BANDIT VILLA IS DEAD, SAYS UNCONFIRMED REPORT

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will treat Villa was the question upper-most in the minds of El Paro officials to-day. A portion of the Durango garrison under the Arrieta brothers is reported to have declared liself against the American invasion of Mexico. This in unconfirmed. Other reports are that the Arrietas are Villa's personal enemies and that they are

entrenched at Durango City.

An unconfirmed report reached here today that Mexicans raided a ranch belonging to A. Esquierado at Villa Ahumad,
Chihuahua.

CARRANZISTAS PLAN VILLA CHASE, IF U. S. WILL QUIT

EL PASO, Tex., April 11.—The impression exists on the border today that heavy Carranza forces are about to take up the chase for Pancho Villa and that the United States expedition will be called off. It is believed that General Gavira is preparing to take the faid. to take the field.

There seems no doubt as to the desire of the Carrangistas for the withdrawal of the American forces. Just to what extent they themselves expect to push the campaign against the outlaws is a matter of

After a conference between General Gavira and Bertani, the Juarez commandant made it plain that the mission of the Pershing expedition had been accomplished and that withdrawal was now in

General Gavira's statement was: General Gavira's statement was!

We have more men than enough now. If we were able to overcome Villa when he had 70,000 men, over a hundred cannon and plenty of supplies, we ought to be able to dispose of him now, when his numbers have dwindled to a few hundred.

But it is a big territory to operate in, and a single man has more chance to escape and hide than a large force would have. However, on account of Villa's wounded condition, we think he will be taken soon. If not, we would have the without that without the without that without the witness of the without the without the without the witness of the it is hardly likely that, without proper surgical care, he will survive

The presence of General Bertani in Juarez gave renewed force to the reports that General Gavira had been ordered to the field.

SPEED, MORE SPEED, FOR U. S. TROOPS, NEEDED TO GET VILLA

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Duplication of Colonel Dodd's dash which routed Villa's ragged band at Guerrero will be necessary if the bandit chief is to be overtaken by American pursuers, army men said today. But they felt their man hunters would be count to the task. would be equal to the task.

All reports agree Villa is a day or more ahead of General Pershing's riders. To overtake him is a tremendous task, but authorities suggest the trail is still warm, and they still predict that dispatches within the next few days will bear tidings that the American expedition is succeedfully at an end.

The line of communications between Columbus and the heart of Mexico offers a problem for administrative men, yet opening of the Northwestern Railway to private appropria opening the private supplies for the army has relieved anxiety materially. Dispatch of the 24th (colored) regiment to Columbus has solved in part the question of protecting the auto in part the question of protecting the auto trail to Chihuahua. Other forces will be available if needed, for General Funston has orders to call for whatever is needed. Senator Fall's report that Villa is not

Senator Fall's report that Villa is not wounded found no credence in the War Department, for Pershing had reported again that Villa was injured in the knee. About 12,000 troops, chiefly guarding communication lines, are inside Mexico, it was learned officially today. The border patrol is about 18,500 men, while only 2000 men are stationed throughout the country, mainly at Spokane. Vancouver patrol is about 18,500 men, while only 2000 men are stationed throughout the country, mainly at Spokane, Vancouver Barracks, San Diego, Alaska, Kansas, the lake district and the Northeast.

ment said the reported massing of Mex-ican troops along the Rio Grande was unfounded, and that there was no evidence of any troop movements from Chihuahua

"It is stated that every available man,

said the announcement, "is operating in the locality of the supposed whereabouts of Villa, and that General Gutierrez is giving every proof of sincere co-operation."

The department's advices still locate Villa in the Parral region.

SLAIN NEGRO SOLDIER BLAMED IN TEXAS RIOT

DEL RIO, Tex., April 11.—Sheriff John W. Almond today made public an official W. Almond today made public an official report on the riot of Saturday night in which Private Wade, a negro soldier of the 24th United States Infantry, was killed by ranger W. L. Barler. This showed at the slain soldier was shot four times.

In all report holds the troops responsible for the riot and declares that only the four shots which killed Wade were fired by the men attempting to quelithe disorder.

the disorder.

The sheriff reports that the negro troopers were attempting to enter the "Green Top" resort, that the rangers were called as a guard and that they were attacked by the negro soldier. Ranger Barler was on the ground, felled by Wade, when he shot, in self-defense.

PERSHING, AT NAMIQUIPA, SILENT ON VILLA CHASE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 11.-Major General Funston received a wireless re-port from General John J. Pershing from Namiquipa, in Mexico. Aside from re-porting the recovery of the wounded American soldiers, General Pershing gave little information of the campaign to catch

(Namiquipa is far to the north of where Colonels Dodd and Brown are reported to be operating and even north of where neral Pershing was located. However, is supposed that General Pershing



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made a hurried trip to the front and has returned to his headquarters.)

