

VILLA KILLED, SAYS REPORT TO CARRANZA

Rumored Slain by Carranzistas and Body Rushed Southward

CONFIRMATION LACKING Other Dispatches Say Outlaw Leads Chase Into Durango State

Pancho Villa has been killed, according to an unconfirmed report, to the Carranza War Office at Queretaro, and his body is being carried southward by his men.

Together with this rumor, other unofficial reports today state that Villa is near Tepic, 80 miles south of the Durango State line and approximately 125 miles south of Parral, and that the American troops already have crossed the State boundary in pursuit.

It was said Villa had a long lead. General Pershing, from Naminqua, wired General Funston the names of the five American soldiers wounded at Guerrero, but gave no information as to the expedition and the whereabouts of Colonels Dodd and Brown relative to Villa's position.

Dispatches continue wholly contradictory in reference to activity of the Carranza forces.

El Paso, now famed as the headquarters of alarmists, reports that Generals Gavira and Bertani, Carranza lieutenants, are ready to take the field against the Villistas when the Americans withdraw, which action they urge.

General Funston's information is that the Carranzistas are actively cooperating and that Villa is being driven by the United States forces up against a wall of Carranza troops. El Paso says the Carranzistas are deliberately allowing Villa to flee unmolested.

Washington is calm, confident in assurances of Carranza sympathy, if not active support. Senator Fall continues his anti-Carranza propaganda.

RUMOR OF VILLA'S DEATH STIRS CARRANZA CAPITAL

QUERETARO, Mex., via Galveston, Tex., April 11.—The Carranza capital here today that Francisco Villa was killed in the last fight with Carranzistas in the town of Chihuahua. Villa's men, according to the rumor, were carrying his body as they continued their flight to the South.

Washington Telegram at once wired the commanding officer at Chihuahua City asking for confirmation of the report or a denial, but up to the time of sending this dispatch no reply had been received. The rumor, however, created a deep impression here.

U. S. TROOPS CHASE VILLA INTO DURANGO, SAYS REPORT

EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—United States cavalry were reported today to have crossed into Durango State after Villa. Far in advance of them, the outlaw chief was said to have reached Tepic, on the State road to Durango City.

Passengers from Chihuahua today said that Leon Bari, a French merchant, of Guerrero; four Arab peddlers and a number of Mexicans with three Americans and two other foreigners were killed by Villa's men at Minaca and Guerrero.

The latter five are again said to be Dr. A. T. Stell, Lee Lindsay, Frank Woods, Herman Blankenburg and Donald MacGregor.

The Americans from Chihuahua City denounced the Carranzista forces in southern Chihuahua, charging them with stepping out of Villa's way after he defeated them at Guerrero. His flight from the American pursuit was through Minaca and Lajunta, thence through El Rancho de Santiago and Cerro Prieto to Satevo and Ojo Azul. No opposition was offered by Carranza soldiers at any of these places, the refugees declared, and Carranza did not leave Chihuahua City to step up on the pursuit until Villa was well on his way to Durango.

How the Carranzistas in Durango City

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THE WEATHER

There is said to be a place where the sun comes up like thunder out of China across the bay. Luckily for us it doesn't do it here. We have had quite enough trouble in training that alarm clock to make the arrival of rosy dawn as comfortable as an affair as could be expected with getting up at all. The way it's fixed now is just the "wind-alarm" key turned one and a half times so that the gong gives one little apologetic ting-aling and subsides into abashed silence at one stern look. We have had many queries of late as to whether this business of morning sunlight is not coming earlier than was its wont in winter and now answer them all at once. Yes, yes, quite so, dear readers, the sun is getting up earlier and earlier every day now. It hit the 5:29 a. m. mark today.

It shines in our eyes and pays us back for that trick we played on the alarm clock.

FRECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight; moderate south and southwest winds.

For details see page 6.

