



CAPTURE OF CRIPPLED BANDIT BY FLYING U. S. CAVALRYMEN IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE IMMINENT

Troopers Are Combing Mountains For Outlaws Scattered Into Small Bands by Smashing Defeat; Injured Leg Will Prevent Villa From Making Long Flight

DO NOT CREDIT REPORT HE HAS BEEN TAKEN

Army Officers Do Not Believe Rumor That Chief Is Being Taken to Base at Casas Grandes; Operations Will Be Continued Against Fleeing Forces to Prevent Their Concentration

El Paso, Texas, April 1.—The capture of Francisco Villa by the flying squadrons of American cavalry searching the Sierra Madre mountains is believed by army officers at Fort Bliss to be only a question of days. His forces scattered into small bands after their smashing defeat on Wednesday by forces led by Colonel Dodd, Villa is reported to-day to have sought safety in hiding in some recesses of the continental divide. The bandit's injured leg, said to have been broken by a gunshot wound, or a fall from a horse, will doubtless prevent him from making any long flight over the rugged mountains.

Reported Captured That Villa already had been captured and was being brought back to the army base at Casas Grandes, was reported here to-day but it was credited in official quarters. Mexican Consul Andres Garcia had no word of any further engagements between the American troops and Villa's forces. While the hunt for Villa continues, General Pershing will continue his operations against the fleeing bands of Villa men to prevent their concentration and to destroy them. The fact that three days have elapsed since the smashing blow delivered at the Villa band in the valley of Santa Maria, without any further news from General Pershing, has given birth to the most extravagant speculation and rumors. The chief argument of time is that if Villa was as desperately injured as reported he should be by now in the hands of his pursuers. But others retort by pointing out the wild character of the country in which he is hiding and that most of the natives of the mountains are sure to do all they can to baffle the American soldiers by giving them false information.

All Depends on Speed Everything apparently depends upon the speed with which Villa is able to move. If his injuries have forced him to rest in the mountains, it is believed that he cannot escape capture although he may elude his enemies for many days. On the other hand, if he has been able to push east or southeast, he ought by this time to have reached a country where traveling is comparatively easy, water and food plentiful and his adherents numerous. The one thing that seems reasonably certain is that before the close of to-day or to-morrow at the latest, it must be definitely known if Villa is a disabled and deserted fugitive in the mountains, or if he has again won freedom from the cordon thrown about him and is maintaining his flight southward. In the height of the excitement caused by the news of his temporarily faded here in the question of the use of the Mexican railroads for transporting supplies to General Pershing's columns. Apparently the solution of this problem is still far from found. A good deal of curiosity has been aroused over the failure of any train to arrive at Juarez over the Northwestern Railroad for a week. No

HI AMMUNITION HELD BY U. S. ARMY OFFICERS



GENERAL P. ELIAS CALLES, CARRANZA GOVERNOR OF SONORA

Army officers at Douglas, Ariz., held up enormous shipments of ammunition directed to General P. Elias Calles, the Carranza governor of the Mexican State of Sonora, directly south of them. On orders from Washington the ammunition was released. Arizona people feared some of the bullets might be used against Americans.

MANY TRANSFERS TOPPLE APRIL 1 REALTY RECORDS

Recorder's Clerks Are Busy Throughout Half-holiday Filing Deeds April 1 realty records of many years topped to-day if the unprecedented rush of business in the County Recorder's office is indicative of activity in real estate circles. Until close to 5 o'clock this afternoon, Recorder James E. Lentz kept "open houses" for the benefit of the late comers, so that the actual number of deeds and other transfers cannot be determined until the number is totaled. That the business ran away ahead

QUERY CONFESSED SPY ON PLOTS TO CAPTURE VESSELS

German Who Took Possession of Matoppo Taken From Lewes to New York New York, April 1.—Accompanied by a detective, Ernest Schiller, the German stowaway who alone and unaided took possession of the British steamer Matoppo at sea last Wednesday night arrived at police headquarters.

Penbrook Paving Matter Attracts Much Attention

So great is the interest in the Penbrook paving situation that the Motor Club of Harrisburg has come to the relief of the progressive citizens of the borough who have been doing their level best to save the State-aid fund which has been set aside by Commissioner Cunningham for the paving of the main street under specifications prepared months ago. More than forty-fifths of the abutting property owners have already signed the petition for paving and others who have hesitated at the risk of losing several thousand dollars which would be paid by the State are now falling into line. The time within which the whole question must be determined in order to make available the State-aid has been extended to Tuesday next and it is hoped the council of Penbrook will take favorable action Monday night. It is believed that the council will without further delay inasmuch as nonresidents of the borough are slow in every disposition to prevent an unfortunate ending of the paving movement.