General Funston announces that his Apache Indian scout squad has reached General Pershing's base and that it is even now on the trail of Villa and his bandits. The General said he knew of no 'dead line' for the American expedition.

"If Durango is sacred ground I know nothing of it," he said. Villa, driven against the wall of Car-rangistas, toward which he is reported heading, faces flerce opposition, General Funston believed.

FIVE WOUNDED AMERICANS RECOVER, REPORTS PERSHING

SAN ANTONIO, April 11.-Five Amerl can soldiers were wounded in the battle with Villistas in the Guerrero district or March 27. All were members of Troop C., Seventh United States cavalry. They have recovered from their wounds.

General Pershing set forth these facts n an official report transmitted by wire less to Major General Funston today.
The following list of casualties was given in General Pershing's report:

PRIVATE THOMAS P. BROWN, wounded in cheek, back and shoulder.

PARRIER V. P. MANDERVILLE, twice wounded in left forearm.

PRIVATE JOSEPH GARDET, wounded in left forearm.

PRIVATE JOSEPH G. BENNETT, wounded in left to said the left forearm. in ankle by eleccheting builet.
PRIVATE WALTER N. GARDNER, wounder in left hand.

in left hand.

The injuries suffered by Private Brown alone were characterized as serious in Pershing's report. He stated that the wounds of the other four men were slight. Today's report was an amplification of earlier official advices from the com-mander of the expedition in Mexico. Hi-first report had said that four men were wounded. When this was sent it was not known that Private Bennett had been

CABINET REVIEWS SUBMARINE CRISIS

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channel liner Sussex, Cabinet members insisted that the entire weight of evidence before them today indicated that the ship was torpedoed by a sub-

WASHINGTON, April 11. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, will make another effort to settle for all time the points in dispute between the United States and Germany growing out of the submarine activities of the German navy. The Ambassador hopes to discuss the situation with Secretary of State Lansing as soon as the latter gets all of the evidence now en route from London and Paris.

Cabinet convened today with few of the expected facts concerning the recent sub-marine operations in hand. The German Foreign Office report, disclaiming re-sponsibility, was believed to have been handed Ambassador Gerard today, but direct word to that effect had not come from Gerard.

Count von Bernstorff had expected to discuss the crisis in full yesterday, but was informed that the data on hand are in complete and that it will be Thursday, at least, before all the collected evidence in the various cases that have been investi-gated can reach Washington.

Meanwhile the complete text of the German reply to the inquiries by Am bassador Gerard into the Sussex, English-man, Manchester Engineer, Eagle Point and Berwindale attacks is not expected to get here before late tomorrow night o Thursday morning. In each case, it is understood, Germany insists that she can-not be held responsible, and in the case of the Sussex, especially, specific denial is nade that any German submarine was

In this very connection experts in inter national law were today pointing out that this Government cannot very well question the statements of a friendly nation unless

"No nation can call another a liar un-

less she means war," is the way high au-thority puts the case. The President believes that there is an ulation of evidence that submarine again are torpedoing without warning, but in the big case which he expected to make the chief issue—that of the Sussex—it

probably will have to be ignored entirely.

Many officials were hopeful that Count
von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing
would be able to find a way out that would solve the existing perplexing prob-lem, but it will be impossible to deter-mine this much before the end of the week, if then. Meanwhile the entire inernational situation must continue un changed, as the Lusitania case is still un-adjusted to the satisfaction of the United

The Overseas News Agency today issued in Berlin a copy of a dispatch which had been received from Athens stating that a Greek naval officer was on board the steamship Sussex, carrying Americans, which was damaged with loss of life by an explosion in the English Channel. The following is given out as the text

of the Athens dispatch; "The officer states that the ship must have struck a mine, which was possibly British. The Sussex had a French crew on board and only four lifeboats, which was altogether insufficient."



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This photograph, taken "somewhere in Mexico," is a characteristic portrait of the man delegated with the simple mission of "getting

GERMANS WIN GROUND ON LE MORT HOMME

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lief that there is little doubt that the real offensive began against the French posi-tions at Verdun on Sunday. The assaults witch have been under way since Saturday, it is believed, may be regarded as the final drive.

The Germans are again employing mass

formation attacks, the troops being sent forward into the blasting fire of the French without regard for losses. The ravines and gullies about the hills west of the Meuse are filled with German dead and wounded, the Red Cross units being unable to reach the wounded because of the terrific artillery and machine gur duel which rages night and day.

