

TROOPS PRESS
ON AFTER TILT
IN VILLA HUNTGuerrillas Take Pot Shots
at Pershing's Force on
Villa Hunt

RAID ON TEXAS POST

Third Expedition, Following
First 5500 Advance, Planned
From El Paso

The "flying column" of American troops, marching into Mexico to "get Francisco Villa, dead or alive," was fired on by Mexican guerrillas shortly after crossing the border from Columbus, N. M. The troopers, suffering no casualties, easily dispersed the outlaws and continued their advance southward.

Approximately 5500 United States soldiers are now well within Mexican territory, a force of 4000, under command of General John J. Pershing, having left Columbus, and a detail of 1500 having left the Hachita region, under command of Colonel Dodd. A third section is expected soon to leave El Paso.

The point of concentration of the three converging columns is said to be Guzman, on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, about sixty miles south of Columbus.

Following the burning of Colonia Dublan, a Mormon colony, Villistas are reported moving on the settlement of 500 of the Mormons at Casas Grandes, vowing death to all. Word of the menace was taken to El Paso by a son of Bishop Hurst. Aid is said to be too far away to prevent the attack.

American troops guarding the railroad bridge at Kingston, Tex., in the Brownsville district, were attacked by a small band of outlaws, who were repulsed, with no American losses. The guards have been doubled.

A band of armed Mexicans across the border from San Benito, Tex., is said to be threatening attack. Rangers are on guard.

Border raids are feared at numerous points and the Texas and New Mexico State militias are expected to be called out as a patrol.

The United States destroyer Stewart went from San Diego to Ensenada, Lower California, to quell possible Villa riots and guard the Americans there. Quiet was reported upon the warship's arrival.

American colonists, together with United States Consul Wilson, from Torreon, have fled the district for safety across the border.

No confirmation has been received of reports that Carranzistas are actively co-operating with the United States troops in the march against Villa. In Washington the view is that "non-interference" is the only support that will be given the campaign.

VILLA BAND TAKES INITIAL
CRACK AT AMERICAN FORCE
ON ITS MARCH INTO MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.

Francisco Villa has opened his warfare against American troops sent to hunt him down. News reached here today that mounted Mexicans fired upon the expedition sent into Mexico shortly after it crossed the border yesterday afternoon. There were no casualties, and the march of the American column was not halted by the attack.

Thomas Davis, a ranchman living two miles from Columbus, N. M., whence the forces of General John J. Pershing set out, brought in the details of the first clash between the Americans and Mexicans.

The Americans had just started across the boundary line when the Mexicans fired a fusillade at the troops of the 13th Cavalry, which led the expedition. Without awaiting an order the troops in advance unloading their carbines and fired back.

The skirmish was then retreated. The column was not halted. It continued steadily along the old wagon trail that marked the first part of the course through the treacherous Sierra Madre foothills to the desert over which these Americans must pass to accomplish their purpose of taking Villa alive or killing him.

Davis thought that these attacking Mexicans were Carranzistas troops belonging to the command of General Pablo Bertrani, but his statement to this effect was contradicted by official reports from Columbus, stating that General Bertrani was co-operating with the Americans. It was also flatly denied by General Gavira, Carranza's commander at Juarez.

"That could not be," exclaimed Gavira, when informed of the report. "Why, I have special instructions from First Chief Carranza."

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight with lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Friday fair and warmer; diminishing northwest winds. For details see page 16.

