



REPORTS VILLA DEAD BY ASSASSIN'S HAND IN MEXICAN CAMP

His Secretary, Fierro, Who Was Charged With Killing Benton, Named as Murderer.

Carranza Holds on at National Palace Despite Message Demanding His Surrender to Calderon.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 29.—Reports reaching here today from Mexico persist in saying that General Francisco Villa has been assassinated by his secretary, Fierro.

Little credence is placed in the rumors because the message from Chihuahua last night quoted Villa on the present Mexican situation.

Fierro was court-martialed and then released on the charge of having killed Benton, the ranchman in Juarez, several months ago.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 29.—Despite the demands of General Villa and Villa's generals, that Provisional President Venustiano Carranza resign, the indications today were that General Carranza would remain in the National Palace at least until the convention of Constituent assembly of generals and their delegates is held next month.

General Carranza believes that no other plan of action on his part would be consistent with the "Quilpa agreement" of which Villa is one of the signers.

General Carranza and his advisers sat late in the executive quarters of the National Palace last night working upon a plan of campaign and drafting a reply to the following telegram which Carranza has just made public:

"To Don Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Constitutional Army and in charge of the executive power, Mexico City:

"We desire to make every effort to prevent the extension of the cause of liberty, who stoop to any medium that stains the Republic, from profiting by such circumstances as seem imminent. We also desire to make every sacrifice before putting our fatherland in danger of foreign intervention.

"Only the failure of all those noble hopes and all these generous efforts will lead us into a fratricidal struggle into which we would be compelled to enter as our duty.

(Note: Part of the message is here stricken out by the Mexican censor.)

"General Villa has telegraphed to all

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KRUPP EXPERTS HANDLE KAISER'S BIG SIEGE GUNS

Work So Effective That They Receive Iron Cross.

BERLIN (By wireless through Sayville, L. I., Sept. 29.)

Seven officials of the Krupp Gun Works, who went to the front to direct the fire from the new-style heavy ordnance of the German army, have been decorated with the Iron Cross for good work with the howitzers.

This information was given out by the War Office today, and it confirms reports that have been current for some time that the great guns of the German army, which are heavier than any ever used by any nation in warfare, are being handled by experts from the Krupp works on the Eschen.

KEEN, FROSTY AIR MAKES WHOLE CITY SHIVER TODAY

Small Boys are Happy, Though, for Chestnut Time Is Here.

The P. R. T. is saving up its psychologic heat, until the blizzards arrive and freeze the feet.

The frost in the subway, in the surface cars and in "L," is the first of the season.

The dew that has been drenching the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock appeared on the golden globe that made England famous today in form not unlike the unshaven growth upon the cheeks of youth. 'Twas the frost.

Shivering is the favorite outdoor pastime today for those who have not yet found their overcoats. A foggy something seemed to have crept into the atmosphere this morning, chilling to the bones those who were lightly clad.

Small boys were tickled to death when they sniffed the frost. Frost means the opening of the chestnut burr. A burr opened by frost means that the chestnut is ripe. Also it means less trouble in covering. Frost is, furthermore, the herald of winter days, snow and coasting, ice and skating for the small boy.

A second attack was made today upon elaborate fur coats. Pipes taken down to be cleaned a few days ago and left standing for another day were hurriedly shot back into place and houses this morning were filled with smoke, ill humor and metallic sulphur when the refractory flues worked backward.

Coal dealers are chucking and are now beginning to reap their annual harvest. "The P. R. T. has not yet announced that its cars are heated. That comes later. So far as can be learned there will be no change this year in the clever plan of defeating good intentions of the hater on the sub-vegetated trains. Contrary to precedent, these heaters work.

