TALE OF VILLA'S DEATH A HOAX. SAYS FUNSTON; HUNT GOES ON

Funston, in which mention was made of Villa, gave the bandit's location as in the mountains north and west of Parral. Officers here were convinced that he did not succeed in getting as far south as the Chihuahua-Durango State line.

SUPPOSED BODY OF VILLA IS "DELAYED" IN TRANSIT

EL PASO, Tex., April 18 .- Only Villa's head may be brought back for identification, according to Carranza Consul Garcia today. He said that the probably decomposed condition of the body, and the fact that the rough mountain trails were 30 or more miles from the grave to the nearest railroad, might render removal of the corpse difficult. Garcia said he had no further news regarding the body, but saw no reason to change his belief that it really was Villa's.

EL PÁSO, Tex., April 18.—Advices here state that the body, supposed to be that of Pancho Villa, was on its way to Chinahua City, but owing to the long wagon road from San Francisco Borjas, where the grave was found, it might be tomor-row before it reached its destination.

It has been suggested that the body might be that of Pablo Lopez, butcher of Santa Ysabel. Officials here are "watchfully waiting.

General Gavira said today he had talked further with the San Antonio, Chihuahua. telegrapher, obtaining additional details of the location of Villa's body. According to the operator, General Cavazos and Col-onel Carlos Carranza and their troops were at Cusibulriachic last Saturday when they received word that a detachment of bandits was operating nearby. They en-gaged the bandits and captured a number of prisoners, besides killing or wounding many others

Among the prisoners, said the operator, was a Villista colonel, who, on being informed of his probable execution, begged for his life, and promised, if he were spared, to reveal the grave of Villa. Cavazos and Carranza were taken then by the prisoner to San Francisco Barjas. where they were shown a grave from which the body was then exhumed by their men. The Villista colonel said his chief had been dead about two weeks.

The confidence of Mexican officials here and in Juarez that Villa is dead has not and in Juarez that villa is dead has not diminished, outwardly at least. It was pointed out that if the body had been brought to Cusihuiriachic it might take the better part of a day to transport it from there to Chihuahua City.

AMERICAN SAW VILLA. Charles Rickerson, an American who owns mining properties in the Guerrero district, arrived at the border and de-clared he had seen Villa two weeks ago in a ranch house near Cusikuiriachic. Villa's leg was badly swollen, Rickerson said, and he was suffering much. The bullet had entered the knee through a pair of solled trousers, and the native doctor whom Villa had forced to go along with his band declared the infection had been injected into the wound from a particle of soiled cloth and had spread throughout Villa's body, causing him to have a

If Villa is dead his body will be buried in the "Potters' Field" of the old municipal cemetery in Juarez, without honors, priest, flags or firing squad, declares Gen-eral Gavira. The body would be thrown into the shallow grave, Gavira said, back of the old church where Villa had his shooting ground when he ruled Northern lexico as a dictator. There, against the lood-stained and bullet-pitted adobe wall illa murdered more than 400. When he ok Juarez Villa shot all the officers here. Again, when he discovered a plot his garrison, he marched men out in

CARRANZA WAITS, U. S. WAITS,

WASHINGTON, April 18 .- General Carranza, until he receives a formal reply, is inclined to stand pat on his suggestion that United States troops withdraw, a essage to the State Department from Consul Rodgers at Mexico City today in-dicated. Rodgers reported the de facto government was disinclined to discuss the matter further, pending the arrival of the expected reply. General Carranza expects to remain in the capital several days, he

The United States army report on the fight at Parral, differing greatly from that forwarded by General Carranza, has been sent to the latter, through Consul Rodgers. No instructions have been given Rodgers to make representations, how-

No light on whether Villa is alive or dead was furnished today by either War of State Department reports. It was ex-plained that the town of Borjas, mentioned

take a new course. A high army man, the same address as Trice. forcements if the hunt is to go farther south, said today:
"Why should we go farther south? It

seems to me we ought to have a trail from which to work, and why should it not be north or some other direction?" Funston, it was said, had not suggested to the War Department that he desired to extend his line southward. In some quarters it was believed that the Administration did not desire to proceed on the present trail farther and that the chase might now take a different slant.