LOST AND FOUND

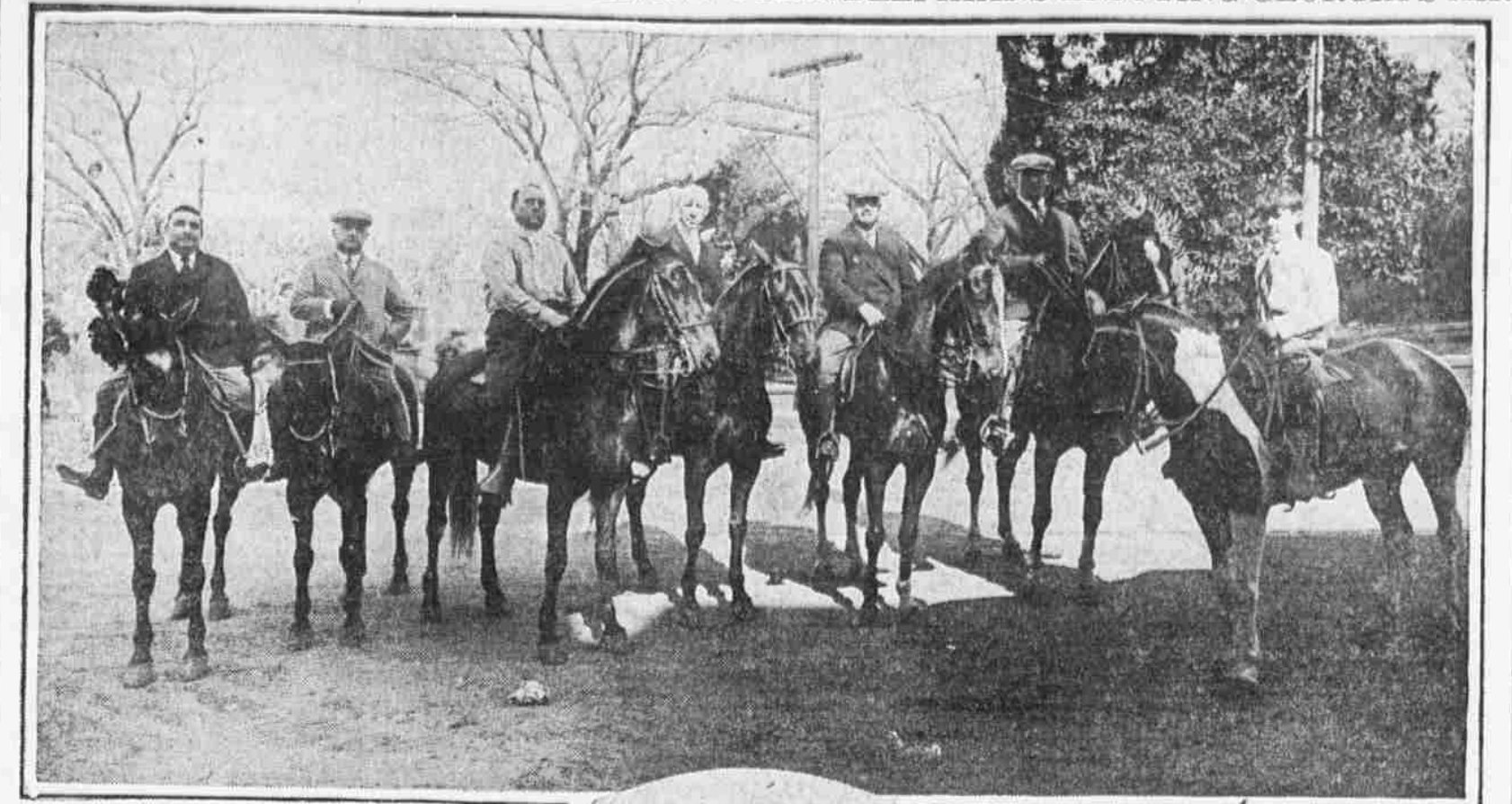
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MAYOR SMITH AND OTHER PROMINENT PHILADELPHIANS ENJOYING GEORGIA'S AIR

GERMAN ATTACKS
ON VERDUN FRONT
BROUGHT TO HALTTeuton Guns Continue to
Sweep Lines Northeast
of Fortress

FRENCH GAIN IN WOEVRE

Paris Reports Success of Bom-
bardment of Foe's Positions
at Neuport

PARIS, March 16.—Another lull in the German infantry attack at Verdun is announced in today's French communiqué. It says, however, that the violent bombardment to the east of the Meuse continues.

French gunners have shelled numerous supply trains carrying food and ammunition to the German troops in the Woevre region. French artillery activity is also reported in Belgium.

The text of the communiqué follows: Our patrols have reported that a destructive fire from our artillery, directed against the German organization in the coastal region of Neuport yesterday evening, completely wrecked communicating trenches and killed a number of the enemy.