LOST AND FOUND

DEED—Lost, deed in the name of Edmund Shaw, Jr. of No. 7, N. W. P. in Section 20, Township 21, Range 2, containing 200 acres. For a duplicate deed apply to the undersigned.

Other Classified Ads on Pages 18 and 19

"PIRATE" AND MURDERER DR. WAITE'S NEIGHBORS

Accused Poisoner of Millionaire Rests Easily Despite Company

NEW YORK, April 11.—In his cell in the Tombs between Giuseppe Archibella, the assassin of a committee member for hire, and Ernest Schiller, the German "pirate" of Matopos fame, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite today rested more peacefully than he has since his arrest for the poisoning of millionaire John W. Peck. He has denied himself to all callers and politely refuses the friendly advances of his jailers. His case may come to trial the first week in May.

DU PONT FEUD STIRS DELAWARE REPUBLICANS

Alfred I. Defeats Henry A. in Rural New Castle

HOT SCENES IN CAUCUSES

DOVER, Del., April 11.—The factional family quarrel in the du Pont family manifested itself at the Republican State Convention here today and created one of the hottest fights Delaware has witnessed in many years. In fact, not since the days of Addicks, the gasman.

The fight started when the rural delegates of New Castle County this morning held a conference and voted, 25 to 15, for Alfred I. du Pont as delegate to the National Convention at Chicago, turning down Alfred I.'s cousin, Henry A. du Pont, present United States Senator. They also voted unanimously for Governor Charles H. Miller as a delegate.

Next the Wilmington city delegation held a caucus and voted, 23 to 17, for State Chairman Mitchell for national delegate. Mitchell has been fighting Governor Miller for the honor.

Although called for 11 o'clock, the convention proper did not get started until 12:30. It was opened by State Chairman Edward Mitchell, who thus ended his term as State Chairman.

Robert H. Richards, who is one of the 7th Ward delegates from Wilmington whose election has been contested, was introduced as temporary chairman. He said he did not intend to sit in the convention unless he had an honest right to do so. However, he did not see why he should not preside. Then he launched into his speech of acceptance, arraigning the Democratic party. He spoke mostly on national issues.

Mr. Richards pleaded with the convention to try to restore harmony, saying that personal ambitions should not be made paramount to the good of the party. "All men here are good enough Republicans to see that those things are done that will put it in a position where there is left no running sore," was his parting declaration.

Prior to the assembly of the State convention, spirited scenes were enacted in the several county and district caucuses, in which choice for delegates to the National Convention was signified.

Alfred I. du Pont's selection for national delegate by the rural New Castle caucus was the first actual show of strength of the opposing family factions and was a body blow to United States Senator Henry A. du Pont and general F. Coleman du Pont, national committee man, who heretofore has dominated the Republican organization in Delaware and particularly in New Castle County. Thus the quarrel between Alfred I. du Pont and the other members of his family over the sale of Coleman du Pont's \$50,000,000 in stock

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MYSTERY IN SLAYING OF STRANGER; MAY BE AUTO MURDER VICTIM

Body of Well-Dressed Man Found on Meadow Street With Bullet Wound in Temple

BAFFLING CASE, COPS SAY

The body of an unidentified, well-dressed man, thought to be the victim of an automobile murder, was found early today, with blood flowing from a wound in the right temple, on Meadow (14th) street near Haverford avenue.

An autopsy conducted in the soft roadway, the marks of a woman's heel, absence of a weapon or signs of a struggle and the respectful attitude in which the body was found are elements in what the police, after several hours' investigation, believe will prove a baffling case. The nearest building is more than 100 yards distant.

The body was found by C. Stetler, of 706 Preston street, an icewagon driver, and Frank Kent, of 643 North 14th street. Driving through the little-used thoroughfare at 5:30 o'clock this morning, they made out the form near a dim gasoline lamp on the east sidewalk of the street.

The body was stretched out on its right side, the head resting against the base of the seven-foot iron fence which surrounds the female department of Kirkbride's. On the west side of the street is the male department.

