worst strain. A new terror has been added to war on this front in the shape of powerful steam sirens, which are able to scream their piercing signals above the appalling din of the artillery.

#### WOULD TURN CLOCKS FORWARD.

Enthusiasts Plan National Convention in December.

New York.—Preliminary preparations for a national convention of "Turn the clock forward an hour" enthusiasts in this city in December were taken at a meeting here.

Invitations will be extended to Chambers of Commerce, scientific societies, labor unions and other organizations to send representatives and join a national organization. Speakers at the meeting declared the plan would result in a saving of one-fourth on gas and electric light bills, conservation of eyesight and more time for outdoor sport and recreation.

#### CARRANZA IS CANDIDATE.

Message To General Trevino Says He Will Again Seek Presidency.

Chihuahua City.—General Trevino received a wireless message from General Venustiano Carranza announcing his candidacy for the Mexican presidency at the coming election. The message stated there probably would be many changes in the Carranza Cabinet. General Pablo Gonzalez, it stated, is to give up his command of the first military division to accept a special confidential commission.

#### 141 SHIPS SUNK.

Berlin Reports On September Bag Of Merchantsmen.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Long Island.—During the month of September 141 enemy merchantmen of a total tonnage of 182,000 were sunk by Austro-German submarines or mines, the Admiralty announced. Thirteen captains of enemy ships were captured and three cannon taken. In the same period 39 neutral merchantmen of a total tonnage of 72,000, carrying contraband, were captured.

## COMPANY'S COME TO STAY TILL SPRING



## ELEVEN DEAD IN HOSPITAL FIRE

### Catholic Nuns' Institution Destroyed During Night.

### 350 PERSONS IN PERIL

Two Buildings Are Destroyed At Farnham, Quebec; 25 Children Injured—350 Inmates Asleep; Fire—Escapes Lacking.

Farnham, Quebec.—Six adults and five children, at least, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth Hospital here.

The institution was managed by the Grey Nuns and comprised two buildings, one for hospital patients, the other a school for children.

No bodies had been found, but the names of four missing who are believed to have perished were known. They were paralytics. Survivors were taken to many Farnham homes, making difficult the work of compiling a list of the dead. Many were injured by jumping from windows and four children may die.

The Grey Nuns displayed great heroism. One sister climbed to the third floor and risked her life handling helpless children through windows to firemen and citizens on ladders.

An early estimate placed the property loss at about \$145,000.

More than 350 persons were asleep in the hospital when the blaze was discovered. Unable to make their way to safety by means of the fire escapes, nearly all of them jumped from windows.

The hospital and a laundry were destroyed and several adjacent buildings were damaged by smoke and water. The fire is believed to have started in a defective chimney.

#### IT RAINED BEARS.

That is, If This Story From Far West Is All Wool.

Wenatchee, Wash.—H. B. Smith last week shot a bear 200 yards off, wounding it in a foreleg. The wounded animal came toward him and when within 100 feet was brought down with a shot through the heart. Hardly had he fired the second shot when a second black bear poked its head over a log near by. One shot finished it. Then bears began to jump all around. Smith began a fusillade. He emerged with four pelts. Sixteen bears in all were seen by Smith.

#### REACHES 100 YEARS.

Woman Chews, Smokes—Retains All Faculties Except Hearing.

Newark, Ohio.—Mrs. Mary A. Lovejoy, who chews and smokes and still retains all of her faculties except hearing, celebrated her one hundredth birthday here. Mrs. Lovejoy has the distinction of being the first woman in the United States to apply for a pension under the new Ashbrook law pensioning widows of soldiers who fought in the Mexican and Civil War. Born in Fredericktown, Md., she was in her younger days an intimate friend of Barbara Fritchie.

#### NO WOOD PULP RATE RAISE.

Commerce Commission Suspend Raise For Second Time.

Washington.—The Interstate Commerce Commission re-suspended until April 29 Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroad tariffs increasing the rates on wood pulp in carloads from Elkton, Md., Wilmington, Del., and other points to Holyoke, Mass., and other New England points.