No troop movement orders were issued.

to troop movement orders were issued today. If the lines are to be strength-ened, Funston could strip present border garrisons of a few men, but he has not ficient forces wherewith to make any siderable reinforcement.

CARRANZA ISSUES EXPULSION ORDER FOR FOREIGN FOES

MEXICO CITY, via Galveston, Tex., pril 18.—Secretary of Foreign Affairs come today sent instructions to the Governors of all Mexican States rigidly to apply Article \$3 of the Constitution, pro-viding for the expulsion of foreigners who aid the enemies of the Constitutionalist

You are hereby instructed to apply Article 33 of the Constitution of the Rethe Constitutionalists, who remain in Mexico under the general amnesty offered the Constitutionalist Government." a Secretary Acuna's message.

MEXICANS SEIZE SUPPLY TRAIN, SAYS WORD TO FUNSTON

SAN AMPONIO, Tex., April 18.—Major General Funston has ordered the American commander at Fort Bliss, El Paso, to investigate the reported science by Carrangsias of a trainicad of supplies for United States troops shipped into Mexico over the Mexican-Central Railway.

It is understood here that Carranga officials are now doing everything possible to prevent the Americans obtaining supplies. Central Funston is now in possession of complete information as to the situation south of the border.

The battle at Parral and General Carrange of the control of the border.

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Satevo must have been necessary. He american troops in Mexico have enormously increased the difficulties that have confronted the punitive expedition ever since it crossed the border into Mexico.

The latest reports received by General

Funston, in which mention was made of abandoning pledges of co-operation. This is evidenced by information received at Fort Bliss that a trainfoad of fodder for the American cavalry horses shipped from Juarez to Chihuahua City over the Mexican Central was seized by the Mexican authorities on Saturday.

The military authorities have begun an investigation of the alleged seizure, but it is believed that the American authorities cannot recover the confiscated hay and oats because it was shipped to merchants in Chibartes.

Rumors of an anti-American outbreak t Casas Grandes were also unconfirmed day. Messages which General Gavira. today. Messages which General Gavira, the Carranza commander at Juarez, said he had received, stated that trouble had a Marian civilians and the United States troops yesterday, but he was unable to give any details. In this connection, however, it was recalled that the first reports of the Parral battle, as ent by Mexicans, told of a clash between citizens of Parral" and the American

It was not until several days later that it was definitely established that Car-ranza troops had participated in the attack on Major Tompkins' force. Many American colonists are residents of Casas Grandes, and the American troops were received enthusiastically when they ar-rived there. Even the Mexicans greeted them cordially, because they are able to pay for their supplies with American gold.

PERSHING AT NAMIQUIPA; DETAILS OF PARRAL TRICK

WITH THE ARMY IN MEXICO, April 16 (via wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 18) .- General Pershing arrived today at his field headquarters near Namiquipa after an all-night ride from Satevo, for a conference with members of his staff.5

Men in Pershing's command brought details of the Parral fight of April 12, which placed the matter in the light of a deliberate attack by Carranzista soldiers even possibly of an attempt to annihilate the little force of 114 cavalrymen under Major Tompkins.

After one of his men had been killed Tompkins made up his mind that if his command was going to be slaughtered they would die fighting. He "cut loose," as one of Pershing's men said, and the Mexicans soon retreated, leaving more than 40 dead on the field.

Tompkins held his men in restraint until he noticed on an adjacent hill in Parral a body of soldiers over whom the Mexican flag was flying.

In answer to Tompkins' question General Lozango, a Carranza officer, who led the American column into the city, told him that the troops on the hill were part of the garrison watching the movements of the Americans with intent to guard

Just then the so-called guard fired a volley into the American detachment, kill-ing one trooper.