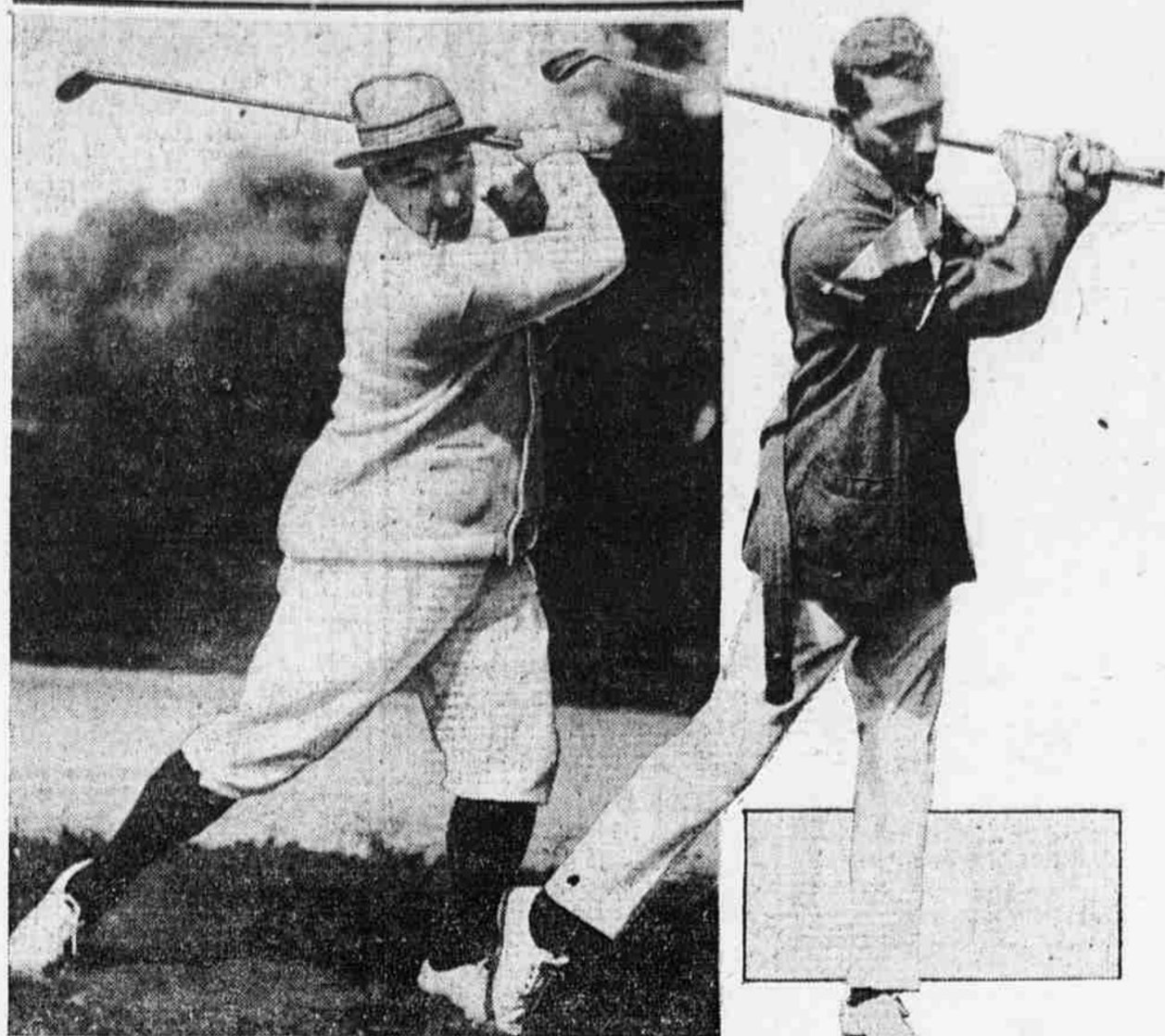


FAIR

WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and probably Wednesday, with rising temperature; moderate variable winds.

For details, see last page.

WERE CONSPICUOUS GOLFERS IN MERION EVENT TODAY



LAYTON M. SCHOCH, PHILADELPHIA C. C.

S. D. WRIGHT, JR., ARONIMINK CLUB.

BASEBALL RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Table with columns for National League (R, H, E) and teams: Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, New York.

Table with columns for American League (R, H, E) and teams: Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis.

Table with columns for Federal League (R, H, E) and teams: Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Baltimore.

Table with columns for First Game (R, H, E) and teams: Kansas City, Buffalo.

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BOSTON BRAVES WIN NATIONAL LEAGUE BUNTING

Flag Will Float Over Hub for First Time Since Frank Selee Managed Club in 1898.

After a lapse of 16 years, the National League pennant will again be unfurled in Boston. This afternoon the Braves, under the skillful leadership of George Stallings, completed one of the most brilliant races in the history of the game, capturing the flag by virtue of their 2-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs, while the New York Giants, runners-up, were being defeated by the Pittsburgh Pirates, 5 to 2.

If Stallings' men lose the rest of their nine games and the Giants win all on their schedule, the Braves will still enjoy a four-point advantage over their metropolitan rivals.

The standing of the winners and contenders after today's game is:

Small table showing standings for Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

1,000,000 RUSSIANS MOVE IN AVALANCHE UPON GERMAN SOIL

Breslau, 190 Miles From Berlin, Is New Objective, While Cracow Is Left to Strong Investing Force.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 29. Breslau, in Silesia, 190 miles from Berlin, is now believed to be the main Russian objective. Cracow, which the Russians' northern column is nearing, will be invested by a large army, following the precedent set at Przemysl. A million men are reported engaged in this movement.

The northern column has assaulted Tarnow and a pitched battle is now in progress there. The Austrians are putting up a strong resistance but they are greatly outnumbered. With Tarnow in possession of the Russians the last obstacle in the way of the siege of Cracow will have been removed. Dombrocko, a rail have been removed. Dombrocko, a rail have been removed.