Stetler called Policeman Phillips, of the 29th street and Lancaster avenue station, and the body was hurried to the Presbyterian Hospital, where physicians said the wound had been caused by a bullet. Dr. T. J. Klinger, district surgeon, said the man had been dead for probably an hour.

An autopsy was performed at the Morgue by Coroner's Physician Wadsworth in an endeavor to find the bullet. Lieutenant Savage hurried Special Policeman Farmer, Rosebush, Harbridge and Shannon to the spot where the body was found to search for a weapon in the event the State association and chairman for Allegheny County, Mrs. Miller arrived today to help perfect plans.

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SUFFRAGISTS' NEW PLAN Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, of Philadelphia (above), and Mrs. J. O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, are heading a campaign to have the cause of suffrage represented at the coming Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

CABINET REVIEWS U-BOAT WARFARE FOR TWO HOURS

Little Improvement in General Situation, Members Admit

SERIOUS ON LEAVING

WASHINGTON, April 11.—For more than two hours the President and Cabinet discussed the submarine situation today. The question of what action this Government can take in the face of the German denial of responsibility for any attack on the channel steamer Sussex was thoroughly canvassed. Although the text of the German note was not at hand, the outline of it, as indicated in the messages sent by Ambassador Gerard, and communicated to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff yesterday, was thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that there has been little improvement in the general situation, but until all of the information now en route to this country is in possession of the President and the State Department no action will be taken, officials said.

"The situation remains extremely serious," one Cabinet official said, "and we see little chance for improvement."

Despite the German denial of responsibility for any attack on the

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SUFFRAGISTS TO MOVE ON PARTY CONCLAVES

Women Launch Movement to Exercise Power in Chicago and St. Louis

A national suffrage movement to participate in the national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties was launched in Philadelphia today.

The first announcement of the plan to represent every State with women workers at the conventions of the two parties was made here this afternoon. Huge suffrage parades will march through the streets of Chicago during the Republican Convention in that city, June 7, and at St. Louis during the Democratic Convention, June 14.

The announcement was made by Miss Ethel Shrigley, of Lansdowne, director of the campaign in this State. She is assisted by Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, of this city, chairman of finance for the State association, and Mrs. John O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, first vice president of the State association and chairman for Allegheny County. Mrs. Miller arrived today to help perfect plans.

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SON BORN TO WALDORF ASTOR; HAILS WIFE AS A PATRIOT

Hopes Asquith Will Be True to Country as She Is

PLYMOUTH, Eng., April 11.—In a message to a friend announcing the birth of another son, Waldorf Astor, whose father is Baron Astor of Hever, the American expatriate, says:

I hope Premier Asquith will do his duty to the country as thoroughly as my wife has done hers to the nation as a woman.

The child is the third son. His mother was formerly Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, of Virginia.

GERMAN TROOPS WIN FOOTHOLD ON DEAD MAN'S HILL

Occupy Few Trenches on East Slope of Le Mort Homme

FIGHT ON 13-MILE FRONT

PARIS, April 11.—Attacks with liquid fire were launched by the Germans last night on both sides of the Meuse River in the sector of Verdun.

These attacks were thrown back with bloody losses, the French War Office stated in an official communique today, except on the east slope of Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill), northwest of Verdun, where the Germans were able to occupy a few trenches.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The text of the official communique follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse the Germans launched yesterday evening against our positions at Le Mort Homme an attack accompanied by the throwing of liquid fire. The attack, which debouched from Corbeux woods, was driven back by our curtains of fire and our rifle fire, except on the east, where the enemy gained a foothold in some small trench elements.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans attempted during the night to drive us from the trenches which we had taken during the recent days to the south of the village of Douaumont. Their attack here was likewise repulsed by the throwing of liquid fire. It suffered a sanguinary check. There was a violent bombardment in the Douaumont-Vaux region. Some artillery signals were noted in the Woëvre district.