The enormous crowd of Mexicans, made up largely of Carranza soldiers, had sur-rounded the United States troops.

Previously there had been little shootng, which Tompkins thought was in welcome to the Americans. He had been met by Lozango, who promised a welcome and a camping place. A noncommissioned offi-cer dashed up to Tompkins and reported that the Americans that the Americans had been fired on and a number of them wounded. Tompkins asked Lozango for an explanation but he seemed mystified, afterward asking Tomp-kins to get his men out of the city immediately. Lozango offered to guide the Americans to safety, but Tompkins, fear-ing a trap, formed a plan of his own.

A squad of eight skirmishers was thrown out at the head of the retreating American column seeking to find an easy defense. The mobs grew larger. Rifle and pistol fire at the Americans became incessant. Then followed the incident of the so-called Carranza guard on the hill and the reply of the Americans.

Tompkins retired to Santa Cruz, where he dug himself in and awaited reinforcements. These soon began to arrive from all directions, a command under Colonel IN PARLEY ON EVACUATION Allen making a phenomenal march to the Colonel Brown and Major Howse led the other reinforcing detachments

SISTERS TO WED SAME DAY

Orphans, Younger Has Elder Act as Guardian in Obtaining Marriage License

A double wedding ceremony will take place on Easter Monday, in which two sisters will be the brides. The younger, Jane Rebecca Stewart, who is but 19 years old, obtained her license today. Her years old, obtained her license today. Her intended husband is Arlington Ray Trice. 24 years old, an electrician, of 2221 North 15th street. Neither of the girl's parents is living, and it was necessary for her to have her sister, Rachel M. Stewart, appointed her legal guardian by the Orphans' Court, and the latter, in turn, gave her consent to Jane's marriage.

plained that the town of Borjas, mentioned in War Department dispatches yesterday as the supposed location of Villa, is south of Parral, whereas the Borjas at which Villa's death was reported to have occurred is north.

General Pershing's trail after Villa may take a new course. A high army man,

PEOPLE FLEE, FEARING BLAST Hundreds Driven From Town by Fire in Chemical Plant

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 18.—Fearing an explosion would wreck the town when fire was discovered in the Aetna Chemical Company plant at Heidelberg, nine miles west of here, at 3 o'clock this morning, hundreds of residents of the town fled in a panic to towns several miles away. Residents of Carnegie, two miles from the scene of the fire, were also in a panic. The fire destroyed two of the buildings, the napoline and tar stills, and caused \$50,000 damage. damage.

RETAIN "STICK" IN MINCE PIE Poor Directors Refuse to Ban Liquor From Almshouse

READING, Pa., April 18.—The Poor Directors Board has decided to continue buying liquor for Almshouse immates. The board also decided against a plan advo-cated by the Board of Prison Inspectors to use convict labor on the Almshouse farm and roads.

farm and roads. Recently County Controller Cyrus J Rhode declined to pay bills for liquor to be used in mince ple for the inmates.

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Casualties at Parral Announced by Baker

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Sec-retary of War Baker today made public a corrected list of names of the Americans killed and wounded

The trooper killed when a hattalion of the 11th Cavalry under Maj. Robert L. Howze clashed with Villistas in the Pallozas Valley was Private Herman E. Kirby, Troop M, of the 11th Cavalry. T. M. Kirby, his father, lives in Rome,

Ga.

The trooper reported missing at Parral and who is believed to have been killed is Charles H. Eichenberger, Troop M, 13th Cavalry. His sister, Mrs. Lena Michel, lives at Glendale, L. I.

Those killed in the Parral fighting week.

ing were: PRIVATE HERBERT LEDFORD.

Troop, M. 13th Cavalry; next of kin, his father, William C., of Cincinnati.