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MAXWELL BEATS KELLEY'S CARD BY ONE STROKE

Final Returns of Morning Round at Merion Show Aronimink Golfer in Front of Field of 150.

HAVERFORD, Sept. 29.—With all the 150 starters of the morning event of the Merion Cricket Club tourney in, it was found that Norman Maxwell, Aronimink, had the best net score for the first 18 holes of the 36-hole event. Maxwell went out in 43 and came home in 41 for a total of 84, which, with his handicap of 12, gave him a net score of 72, but one stroke Maxwell's card:

Table showing scores for Maxwell, Kelley, and other golfers.

Following are the scores: Maxwell, 84; Kelley, 85; ...

Table showing scores for various golfers in the tournament.

GOLFERS DINE TONIGHT

After an enjoyable day of golf, the Golf Association of Philadelphia will hold its fourth annual dinner at the Merion Cricket Club this evening.

J. ALBERT CALDWELL DIES SUDDENLY IN ENGLAND

Senior Member of Jewelry Firm Passes Away at Bournemouth. J. Albert Caldwell, senior member of the firm of J. E. Caldwell & Co., the Chestnut street jewelers, died today at Bournemouth, England, where he had been staying for the last two weeks.

GERMAN RIGHT FLEEING WITH VON KLUK READY TO YIELD, SAYS REPORT

The War Today

General von Kluk's army, the German right wing, is in full retreat, according to reports in Paris from the battlefield. The German leader is reported willing to yield. The break in the invaders' lines, the report adds, began Saturday.

Paris has a report that General von Kluk has begun to withdraw, but the War Office is reticent. Slow gains against the German right are announced, and it is added that the Germans' efforts to break through the line at Rheims have been violent. Prince Adalbert, the Kaiser's third son, is said to have been killed by his own men by mistake.

Two hundred and fifty thousand German naval reserves are reported being rushed from North Sea ports to aid in the siege of Antwerp. This indicates the German plan to crush completely the Belgian flanking movements.

In East Prussia conflicting reports claim the aggressive for both the Russians and the Germans. It seems certain that the German bombardment of Ossowicz has been repulsed. Petrograd claims a general retirement of the Germans across the Polish frontier into East Prussia. Berlin states that the Russians have been unable to take the initiative in an advance into East Prussia.

Russians have begun direct operations against Breslau. The million men in the northern column, now within four marches of Cracow, will leave the siege of that former objective to a strong investing force and move across the German frontier, in pursuance of the general plan to reach Berlin before winter is over. Severe fighting is going on at Tarnow, 50 miles from Cracow. Dumblicka and other positions on the road have been taken, and the main Russian army is making rapid progress. In the south movement is less rapid on account of the marshy ground, but the Austrians are described as losing in frequent minor encounters.

Berlin War Office officially announces there is nothing to indicate that the great battle has entered the deciding stages. It says fighting is general, with no decided change except along the Meuse, where the Germans continue to make gains. The right wing has stood firm, although subjected to severe pressure.

Belgium War Office announces Germans have occupied Mechlin after severe bombardment. Much damage has been done to Alost, an important city. The presence of large numbers of Germans in Brussels has led to a belief that the retreat from France has begun.

Petrograd War Office reports briefly the continued bombardment of Przemysl and repulse of sorties by the garrison. Pride is expressed in the seizure of all the Carpathian passes, which prevents the passage of an Austrian force to attack the Russian armies, advancing on Cracow and Breslau, on the rear. The retiring Austrians in the south are, as reported, low in supplies and as losing many men and guns in skirmishes. Servian War Office reports that a severe battle is waging near Krupani, where the invading Austrians have made their final stand on Servian territory. From Cetinje comes the report that the bombardment of Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, has commenced. The combined Servian-Montenegrin forces have strongly invested the city.

Italy is stirred over the election of a Turkish Prince to the Presidency of Albania, and agitators are urging that encroachments are certain to follow in sufficient degree to cause Italy to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

SATURDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Next Saturday, October 3, is the last registration day for the November election. It is the last chance to qualify to vote for United States Senator, Governor, Congressmen, members of the Legislature and for other important offices to be filled on November 3. Poll tax receipts can be purchased at the polling places. Party enrollment is not necessary.

Many Guns and Munitions of War Abandoned in Precipitate Retreat of Exhausted Invaders, Paris Hears From Battlefield in North.

General Von Buelow Rumored in Grave Danger—Break Said to Have Begun Saturday When Allies Redoubled Fury of Attack After Peace Parley Failed.

PARIS, Sept. 29. The right wing of the German army in France is in full retreat, according to information from the north.

General von Kluk, commander of the army making up the German right wing, has offered to surrender to General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, if the Germans are allowed to retire to Germany, it is said.