Newspapermen of State to Hear Prominent Speakers

Philadelphia, April 1.—The State Editorial Association, including the State weeklies and the State associated papers, which later includes the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and all the leading dailies of the State, will hold a joint annual gathering at the Hotel Walton, April 22, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. There will be a luncheon at noon, which address will be made by Mayor General Leonard Wood, ex-Senator Knox and other prominent persons.

PEACE OR FIGHT HINGES ON NEW NEGOTIATIONS

Republicans Endeavoring to Bring About Compromise on Ambitions

MAY BE SETTLED TODAY Senator Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh Have Been Informed of Dangers

The next forty-eight hours will determine whether there will be harmony in the Republican party in Pennsylvania at the May primaries of which there will be a factional contest with all its unpleasant features. Men interested in preventing a State-wide fight which will endanger the election of Republican congressmen and legislators and even of the State ticket are endeavoring to work out a plan which can be accepted by the leaders of both sides. Governor Brumbaugh is understood to have been told by men not interested in the success of any faction of the possibilities of a battle at the primaries. Senator Penrose has been told the same thing. Mutual friends have been busy here, Philadelphia, at Pittsburgh and at Washington in an effort to reach a compromise. Philadelphia advices are that Senator Penrose is meeting his lieutenant, General Brown, in an effort to reach a compromise. (Continued on Page 7)

AUTOMATIC PHONE SYSTEM FOR H'B'G ANNOUNCES C. V. T.

Cumberland Valley to Replace Manual Exchange With Newer Apparatus

Cameron L. Baer, general manager of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company of Pa., to-day announced that the C. V. T. has completed arrangements for the installation of the "automatic" telephone system in its Harrisburg and Steelton districts at a cost of thousands of dollars. The contract for the installation of the new system has been signed with the Automatic Electric Company of Chicago and Granville S. Herbert, manager of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company, is now in Chicago going over the specifications. In Operation by Fall By early fall the automatic system will be in operation, announces Mr. Baer. All telephones now on the Harrisburg and Steelton manual exchange board will be made automatic and C. V. T. subscribers will be enabled to make connections without the necessity of calling exchange as under the present system. This change from the manual ex-

Germany Does Not Have Official Knowledge of Attacks on Steamers

Washington, April 1.—Ambassador Gerard cabled the State Department to-day that he had been informed by the German government that nothing was known officially there of the attack on the steamers Sussex and Englishman, but that an investigation was being made. He said the German government informed him they had only newspaper reports of the two cases up to the present. The contents of Ambassador Gerard's dispatch, the first received from Berlin since inquiries about the two ships were forwarded to Berlin several days ago, was immediately sent by wireless to President Wilson, who is taking a week-end trip down the Potomac river on the naval yacht Mayflower. The investigation promised may take a week or more. Submarine commanders at sea will have to report before the German government will be in a position to say definitely whether one of its submarines attacked the Sussex or Englishman.

Ex-President Taft Pays Social Call on Governor

Prof. William Howard Taft, former President of the United States, dropped into Harrisburg about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was on his way to Mercersburg to deliver a lecture and had an hour to wait. He strolled along the River Front and then to the Capitol. When he walked into the executive department unannounced, Executive Clerk Deinger was in charge of the office and he promptly called up the Governor at the Executive Mansion and escorted the former President to the official home of the Governor. The former President said that his call was purely social and the Governor said the same thing. When the former President left the mansion in the watchful care of Mr. Deinger, who was charged to see that he made his train, he remarked on the pleasure it had given him to greet his old friend again.

PRESIDENT TO OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN AT BIG DINNER

Washington, April 1.—President Wilson will open his campaign for reelection at a dinner of the Republican Club, consisting of Cabinet members on Jefferson Day, April 12.

ENCIRCLING NET AT VERDUN BEING PULLED TIGHTER

Forces of Crown Prince Shift Attack and Gain Footing in Vaux

SHELL MALANCOURT Assault Is Not Renewed; Russian Port of Archangel Soon to Be Opened

The German Crown Prince has again shifted the point of his attack upon Verdun, delivering an effective blow to the northeast of the stronghold, gaining a footing in the village of Vaux, and drawing the net still closer about the fortress. West of the Meuse, where Malancourt village was taken yesterday the assault was not resumed, but German artillery continued to deluge the French positions with shells. The White Sea port of Archangel, through which in the open season Russia receives great quantities of war supplies, is expected to be again available for traffic about the middle of April, according to advices from Copenhagen.

FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH; MOTHER IS DYING

Overheated Stove Starts Blaze Fatal to Youngsters All Under 10 Years of Age

Scranton, Pa., April 1.—Five children were burned to death at 3 o'clock this morning in a fire which destroyed the home of Patrick Marion in North Keyser avenue, this city. They were: Loretta, 13 months; Margaret, 4 years; Mary, 7 years; Anna, 8 years, and Joseph, 10 years. The mother is in the State Hospital seriously burned and suffering from injuries received in leaping from a second story window with her infant child, whom she had picked out of its crib, already dead from burns, in her arms. Burns to Ground A boarder, John McNamara, was also badly hurt in jumping out of a window and Mr. Marion is suffering from bad burns. Two others in the house escaped, practically unharmed. The house was burned to the ground before firemen could get to the place, the trucks sticking in deep mud on the way. The fire is supposed to have started from an overheated stove.