The night was quiet on the rest of the front.

This morning one of our pilots brought down a German aeroplane, which fell within our lines near Badonviller. The two aviators were killed by the fall.

MOWED DOWN BY GUNS

German masses were sent against Dead Man's Hill following a violent bombardment. The Germans were mowed down by the machine guns and artillery fire of the French, but on the east side of the hill they were able to penetrate a few of the French trenches. South of Douaumont, north of Verdun, the Crown Prince again hurled some of his men against French positions, but they were repulsed, suffering bloody losses.

On the Douaumont-Vaux front the German guns concentrated a terrific fire against the French positions. Fighting over a 15-mile front northwest and northeast of Verdun has now been continuous for several days, the Germans driving home assault after assault in an effort to weaken the French lines.

When the Toul sector, has telegraphed against the French lines the big German guns were pounding away, but the stout-hearted French resistance has held the emergency. To the west of the Meuse the German attacks were made against the eastern side of the modified salient which is represented by Hill.

Despite German claims the French still hold the crest of the much-disputed Dead Man's Hill. The trenches which the Germans captured on Sunday on Hill 295 are nearly half a mile from the summit of Le Mort Homme.

French military critics express the be-

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Mad Dog Bites Haitian Official

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the cruiser squadron in Haiti, has telegraphed that the Minister of Public Instruction and another citizen have been bitten by a mad dog and were on the way to New York for treatment. Otherwise the admiral reported the island was quiet.

OPICIAN VANISHES; NOTE THE ONLY CLUE

Police at Work on Foul Play Theory—"Will Return April 4," Says Missive

Oliver C. Hess, a prominent optician at 39 South 17th street, has been missing since March 31, according to the police, who are searching for him in this and nearby cities today. Fearing he had met foul play in his store, which has been closed, the police forced an entrance yesterday and found a sign on the door stating that he would be back on April 4. With the exception of the sign, not the slightest clue to the man's whereabouts was found.

Hess was last seen when he left his apartments, at 1667 Walnut street, on the morning of March 31. He seemed in the best of spirits. Whether he went to his store is not known. Hundreds of customers have called at the store since that time, but Hess has not appeared. It is believed that his absence is a voluntary one, since his store requires constant attention. Foul play or possibly murder is the theory they are working on.

Hess was a man of regular habits and consequently when he failed to return to his home March 31, an investigation was made here this afternoon. Huge suffrage parades will march through the streets of Chicago during the Republican Convention in that city, June 7, and at St. Louis during the Democratic Convention, June 14.

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TAYLOR NAILS YELLOW YARN ABOUT SUBWAY

Answers Sensational Report of Newspaper Prior to Councils' Meeting

CITY HALL STATION SAFE

"I Take Responsibility for Making Suggestion Against Publication," He Says

Ex-Transit Director Taylor this afternoon issued a reply to a sensational and irresponsible afternoon newspaper report to the effect that the Public Ledger had commissioned an engineer to examine the foundations of the City Hall, to determine whether it was safe to place the Broad street subway beneath the building, and that the Public Ledger had then, as the report had it, "muzzled its own expert."

The substance of the reply of Mr. Taylor to this publication was that when the engineer appeared to make his report he admitted, under questioning by the Director of the Transit Department, that it would not be dangerous to build the street car tracks of the Broad street subway with transfer station as located and also that the undertaking was entirely feasible and only involved itself into a report of the engineer. Mr. Taylor said, "I took an opposite stand from the admission he had made verbally and thus made both opinions valueless."

The "muzzled in the report" published just prior to the meeting of Councils to act on the transit and general loan bills, brought the clear and direct explanation from Mr. Taylor before it was three hours old.

TAYLOR'S STATEMENT

Mr. Taylor, in his formal statement, said:

At the request of the editor of the Public Ledger, Mr. Joseph Caccavajo (whom I had never heard of before he called me up to make the appointment) called at my office last week to show me an article he had prepared for publication, with relation to the condition of the foundation of the City Hall.