In the region to the north of Verdun no infantry action was reported during the night. The bombardment has continued rather feebly on the left bank of the Meuse, but very violently on the right bank, in the region of Haudremont and Damplois.

Our artillery has violently bombarded the region west of Douaumont, where the enemy was building earthworks.

In the Woevre we have bombarded numerous supply trains.

East of Apremont forest a surprise attack on a German trench enabled us to inflict some losses on the enemy and to capture some prisoners.

In the Vosges, south of the Thur, the Germans launched an attack on our positions near Burnhaupt. Checked by our curtains of fire, the enemy was unable to reach our trenches.

BERLIN, March 16.—Attempts by the

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ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ,
'FATHER OF UNDERSEA
FRIGHTFULNESS,' QUILTSGerman Minister of Marine Re-
signed His Post Because of
Illness, Reports From
Berlin Assert

SURPRISE FOR TEUTONS

BERLIN, March 16.

Official announcement was made today that Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, German Minister of Marine, has resigned because of illness.

Admiral von Capelle, Director of the Administration Department of the Admiralty, has been appointed successor to Admiral von Tirpitz.

Rumors of Admiral von Tirpitz's resignation had been in circulation for 24 hours before the announcement was made. The unofficial reports attributing the navy chief's departure from the Admiralty to the inactivity of the fleet. It is believed that the submarine policy of the Government will stand.

Admiral von Tirpitz has been accused by his enemies of being the father of the "policy of frightfulness." He was the originator of submarine blockade, but is understood to have consistently opposed the departure of the German high seas fleet from the Kiel Canal.

"In some quarters it is believed the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is connected with the Kaiser's decision not to extend submarine warfare beyond the limits announced to neutrals in the recent memorandum, and not to direct it against neutral ships," said the semi-official news agency today.

It was also reported that Admiral von Tirpitz had been compelled to resign by the Kaiser to avoid dismissal, but this was contrary to the information conveyed in the official statement.

The resignation of the Minister of Marine was a thunderbolt to Germany.

According to press reports, the Admiral is ill from overwork and anxiety, and this has been aggravated by disappointment. Plans which Admiral von Tirpitz had worked out failed of carriage, at-

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Haupt, Second Victim
OF HOLD-UP, DIES WITH
MURDER STORY UNTOLDAssistant to Dead Paymaster
Succumbs to Wounds—Mrs.
Kastening's Grief In-
creased by Tragedy

LAW TO AID FAMILIES

WALTER S. HAUPT

Assistant paymaster, who was shot by bandits at Germania Mills, Kensington, who died today.

Walter Haupt, second victim of the gunman who killed Herman Kastening, paymaster of the Germania Worsted Mills, Indiana avenue and A street, died today. His death has added to the grief of Kastening's widow, who prayed daily that Haupt would be spared so that she might hear from him the details of the crime or the last words uttered by her husband.

The only streak of sunshine in the trouble which has come to the families of the murdered men is provided by the workmen's compensation act.

Under the terms of the law, Kastening's widow and daughter have a right of recovery, while the parents, brothers or sisters of Haupt, who was unmarried, can also bring an action. While no negligence was shown on the part of the company, and it was not the fault of their employers that the men were attacked, the fact that they were injured in the performance of their duty is enough ground to recover, according to Referee George C. Klouder.

The death of Haupt, who lived at 174 West Lippincott street, is a serious blow to the detectives in their work of tracking down the gunmen and completing the cases against them. The police were awaiting Haupt's recovery in order to secure a positive identification of Michael Tschornok and Joseph Kopulinski, the suspects who have been partially identified as the bandits who were seen running away from the scene of the shooting.

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MAYOR AND HIS PARTY
HAVING A MERRY TIME
IN THE SOUTHLANDEnjoyment So Great That Holi-
day May Be Prolonged
Until Middle of Next
Week

VARE AS AN "AFFINITY"

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 16.—Mayor Smith and his party are having a merry time here; such a merry one, in fact, that Philadelphia's Chief Executive is thinking of extending his originally planned stay a couple of days. He meant to leave Sunday for home; now he is talking about remaining until the middle of next week.