#### POLICE MUST SALUTE FLAG.

Pittsburgh Force Also Asked To Honor Funeral Trains.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Uniformed policemen must hereafter recognize the Stars and Stripes with a salute whenever seen on parade, according to the duty manual of 1916, issued by the Department of Public Safety and justice made public.

## QUITTING MEXICO OUT OF QUESTION

### New Villa Moves Check on Work of Joint Commission.

### TROOPS TO REMAIN ON DUTY

Removal Of Carranza To Queretaro Is Declared Sign Of Breaking Up Process—Officials Send Families Out Of Country.

Washington.—Conditions in Northern Mexico, revolving on the new ascendancy of Villa as a military leader, are commanding more attention than at any other time since the border raids, which resulted in the dispatch of the American punitive expedition.

Administration officials made no effort to disguise their opinion that the American-Mexican Commission, sitting at Atlantic City, cannot be expected to arrive at a satisfactory solution of border problems until the situation in Chihuahua has been clarified. Any agreement for the early withdrawal of General Pershing's forces from Mexico apparently is considered now as out of the question.

Moreover, the impression stood out clearly from all the views expressed that while the present situation exists there is little possibility that the forces of the regulars or national guardsmen on the border will be reduced. It was indicated that no chances would be taken of another raid into American territory.

#### Carranza Failing.

Coupled with ugly reports, which disparage the stability of General Carranza's regime and interpret his removal from Mexico City to Queretaro as a sign of the breaking-up process which his enemies have repeatedly predicted, the military movements of Villa, now making a formidable campaign in Chihuahua, are regarded here as menacing the de facto control of the whole northern country.

Prominent in the whole situation are apparently well founded, but indefinite, reports of the connection of the so-called Legalist movement with the whole train of events, which are expected by those familiar with the Mexican situation here to develop within a short time.

The Mexican Embassy declared that Villa's forces consist only of a few hundred men "claiming Villa as their leader," and branded reports of instability of General Carranza's government as "a flood of misrepresentation that might be expected from enemies," when the Mexican-American commission began its work.

At the same time reports came to the War Department that Villa's campfires were in sight of Chihuahua City and that General Trevino, the Carranza commander there, although plentifully supplied with arms and receiving reinforcements, was short of ammunition and considering evacuating the capital.

#### Commanding Point.

Department officials said they had not heard the report reaching the border that Chihuahua actually has fallen. As a matter of military strategy it was pointed out that Villa, once occupying Chihuahua, could compel the surrender of Juarez, as he did easily once before, and at another stroke might take Torreon, Monterey and Saltillo, when he would be a military factor somewhat different from the bandit for whose life an American military expedition was dispatched.

The Mexican Embassy's explanation of General Carranza's move to Queretaro was that he had gone to prepare for the meeting of the Constitutionalists' Assembly, for which deputies just have been elected. The arrival of the families of Generals Carranza and Obregon in the United States are declared to be without significance.

"The rumors that this visit has any political significance, or that the families of the leaders are abandoning the country, are absurd," said an embassy statement.

## Latest News From the War Zone

Except for the announcement that the Roumanians, before their retreat from Tchernavoda, blew up the big bridge spanning the Danube River, thereby placing an obstacle in the way of the advance of the Teutonic Allies from Dobrudja into Old Roumania, if such a move was intended by them, little fresh knowledge of the real situation in that sector of the world's war has been vouchsafed by either the Russian or Teutonic allied war cancellories.

According to Petrograd, the force of the violent blows which Field Marshal von Mackensen had been delivering in his rapid drive northward in Dobrudja has slackened somewhat, although Berlin asserts that the Teutonic Allies are still making progress against the Roumanians and Russians.

Along the Transylvania front the Roumanians and Austro-Germans are still engaged in hard fighting at various points. Berlin reports that in the Trotus Valley, south of Parotuz, and on the roads to Sinaya and Campulung, the Allies of the Central Powers have met with further successes. On the other hand, Bucharest asserts that the Austro-Germans have been driven from the entire western frontier of Moldavia, Northern Roumania, suffering heavy casualties, and that in the Uzul and Oltuz Valleys the Roumanian arms also have been successful.