I did not read the article through, but questioned it as to its conclusions, and as to the information upon which those conclusions were based.

After finding from him that he had not the necessary information which would be required in order to pass judgment on either the safety or cost of building the four-track City Hall station section of the Broad street subway, and that he had not taken into consideration any of the operating problems involving the necessity of locating the four-track and transfer station beneath the City Hall, I concluded that his article was unworthy of serious consideration, especially as the conclusions which he set forth were radically at variance with the conclusions of all of the engineers of national reputation and standing whom I have consulted with relation to this subject.

DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE. Later the editor of the Public Ledger requested me to make him concise the conclusions in the article which Mr. Caccavajo had prepared.

When I arrived at the office of the editor of the Public Ledger, Mr. Caccavajo was waiting there with a copy of his article.

The editor of the Public Ledger

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MARSHALL AS WILSON'S RUNNING MATE, LEWIS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Democratic State Leaders Will Meet on Thursday to Make Arrangements for National Convention

NOT IN ENTIRE HARMONY

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Vice President Marshall again the running mate for President Wilson and Senator J. Hamilton Lewis temporary chairman and keynoter at the Democratic national convention, is the prospective arrangement, according to many Democratic leaders gathering here for the meeting of State chairmen, Thursday.

Senator Lewis announced today talk of his possible candidacy for the Vice Presidency had been dispelled with the determination of Marshall to run again. The United States Senators are to be elected in Indiana this fall and the presence of Marshall's name on the ticket will aid the party's candidates, it is believed. Hence, the withdrawal of Lewis.

A recent visit of National Chairman William F. McCombs to Washington paved the way for Lewis' probable selection as temporary presiding officer at the St. Louis convention. It was desired to have a Western man, and the Senate whip is said to be satisfactory to the President, who will have the final say, all agree.

That there will be strong opposition to Lewis in the National Committee is certain. His own State committee man, Charles Boeschenstein, a close friend of Roger Sullivan, is opposed to Lewis and will vote against his selection for the chairmanship. It is said Lewis campaigned against Sullivan when the latter filed for the withdrawal of Lewis, the breach resulting has not been healed. Senator Taggart, of Indiana, also a committee man, while he declines to discuss the situation, is understood to oppose Lewis.

BLACKWOOD, N. J., HOME BURNS

Couple Leap From Bungalow—Wife Breaks an Arm

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mayer were asleep when flames approached their bedside this morning in a fire which destroyed the bungalow in Blackwood, N. J., where they lived. When awakened each grabbed a blanket and wrapped it around their night clothes, hurried through the open window on to the porch and then leaped to the ground. Mrs. Mayer suffered a broken arm.

Neighbors cared for them. The loss is estimated at \$1000. The fire also damaged an unoccupied dwelling next door owned by Henry Livermore. Fire apparatus from Blackwood and Almonesson kept the flames from spreading further. The origin is unknown.

QUICK NEWS

MINERS, BY 2 TO 1 VOTE, RATIFY WAGE PACT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 11.—The wage agreement adopted at the conference of the officials of the United Mine Workers of America with representatives of the coal mine operators has been ratified by a 2 to 1 vote of the miners, Secretary Green, of the international organization of miners, announced today. The vote was 84,498 1-2 for to 42,820 against.

U. S. SENATE COMMITTEE FAVORS LITERACY TEST

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Senate Immigration Committee today decided to recommend passage of the Burnett literacy test immigration bill without amendment as passed by the House.

"DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S" ESTATE SETTLED

The estate of the late William J. Thompson, known to residents of Gloucester and vicinity as the "Duke of Gloucester," was settled today after five years, during which time the litigation was carried on in courts from Atlantic City to Oklahoma. A final meeting of creditors was held before Referee in Bankruptcy S. Conrad Ott in the Camden Courthouse. Henry F. Stockwell, attorney for the trustee, was allowed \$4500 for his services, making his total allowance \$15,000. Henry J. West, trustee in bankruptcy, received a total of \$7667.91. The handling of the estate involved more than \$750,000. There was a balance of \$16,622.18 after all allowances had been deducted. This will be distributed among the creditors, making a total of dividends paid of 48 per cent.

DENIES FRICTION CAUSED DERBY RESIGNATION

LONDON, April 11.—Premier Asquith, speaking in Commons this afternoon, denied that friction in the Joint Naval and Military Board of Air Service had caused the resignations of Lord Derby, the chairman, and Lord Montague, the vice chairman, although he admitted that differences existed.

ANOTHER CROWN FOR HOHENZOLLERN

PARIS, April 11.—Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the Kaiser, has been proclaimed King of Lithuania, says the Journal. The following item on the elevation of Prince Oscar appeared in the Journal today: "Leaving Verdun, the Kaiser, accompanied by Prince Oscar and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, went to Vilna, arriving there on April 2. After visiting the tombs of the old Lithuanian Kings the party ascended the hill whereon stands the ruin of the ancient Lithuanian castle and it was there that the petition was handed to the Kaiser claiming restoration of Lithuanian independence and begging that Oscar be made King. After the reading of the petition crowds gathered in the chateau and shouted 'Long live King Oscar.'"

NEW ENGLAND MILL WORKERS TO GET INCREASE

BOSTON, April 11.—A 5 to 10 per cent. increase in wages for all employees of the woolen and cotton mills of New England, amounting to more than \$10,000,000, is about to be made. A meeting of the heads of the great mill corporations of Lawrence, Fall River, New Bedford and other mills is being held in this city today. It is authoritatively stated that the result of this meeting will be the announcement of a general wage increase.

54,011 IN U. S. NAVY; HIGHEST MARK IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The enlisted strength of the United States navy today reached the highest mark in its history. Secretary Daniels announced that the addition of 56 recruits, enlisted yesterday at different points, brought the total enlisted strength of the navy up to 54,011. This figure represents an increase of 6674 over the enlisted strength of the navy on March 4, 1913, when Secretary Daniels took office.

BRITISH HOLD UP U. S. SHIPS; REMOVE GERMANS

MANILA, P. I., April 11.—Word was received here today that the American interisland schooner Henry S. was held up 10 miles west of Zamboanga by a British auxiliary cruiser and two German steamship officers taken off. One was a resident of Manila and the other was a former officer of an interned German ship.

FRANCE REASSURES HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, April 11.—The Dutch Foreign Office was assured today by the French Minister that neither France nor any of the other allied nations has any intention of violating Holland's neutrality. These assurances were called forth by the war preparations of Holland and the reports from Berlin that one of the Entente Powers is preparing to strike at Germany through Holland.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS "SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH"

NEW HAVEN, April 11.—Earthquake shocks were recorded on the Yale seismograph last night, the records being very pronounced. The location is estimated to be several thousand miles, about due south. The shocks began at 10:55, reached a maximum at 11 p. m. and ended at 11:15 p. m.

GEN. DU PONT OPENS CAMPAIGN OFFICE HERE

General T. Coleman du Pont, who today is directing his campaign before the Delaware Republican State Convention, at Dover, for the endorsement of his home State for the Presidency, has opened a branch office for his campaign in this city. The Coleman du Pont League has established headquarters at 403 Bulletin Building, whence efforts will be directed to obtain more than Delaware's six votes pledged to General du Pont.

TWELFTH GERMAN SPY SHOT IN LONDON

LONDON, April 11.—Another German spy was executed in the Tower of London today. He was the twelfth put to death since the war began. The War Office issued the following statement announcing the execution: "A prisoner charged with espionage was tried by court-martial on March 20, found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentence was carried out this morning."

ONE KILLED IN DU PONT POWDER EXPLOSION