Golf in the morning, horseback riding in the afternoon and dancing in the evening; these are the diversions that make up the usual daily program. Sometimes the golf is put off until the afternoon part of the day and the horses are brought into service in the forenoon, but the rule is the other way about.

Senator Vare is sticking close to the Mayor, though the other members of the party usually go their own way. The men generally play alone and the ladies of the visiting group find their own fun. They aren't very keen about golf or horseback riding either, and a carriage ride, which by the way is much more popular down here than motoring, seems to suit them.

Little Frederick Smith, about 10, is nearly always with his father, and he, the Mayor and the Senator make up an inseparable trio.

Freeland Kendrick has found so many friends here that he hasn't much time to spend with the folk he came with. Augusta Shriners say he is about the classiest

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RUSSIA AND ENGLAND
FLIRT WITH SWEDENAllies Try to Win Nation to
Their Side to Block Ger-
many's Baltic Ports

BERLIN (via wireless), March 16.—Russia and England are now making efforts to win Sweden to the side of the Allies, despite the Swedish distrust of Russia and their bitter feeling over the English blockade.

The Russian Minister to Stockholm was quoted in dispatches received here as declaring that Sweden and Russia should co-operate to control the Baltic.

No fear is felt by German officials that the newest Allied diplomatic plan will be successful. Popular feeling against England and Russia is said to be so deep-rooted in Sweden that the Government must not give serious consideration to any move of this sort, it is said here.

The primary aim of the Anglo-Russian diplomats, it is reported, is to obtain Sweden's passive acquiescence in a blockade of Germany's Baltic ports. The Allies then would count upon throwing a blockade around Germany without effective protest by the United States.

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QUICK NEWS

STEAMSHIP IN DISTRESS OFF CAPE COD

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Arlington wireless station today reported the steamship William Bisbee, of Rockland, Me., in distress ten miles off Cape Cod. Coast guard cutters have gone to her assistance.

ITALIAN OFFENSIVE FOILS GERMAN PLANS AT VERDUN

PARIS, March 16.—Plans of the Austrian War Office to send 150,000 troops to help the Germans at Verdun resulted in the Italian offensive which is now under way, it was learned from a reliable source today. In consequence the Austrian troops were not sent to France, most of them being held on the Isonzo front.

STRIKE CLOSES POTTERY PLANT

SEBRING, O., March 16.—Five pottery plants here are idle because of a strike involving 1800 persons.

NEW HAVEN INQUIRES FOR 30 SWITCH ENGINES

NEW HAVEN, March 16.—The New Haven today sent out a call for bids for 30 motor switch engines, to cost about \$30,000 each.

BRITAIN MAY CALL OUT MORE MARRIED MEN

LONDON, March 16.—An important conference of military authorities is soon to be held, it is reported, at which the questions of calling more married groups to the colors and the raising of the age limit of single men will be discussed. This is another step in the Government's plan to get every available single and married man into the army.

ASQUITH BROKE PLEDGES, MARRIED MEN SAY

LONDON, March 16.—Premier Asquith and Lord Derby were hotly denounced today at a mass-meeting of married men, who have attested for military service under the Derby recruiting scheme. "Premier Asquith is either a liar or a fool for denying that his pledges have been broken," shouted Chairman Viner, who had charge of the meeting. Those present adopted a resolution that they would not enlist until the pledges of the Premier and Lord Derby are redeemed. These pledges are that single men shall be called up for service before the married men.

GERMANY OFFICIALLY DENIES SINKING SILIUS

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, this afternoon filed with the State Department an official disclaimer that a German submarine sunk the Norwegian bark Silius in Havre Roads. The disclaimer was made under direct instructions from the German Foreign Office, which stated that no German submarine was in that vicinity at the time the bark was sunk.

GERMANY MAY PRESS NEUTRALS INTO WAR DUTY

LONDON, March 16.—The Exchange Telegraph's Amsterdam correspondent reported today that Germany is considering pressing into service all neutrals who have lived in Germany continuously for five years. A census of these neutrals is being taken, the dispatch said, and they probably will be forced to go to garrison duty, relieving landsturmers and others, who will be sent to the front. It is estimated that 30,000 neutrals are liable to service.