Again the Germans have delivered counter-attacks—four in number—against the newly-won French positions at Douaumont, in the region of Verdun, but like all of their efforts since the big French drive of Tuesday they were successfully withstood. Similarly, a violent attack against the British in the Staff trench, north of the famous Staff Redoubt, near Thiepval, was put down, the Germans suffering considerable casualties and the loss of 41 men made prisoners. Elsewhere on this front there were only artillery duels.

In the wooded region of the Carpathian Mountains the Germans essayed assaults against the Russians, but according to the Petrograd War Office, their efforts failed. In Volhynia, to the west of Lutsk, the Russians, without previous artillery preparation, attempted to storm with infantry a German position. The German artillery, however, broke up the sortie.

Two villages southwest of Lake Doiran, on the Macedonian front—Golobrd and Laisita—have been captured by the French. Elsewhere in this theater the fighting is being done mainly by the artillery, although there is still infantry activity in the Cerna River region.

The Austrians are holding an intense artillery fire on the Italian positions in Gorizia.

The British mine sweeper Genista has been torpedoed and sunk, with the loss of all of her officers and 73 of her crew of 85 men.

#### YOUNG CLEVELAND SPEAKS.

One Of Orators At Laying Of Cornerstone At Princeton.

Princeton, N. J.—Richard Cleveland, son of former President Grover Cleveland, was one of the principal speakers at the cornerstone laying of the new university dining halls. Cleveland is a member of the sophomore class. John Grier Hibben, president of the university, laid the stone of the new structure, which will be called Madison Hall in honor of James Madison, President of the United States, who graduated from Princeton in 1771.

#### TWENTY MEN EXECUTED.

Accused Of Robbing Freight Consignments in Mexico City.

Laredo, Tex.—Twenty men, principally warehouse men, have been executed in Mexico City during the past week for participating in robbing freight consignments through fraudulent bills of lading, according to reliable information received here. Robbery of freight cars has been so frequent recently on the Constitutional front that merchants have practically abandoned shipments, it was stated.

#### AUTO THEFTS \$1,250,000.

Chicago Alone Reports Big Losses Thus Far In 1916.

Chicago.—The growth of automobile stealing here from practical insignificance in 1911 to an excess of \$1,250,000 thus far in 1916 was shown in a report by the Police Department. The thefts since January 1 this year were 2,571 cars. Insurance companies have paid \$500,000 in theft losses this year.

#### \$3,000,000,000 MORE FOR WAR.

German Credits Up To Now Total \$13,000,000,000.

Berlin.—A new war credit bill for 12,000,000,000 marks (\$3,000,000,000) was submitted to the Reichstag by Count von Roedern, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury. Count von Doederen stated that the total German war credits up to now amounted to \$2,000,000,000 marks (\$3,000,000,000).

#### VATICAN DENIES PEACE TALK.

Negotiating End Of War Between Austria and Russia.

Rome.—The Vatican emphatically denied Swiss rumors that Pope Benedict was negotiating for an early peace between Austria and Russia.

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A weaver, who had evidently got tired of married life, was one day taking a walk with his wife. Suddenly he espied a dead dog lying in the middle of the road. When they came close to it he said to his wife:

"Nah, Mary, thee stand on that side and I'll stay on this."

Having taken up their respective positions, the husband said:

"Nah, lass, when I got wed to thee I promised th' person nowt but death ud part us, and I'm off."

#### William and Mary College.

At the far end of Duke of Gloucester street (Williamsburg, Va.) stands William and Mary college, the second oldest institution of learning in America, from which such able men have been graduated that it is hard to believe they were ever boys like those of today, going about the grounds with or without white flannel trousers (you understand me, of course). I viewed them respectfully. "Presidents?" I asked myself. If they had understood and returned, "No; good mechanics," it would have been quite as impressive an answer.—Louise Closser Hale in Harper's Magazine.

#### Why She Wanted It.

"Algy, I want you to buy me a book."

"I am glad you are becoming literary, my dear."

"Fudge! This article says one way to acquire a good carriage is to practice balancing a book on your head." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

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