SERGEANT JOSEPH RICHLEY, Troop, M. 13th Cavalry; next of kin, brother, Charles, of Sagi-

The wounded in the Parral fight-

AJOR FRANK TOMPKINS, commanding 13th Cavalry. MAJOR LIEUTENANT JAMES B. ORD,

6th Infantry. CORPORAL BENJAMIN Me-GEHEE, Troop M. 12th Cavalry; next of kin, his father, James H., of Dexter, Mo.

CORPORAL RICHARD TAN-NOUS, Troop K, 13th Cavalry; next of kin, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Tennous, Taunton, Mass. CORPORAL WALTER E. WILL LINGHAM, Troop K, 13th Cavalry; next of kin, his sister, Mrs. Mamie L. King, Albany, Tex.

FRIVATE LAURENCE M. SCHOMBURGER, Troop K, 13th Cavalry; next of kin, his mother. Mrs. Anna Schomburger, Pitts-

SIX WOMEN LEAD 1000 STRIKERS; WIN BATTLE

Prevent Workers From Entering Munition Factory Before Rout by Sheriff

HASTINGS, N. Y., April 18.—One thou-sand strikers, led by six women, routed men en route to work at the munition factories of the National Conduit and Cable Cempany here today, in a pitched battle with sticks and stones. Sheriff's depaties drove the strikers back, but not until after they had prevented the workers from entering the factories.

The attack was led by a woman who seized a mahcinist by the hair and knocked him down. In the melee several persons were slightly injured and every pane of glass on one side of a company building knocked out.

The munition workers have been on strike for several days, demanding an eight-hour day, time and one-half for overtime and an increase in wages of 5 ents an hour.

CINCINNATI PRESBYTERY VOTES TO KICK OUT NEW YORK

Alleged Heresies Will Be Aired in General Assembly

CINCINNATI, O. April 18.—Presby-terian ministers today predicted an ex-citing session of the General Assembly of the church at Atlantic City, May 18, when action to expel the New York Presbytery, as demanded in resolutions of the Cin-

cinnati Presbytery, will be advocated,
"Let us kick them out," said the Rev,
Frank H. Stevenson, minister of the
Church of the Covenant, who introduced the resolution. It was adopted by a standing vote, 42 to 29. The New York Presbytery has been

deflant for 20 years in treachery to the ing a statement that the church would lose large missionary donations through this drastic action, he said: "Let their money perish with them."

The acceptance as ministers by the New York Presbytery of men who denied belief in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and miracles of the Exodus caused the Cincinnati Presbytery's demand.

WOMAN RENOUNCES OFFICE OF MAYOR AS TOO DIGNIFIED

Californian Says She Wants to Mingle With People

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 18 .- Exercising the eternal privilege of woman to change her mind, Mrs. Ellen French Aldrich, the first woman in California to be elected Mayor of a city, yesterday on the eve of taking office at Sawtelle, sud-denly announced that she would not accept

"I want a lowly position," Mrs. Aldrich stated. "I want to mingle with the peo-ple and to get first hand from them their ideas of how the city of Sawtelle should be managed. The position of Mayoress is too high and too dignified to allow any one thus to mingle."

Ill Man Hastens Death With Gas

Ill and realizing that he had but a short time to live, Harry Shandit, 39 years old, \$110 West Arizona street, committed suicide, according to the police, by inhaling gas. His wife found him lying in the kitchen of his home last night with a gas hose in his mouth.

EXPECT CHAMBERLAIN ARMY BILL TO PASS TODAY OVER PROTESTS

Then It Will Be Made to Conform to Hay Bill, and Substitute Will Be Rushed Through Both Houses

WASHINGTON, April 18 .- Despite the bitter assaults of the antimilitia Senators, headed by Senator Borah, it was con sidered certain today that the Chamber lain army bill, increasing the regular army, providing for Federal pay for National Guard officers and men, and creating a volunteer army, will be passed by the Senate before adjournment tonight. As soon as the bill is passed an effort will be made to reconcile the provisions of it and the Hay bill, already passed by the House, and the substitute measure then will be rushed through both Houses and sent to the President for his signature.