According to reports from the north, General von Kluk's army began to break on September 26 under the terrific pounding of the French and British. The French had extended their lines to Comblès, less than 50 miles from the Belgian border and ten miles south of Bapaume, where they vigorously were assaulting the rear of the German right and the troops defending von Kluk's line of communication into Belgium.

It was then that General von Kluk opened the peace parley. In addition to demanding safe conduct to Germany, he agreed to guarantee that his soldiers would not take up arms again during the war. General Joffre's reply to the German general's terms was to redouble the fury of the French bombardment.

When the German retreat began mitrailleuses were mounted on automobile trucks and sent in pursuit of the German army, it is reported. According to unofficial information, the Germans were exhausted. They could not make rapid progress and lost heavily. They are reported to have left behind many guns and a large quantity of munitions.

The consummation of this enveloping movement around von Kluk's army is believed to have resulted in the recent tightening of the censorship. General von Buelow's German army is reported in grave danger.

No official announcement has been made. The War Office statement at 3 o'clock said desperate assaults on the Allies' left had been repulsed. The statement says: "On our left wing, to the north of the Somme and between the Somme and the Oise, the enemy has attempted night and day attacks and has been repulsed. On the north of the Aisne there is no change."

"At the centre, in the Champagne district, and to the east of the Argonne, the enemy has been engaged in conducting a heavy bombardment of our position. Between the Argonne region and the Meuse slight progress has been made by our troops, who find themselves facing strongly organized positions on the heights of the Meuse.

"In the Woëvre section and on our right wing (Lorraine and the Vosges) no notable change has occurred. "In a general way, our line is thrown east and west along a point from the region of Pont-a-Mousson, Apremont, the Meuse, the region of St. Mihiel, the heights to the north of Spada and a part of the heights of the Meuse to the southeast of Verdun.

"Between Verdun and Rheims the general front is bounded by a line passing through the region of Varennes to the north of Souain and Chaussée Romaine, and at Rheims encloses the approaches to Rheims, the Rheims road to Berry-au-Bac and the heights called the Chemin du Dames. "On the right bank of the River Aisne this line follows the river as far as the region of Soissons. Between Soissons and the forest of L'Aigle it includes the first plateaus of the right bank of the Aisne. Between the Rivers Aisne and Somme this line corresponds to the front to Ribecourt (occupied by us), Laasigny (occupied by the enemy),

Roze (occupied by us) and Chalons (the enemy's). "To the north of the Somme the line stretches across the plateau between Alberta and Comblès. "We took many more prisoners yesterday. These belonged notably to the Seventh Corps, the Seventh Reserve Corps, the 10th, 12th, 15th and the 19th Corps of the Germany army." It is reported Germans have renewed their operations in upper Alsace and that fierce fighting is again in progress in the vicinity of Muelhausen. The Germans continue their assaults against the Verdun-Toul line of forts, but it officially is denied that they have made any substantial progress. Several officers in the garb of the British Indian troops have been seen in Paris, and this is accepted as conclusive proof that at least the Indian regiments are in the field, although up to the present time there has been no official statement on this subject. There is a strong inclination at the headquarters of General Gallieni, Military Governor of Paris, to believe that the battle has reached its climax. Seventeen days of day and night fighting has exhausted the troops of both armies, but the Germans have suffered worse than the Allies. German prisoners report the most terrible conditions prevailing along the lines. Some German regiments have been completely wiped out. In many instances a new regiment has been formed in the stead of troops left from regiments which have been left in the forefront of attacks. The Prussian Guards have suffered most heavily because they were thrown forward against the enemy to lead many of the assaults made around Rheims. While no authentic figures are obtainable from military headquarters, officers who are familiar with the situation declare the German casualties in the Battle of the Aisne, now believed entering its decisive stage, total fully 180,000 in killed, wounded and missing. The losses of the Allies, they say, probably will be 100,000, inasmuch as at many points of the line it has been found necessary to deliver frontal attacks on heavily entrenched positions. In the case of the Germans it is said they have a far higher percentage in dead than the Allies. The British have lost heavily, but all of the gaps in their forces have been filled with the members of the latest expedition to reach France. A lull seems to have fallen over the fighting in the Woëvre district, due to the thick fog which made it impossible for the troops to undertake any operations for fear that friend would attack friend. Prince Adalbert, a son of Emperor William, is reported to have met his death upon the battlefield from a German bullet. According to this rumor, the Prince, who was in advance of his troops, was shot by mistake and not by design. French military authorities deny that the Germans have weakened any of the forts south of Verdun. On the contrary, it is said, the German troops in that district are menaced on three sides by the French. A telegram from Geneva says that a battery of German artillery was sent across Swiss soil in an effort to secure an advantageous position to the south of the French right wing, but the men were captured and disarmed. They proved willing captives, not having eaten anything for six days except some raw vegetables and a little fruit. A picture of suffering is brought from the German lines by prisoners, most of