DR. J. W. WHITE'S CONDITION CAUSES APPREHENSION

Friends of Dr. J. William White, surgeon and educator, are apprehensive regarding his condition. He has been ill for several months and manifests virtually no improvement. At his home, 1810 Rittenhouse square, he was reported to be "just the same as yesterday."

NEW COALITION CABINET IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, March 16.—A new coalition Cabinet, headed by Senor Almeida, has been formed. It was announced today, to prosecute Portugal's war program. Premier Almeida will also hold the portfolio of Minister of Colonies. The other appointments are: Senor Cutinho, Minister of Marine; Senor Costa, Finance; Captain de Mattos, War; Senor Soares, Foreign Affairs; Senor Carvalho, Justice; Professor Martin, Education; Doctor Reis, Interior and Labor.

AMERICAN DOCTOR REPORTED EXECUTED BY BRITISH

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—Friends of Dr. Walter Gellhorn, a prominent Seattle physician, will ask the State Department to ascertain his fate, as the result of unconfirmed reports that he had been taken from a steamship at Kirkwall, Scotland, by the British naval auxiliaries and put to death. Doctor Gellhorn was on his way to Germany to join the German Red Cross. Efforts to ascertain Doctor Gellhorn's whereabouts have been unavailing. Doctor Gellhorn has a brother in St. Louis.

ATCHISON INCREASES WAGES 10 PER CENT.

CHICAGO, March 16.—An advance in wages amounting to 10 per cent. a month has been granted by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company to its station employees.

CZAR APPROVES TRIAL OF EX-WAR MINISTER

LONDON, March 16.—Emperor Nicholas has approved the decision of the Commission of Inquiry to bring evidence of alleged illegal acts of former Minister of War General Soukhomlinoff, before the Judicial Department of the Imperial Council, with a view to his arraignment on a charge of being responsible for the shortage of munitions for the Russian army, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. General Soukhomlinoff resigned as Minister of War on June 28, 1915, and was succeeded by General Polivanoff.

RUMANIAN QUEEN, FRIEND OF ALLIES, ILL

LONDON, March 16.—Zurich dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company repeat stories from German sources that Queen Marie of Rumania is seriously ill and growing worse. Queen Marie was Princess Marie of Edinburgh, and is the granddaughter of Czar Alexander II and also of Queen Victoria. She has been, consequently, throughout the war consistently friendly to the cause of the Allies. There have been many indications that Russia and England, to whose royal families she is related, have counted strongly upon her to neutralize the influence which his German descent might have upon her royal husband.

PHILADELPHIA COTTON IN HOLLAND TO BE FREED

SCHIEDAM, Holland, March 16.—Two thousand bales of American cotton, which were forwarded by a Philadelphia company and destined for a Bremen firm, are about to be released from the Netherlands Overseas Trust's embargo under which they have been held here for months, owing to Great Britain's stipulation that none but Dutch industries would be permitted to receive such shipments. Dutch spinners, who are badly in need of raw material, have bought the consignment from the Bremen firm at a price \$40 a bale in excess of the quotation of the day.

WOMEN BEREAVED BY WAR URGED TO JOIN MORMONS

LONDON, March 16.—Mormon elders are actively proselytizing among women bereaved by the war, and this has aroused prominent members of the clergy and social workers in general throughout England. An official of the National Union of Women Workers declared that the organization had a committee make an investigation because of the increased efforts of the Mormon propagandists. From other well-informed sources it is learned that missionaries from Salt Lake City are urging their doctrines in households where the men are at the front. It is explained that these missionaries prosecute their duties in such fashion as to make it difficult to prove they are preaching polygamy.

COMMUTERS LOSE FIGHT FOR LOW FARE

The fare reduction sought by commuters between Broad Street Station and 40th street has been refused by the Public Service Commission on the ground that the present rates are not excessive. The straight fare between Broad Street Station and 40th street is 10 cents, or a 10-trip ticket for \$2 cents, the same price that is charged for a 10-trip ticket between Broad Street Station and 52d street.