Regular army officers are extremely bitter over the militia pay provision of the two bills, the one feature that is con-sidered certain to remain in any bill. They have no hesitancy in condemning the proposition as "the most gigantic pork barrel ever devised in Washington," and they frankly insist that the proposed plan will give the national guard association control of the regular army and eventually mean that the latter will be reduced to

These officers declare that if the militia pay plan is continued it will be an in-ducement for regular army officers to resign their commissions and take up new

ones in the guard.

"A regular officer would be a fool to stay in the army." explained a staff officer today. "Instead he could join the militia, probably getting increased rank, would be paid a nice sum for his work there and could engage in private work in addition. Furthermore a militia officer can quit whenever he pleases, would not have to go to war unless he wanted to and could live in a place of his own selection not subject to transfer."

It is "-timated that the pay provision will cos the Government \$75,000,000 an-

nually and the regulars insist that there will be no real return for the expenditure. They claim that instead of having at the end of 10 years a real army in the guard only about 25 per cent, of the men v

Three Divorce Suits Begun Three divorce suits were entered today

are as follows: Elsie E. Seher, also known as Elsie E.

Nelson, vs. Albert W. Seher, also known as Albert W. Nelson. James Francis Montague vs. Virginia Blanche Montague.
Mary F. P. Ames vs. Alfred B. Ames.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Catherine C. Wilson, 1524 N. 25th st., and
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Ralph Hutchins. Colsate, Md., and Bertha S.
Newcomb. Belvoir, Va.
John A. McGuckin, Jr., Manayunk, and Elsie
A. Metzer, 2529 N. Corlice st.
Samuel Chaby, 1109 S. 3d st., and Ida Anghel,
2528 N. Front st.
Charles M. Croft, Burnham, Pa., and Jemie
M. Morgan, Burnham, Pa., and Jemie
M. Tolkin, St. St. and Marie
Joseph F. Glackin, 84th st. and Bartram ave.,
and Marie E. Klostermann, Island road and
Bartram ave.
John J. Kennedy, 222d S. 22d st., and Marie
G. Crosson, 2217 Spring Garden st.
Henry W. Reiber, Jr., 937 W. Dauphin st.,
and Marie O'Leary, 2743 N. Mascher st.
Julius Clemens, 1205 St. James st., and Nora
Connelly, 1206 N. 19th st.
Michael S. Queen, Elmwood, Pa., and Lee A.
Ellis, Elmwood, Pa.
Patrick Kellerher, 2519 Olive st., and Bridget
Kenneally, 832 N. Taylor st.
Albert Sima, Germanhown, and Lizzle Whalon,
230 E. Clapter st.
John S. Chadwick st., and
Bessie Hebron 902 Lombard st., and
Bessie Hebron 902 Lombard st.
Arthur Gibson, 1428 S. Chadwick st., and
Florence E. Vollentine, Olney,
Cdward J. Keegan, 2020 Fairmount ave., and
Catharine Woods, 2240 Turner st.
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Doberdo'

ROMA, 18 Aprile. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente comunicato ufficiale circa la situazione alla fronte italo-aus

Vi e' intensa attivita' di artiglieria sulla fronte dalla Valle Ciudicaria alla Val Sugana e att di una parte della fronte tra l'alta valle del De-gano e l'alta valle del But.

Nella Val Sugana il nemico at-tacco' le nostre posizioni sulla fronte dal torrente Larganza at Monte Collo. ma fu contrattaccato e respinto dalle nostre truppe nelle cui mani lascio come prigionieri due ufficiali e sessan-Sulla fronte del Carso e dell'Isonzo vi e' stata poca attivita'. La nostra artiglieria ha ripetutamente raggiunto le batterie nemiche nascoste in forre

le batterie nemiche nascoste in forre nel dintorni di Zagomila e nella zona di Plava, Un altro comunicato ufficiale dice che vi e' maggiore attività' di artiglieria nella zona di Doberdo'. Ad est di Selz e' in corso un piccolo combattimento.