The curtains of fire used by General Petain are found absolutely successful in a majority of cases in checking the Ger-

Capture of more French positions north east of Verdun, in the fighting southwest of Fort Douaumont, was announced by the War Office this afternoon, On the east bank of the Meuse French counter-attacks south of Crows' forest were repulsed, the Germans taking 222

The French counter-attacked in large force from the direction of Chattancour but were everywhere driven back. They were also driven off in attempts to re

conquer positions near Pepper Heights, taken by the Germans. South of St. Elol an English grenade attack broke down. The Germans retain the whole position.

36,000 FRENCHMEN TAKEN. More than 36,000 prisoners have been

captured by the Germans on the Verdun it has absolute evidence gathered from its front since the great battle for the French own sources that that Government is mis-

prisoners taken was made through the Overseas News Agency today. It is estimated by German military critics that the French have lost nearly 159,000 men in killed and wounded.

West of the Meuse River about 25 kilometres of territory have been captured. German newspapers now point out that

the French report having evacuated Beth incourt "according to a previous plan." However, in this connection it is pertinent to point to an order found upon a French officer, which says: important place (Bethincourt)

must be held under all circumstances."

The fact that more than 790 unwounded French prisoners were taken and many ore than that were killed or wounded is

proof that the French plan of evacuation

could not have been perfectly carried out According to the French War Office, the according to the French war Office; the new French front lies from the southern corner of Avocourt Forest, along the first slopes of the Hill 201, on the southern slopes of Forges brook, northeast of Haucourt, thence eastward and south of the point where the Bethincourt-Esnes road and the Bethincourt-Chattancour ads cross, and north of Cumieres to the Meuse River

As reported by the German War Office the fortifications of the village of Avo-court, south of Avocourt Forest, were destroyed by the German guns.

Methodically but with the certainty of well-regulated machine, the Germans are nashing their way forward on both sides of the Meuse and, to borrow the expres-sion of an enemy general, they are "nib-bling" their way into Verdun.

Fresh troops are continually being sent o the front to relieve the veterans who have played their part in previous storm

A division and a half of reinforcements have just been sent to the Malancourt front to take part in the drive against Hill 304, which now forms a modified salient in the German line,

GERMANS RESENT U. S. DOUBT CAST ON NATIONAL HONOR

BERLIN, April 11. Much bitterness has been caused here by reports that Americans are question-ing the honor of the German Government without waiting for a presentation of all the facts in the Sussex and other cases.

The Berlin newspapers today reprinted several American newspaper editorials, as cabled here from English sources. These editorials charged that Germany has violated the pledges given by Ambas-sador Bernstorff.

It is the unanimous opinion of Germans

correspondents have that the U-boat commanders have received such explicit instructions that there is little possibility that they have violated either international law or the pledger Germany made America. For that reason the Germans feel that the American edi-torials, written before Germany presented her side of the case, are entirely unfair





The War Today

Violent liquid-fire attacks were launched by the Germans on both sides of the Meuse last night. The attacks were repulsed, Paris serts. It is admitted, however, the French official report that the Germans have gained a foothold on the east slope of Dead Man's Hill, one of the chief points of contention in the great battle now proceeding along a 13-mile front northwest of Verdun.

The French claim to have re-

pulsed a terrific German attack south of Douaumont, north of Verdun. A violent bombardment continued during the night on the Vaux-Douaumont front.

French military critics say that the real German offensive against Verdun is now under way and that the Germans are making the last great effort to capture the strong-

semiofficial statement from Berlin states that the Germans have captured 36,000 French prisoners since the beginning of Verdun fight and estimates the total number of French killed and wounded in the struggle at 150,000.

Bagdad is being evacuated by civilians, under order of the authorities, and the army, officered by Germans, is preparing to resist the British drive through Mesopotamia. Bagdad has been the objective of the offensive in this war zone. The British commander on the Tigris, Sir Percy Lake, denies a Turkish official report of an English reverse near Kut - el-

CLASSI DI RISERVISTI CHIAMATE ALLE ARMI

Congedati di Cavalleria, Artiglieria e Genio Devono Presentarsi il 12 Corrente

Un telegramma da Roma dice che e stato pubblicato un decreto col quale sono chiamate alle armi nuove classi di riser-visti. Le classi richiamate, che si devono resentare al rispettivi distretti il 16 corrente mese, sono: Cavalleria della classe del 1390; artiglieria da campagna delle classi del 1882 e 1883; artiglieria a cavallo delle classi del 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 e 1886, e tutti i congedati ascritti alla mi-lizia territoriale ed appartenenti alle armi di cavalleria, artiglieria e genio delle classi dal 1882 al 1885. Si crede che questi richiamati saranno subito inviati al campi di istruzione e che gli uomini che hanno gia' completato la loro istruzione saranno mandati alla fronte. Si dice che questo richiamo di classi sia un preludio del'offensiva italiana contro le linee di resistenza austriache.