IL DISCORSO DI SONNINO. Eccovi akri particolari circa il discorso dei ministro Sonnino alia Camera dei Deputati nella giornata di domenica. Il ministro enumero parecchi noti avveni-menti recenti, come le visite di Asquith e di Briand a Roma e quella di Salandra. Sonnino e Cadorna a Parigi. Durante i discorso i deputati si lasciarono andare spesso a dimostrazioni patriottiche e la Camera echeggio' del grido di Viva l'Italia. Il ministro non volle svelare alcuna clausola dell'accordo raggiunto dall'Italia con gli alleati, riaffermando semplicemente che l'accordo era completo e che i legami tra le nazioni alleate erano piu' stretti che mai. Egli concluse il suo discorso con

queste parole: Il nostro obiettivo e' semplice ab-bastanza. E' di combattere con tut-te le nostre forze per la causa comune. mentre dobbiamo salvaguardare gli Interessi speciali della nazione. Abbiamo davanti a noi dure prove. ma con la mutua, cordiale cooperazione tra gli alleati noi possiamo affrontare l'avvenire con la piu' piena fiducia nel glorioso destino d'Italia. Provocarono anche entusiastici applaus discorsi patriotici pronunciati dal desutato cattolico Meda e dal repubblicano nnocenzo Cappa, i quali affermarono la pro fede incrollabile nella vittoria degli

L'ON. SALANDRA A LONDRA. In questi circoli politici si dice che il presidente del Consiglio, on. Salandra,

ed 11 ministro degli Affari Bateri, on Sonnino al recheranno presto a Londra per restituire la visita fatta loro dal primo ministro inglese Asquith.

Il fortissimo voto di maggioranza ac-ordato dalla Camera al Ministero Salancorato dalla Camera al Ministero Salandra domenica, quando au 388 votanti appena 35 votarono contro il governo, ha reso la posizione del gabinetto presente piu forte che non si attendeva. Si appetiava che il governo avrebbe avuta la maggioranza, ma non una così schiacciante, una che ha annullato completamente la maggioranza giolittiana della Camera.

Telegrammi da Petrograd dicene che e russe operanti lungo la costa turca del Mar Nere, hanno passato il flume Kara Dere e sono giunte nell'area fortificata di Trebisonda. Le opere di questa fortezza sono gia' state attaccate e in parte demolite dalla flotta russa.

Un incendio ha distrutto oggi la famosa antica catedrale di Andria, nelle Puglie dell'Arcivescovato ed il vescovo ha dovuto dell'Arcivescovato ed il vescovo ha dovuto salvarsi con la fuga. Son statimandati pompieri e soldati ad Andria con treno speciale da Bari e da altre citta."

I FORTI DI TREBISONDA ATTACCATI DAI RUSSI

I Turchi Sconfitti dalle Forze della Czar e Ricacciati nella Fortezza

Le forze russe operanti sulla costa turca del Mar Nero hanno inflitto una nuova sconfitta ai turchi che cercaveno di impedire loro il passaggio del torrente Kara Dere, dove grano le sole difese che chiu-devano l'accesso all'area fortificata di Trebisonda, cioe' della sola fortezza che ancora rimanga al turchi nell'Armenia. I

es for ero their ence Learn miglia dalla citta" di Trebisonas, nell'area fortificata. Aviatori russi] gia' bombardato dall'atto le fortific

di Trebisonda. I tedeschi hanno lanciato ancora du divisioni all'attacco contro le pa francesi tra la Mosa ed Il forte di Douss mont. L'attacco fu respinto in linea re arale, ma i tedeschi sono nondimeno Pary citi ad avanzare un po' ad ovest elel ap laggio di Donaumont. L'attacco tedesco si sviluppo' ancora in masse successive che ebbero perdite gravissime dovute appunte a questa loro formazione.

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