Il comunicato ufficiale pubblicato leri sera a Roma dice che sabato notte gli austriaci attaccarono in forze le trincee Italiane sul Mrzii, ma furono respinti, non solo, ma gli italiani contrattaccarono portandosi fino alla trincee nemiche e onfiggendovi gli austriaci in una violenta

Prospect League to Ask New School At a meeting of the Prospect Park Home and School League tonight a resolution will be presented calling upon the school board to purchase, at an early date, a tract of land suitable for a new chool. Some of the rooms in the present public school are overcrowded, as the re-sult of so many new families moving into the borough. These people have been

IL NEMICO SCONFITTO IN UNA LOTTA AL BUIO SUL MONTE MRZLI VHR

Un Dirigibile Italiano Bombarda le Difese di Riva e Ritorna alla Sua Base Senza Danni

LA DOPPIEZZA ELLENICA

ROMA, 11 Aprile.

Si continua a parlare a Roma della progettata offensiva degli austriaci contro le linee italiane, offensiva che, come vi telegrafai leri, sarebbe stata decisa in un consiglio di guerra tenutosi recentemente in Austria. Sembra anzi che un attacco che gli austriaci operarono domenica con-tro le posizioni italiane dei Mrzli costituisca appunto un accenno a questa grande offensiva che nei piani austriaci dovrebbe far retrocedere le linee italiane dal territorio dell'impero. L'attacco infatti fu operato con grandi forze e termino con un combattimento corpo a corpo nella notte, ma gli austriaci furono respinti.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra in base al rapporto dei generale Cadorna. Cadorna:

"Si sono avute azioni di artiglieria su "Si sono avute azioni di artiglieria su iutta la fronte di battaglia. Sul Monte Mrzli sabato sera, dopo che forti contingenti nemici si erano avvicinati alla nostre trincee, le nostre truppe si lanciarono contro le trincee austriache esconfissero il nemico in una violenta lotta correa gerpe. согро и согро.

"Sulla fronte dell'Isonzo l'artiglieria nemica tiro' sulla stazione di Cormons e su altri punti in vicinanza di quella cit-tadina, ma non riusel' a causare danni rilevanti ne' a far vittime.

"leri sera uno dei nostri dirigibili volo' sulle posizioni fortificate di Riva e lascio' sadere quaranta bombe e granate-mine sulle scarpate, sulla ferrovia e sulle opere militari. I nostri aviatori osservarono che le bombe e le granate furono efficacia-sime. Il nestro dirigibile fu scoperto dai potenti riflettori nemici e fatto bersaglio ad un intenso fuoco dei cannoni antiaere delle mitragliatrici, ma ritorno' alla sua

base senza danni."

Un telegramma da Parigi dice che II Temps riporta un articolo del giornale ateniese Patris nel quale e' affermato che i rappresentanti delle Potenze dell'Intesa hanno protestato presso il governo greci per il fatto che 37,000 sacchi di farini appartenenti alla Russia sono stati con-segnati invece alla Bulgaria dalle au-torita' greche. Questa farina era stata requisita dal governo greco per l'esercito

ellenico, e poi fu invece ciandestinamenta inviata in Bulgaria che non sole può adoperare la farina, ma anche i sacchi vuoti per riempirii di terra ed usarii per scopi puramente militari.

Notizie giunte qui dicono che i Notizie giunte qui dicono che i rumi hanno gia' iniziato l'attacco sulle fortificazioni che difendono la piazza di Trebisonda, verso cui miravano fin da quando
espugnarono la fortezza di Erzerum. I
primi combattimenti sono atati favorevoli
ai russi, ma si crede che la lotta sara'
lunga giacche' i turchi hanno socumulato
grandi riserve di munizioni e la difesa e'
diretta da abili ufficiali tedeschi. Inoltre
si sa che 60,000 turchi fanno marce forzate dalla zona di Angora verso Trebisonda, che ne dista circa 350 miglia, e si
sa pure che la guarnigione della piazza sonda, che ne dista circa 350 miglia, e si sa pure che la guarnigione della piazza maritima e' stata portata recentemente a circa 30,000 uomini, e che la Germania vi ha mandato una grande quantita' di vettovaglie e di materiale da guerra, compresi grossi cannoni ed aeropiani. Il fatto e' che alla resistenza di Trebisonda si annette grande importanza da parte di tedezchi e di turchi.

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