William B. Broadhurst Appointed to Annapolis by Congressman Kreider

William Burgess Broadhurst, a graduate of the class of the Harrisburg Academy, to-day was nominated for appointment to Annapolis by Representative A. S. Kreider, who sent the nomination to the Navy Department at Washington. Broadhurst was named as principal and Paul Revere Carl, son of L. C. Carl of Uniontown, was named as first alternate. Broadhurst completed his course at the Annapolis Spring. He was active in athletic circles also, playing on the football team, and participating in track events. He was also a member of the debating team of the school and on the staff of the Academy Spectator.

Find Girl Unconscious on Reservoir Park Slope

After lying unconscious for several hours on a slope in Reservoir Park, Miss Jeanette Armor, aged 16, daughter of Frank Armor, 2637 Penn street, Penbrook, was found late yesterday afternoon by men returning from work. They called the ambulance and sent the girl to the Harrisburg Hospital where she was taken to treatment. Physicians believe she suffered an attack of vertigo. The girl left the Harrisburg bag and box factory yesterday afternoon, where she was employed, complaining of not feeling well.

McClintic-Marshall Buys Largest Steel Plate Mill in World; Price Is Secret

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1.—An important steel deal completed in the Pittsburgh district, the largest for a number of years was announced to-day when the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company took over the holdings of the Riter-Conley Manufacturing Company at Leedsdale, Pa. Included in the transaction are sixty acres lying between the Ohio river and the Pittsburgh, Port Wayne and Chicago railroad and the largest plant in the world devoted to steel plate construction. One of the main buildings covers eight acres. The Riter-Conley Company was engaged in filling important contracts for China. The monetary consideration was not made public.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William T. Hartman, Fairview township, York county, and Mary E. Nickel, city. James Henry Wade and Ruby Andrew, city. Charles J. Bowman, Lucknow, and Pearl M. Bechtel, city.

ZEPPELIN FALLS IN THAMES AFTER RAID ON ENGLAND

Damaged Flyer Is Captured by British Patrol Vessel, but Breaks to Pieces

NINETY BOMBS DROPPED Twenty-second Depredation; Anti-air Craft Guns Turn Raiders Back

LONDON, April 1.—TWENTY-EIGHT PERSONS WERE KILLED AND FORTY-FOUR INJURED IN LAST NIGHT'S AIR RAID, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES GIVEN OUT TO-DAY. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE ZEPPELIN DIRIGIBLE BALLOON WHICH FELL INTO THE SEA WAS THE L-15. London, April 1.—One of five Zeppelins which visited the eastern coasts of England during the night, dropping some ninety bombs, was damaged, presumably by British anti-aircraft guns, and came down off the Thames estuary. It surrendered to British patrol boats. The crew was saved, but (Continued on Page 5.)

Compromise Offer of Eleven Per Cent. Raise Is Accepted by Scranton Trolleyman

Scranton, Pa., April 1.—The Scranton railway company's compromise offer of 11 per cent. increase to motormen and conductors and 10 per cent. to machinists and barmen was unanimously ratified by the employees to-day. The demand was for 2 cents an hour. The increase granted reaches 28 1/2 and 29 cents for motormen and conductors according to years of service. The other employees got their demand. The agreement is to run three years.

DISCUSS HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

Washington, April 1.—Plans for a government hydroelectric plant to take nitrates from the air was discussed at a conference to-day between Secretary Baker, General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Senator Shields, author of the water power bill. No conclusion was reached.

CHIHUAHUA HEARS VILLA IS CAPTURED

EL PASO, TEX., APRIL 1.—A CHIHUAHUA DISPATCH RECEIVED BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN JUAREZ THIS AFTERNOON STATES THAT THERE IS A REPORT IN CHIHUAHUA THAT VILLA HAS BEEN CAPTURED IN MINACA. EFFORTS TO CONFIRM THE REPORT HERE WAS WITHOUT RESULT.

DR. WAITE WILL GO ON TRIAL SOON

New York, April 1.—Dr. Waite will be placed on trial for the murder of his wealthy father-in-law within a month. He will be arraigned on the charges Monday morning if his condition permits his removal from the hospital.

STEAMSHIP AND SCHOONER ARE SUNK

London, April 1.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Nerne and the British schooner John Pritchard. The crews were rescued.

THREE HURT IN OIL PLANT FIRE

Middletown, N. Y., April 1.—Three persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a fire which destroyed the oil plant of D. W. Fenton and Co., and threatened the eastern section of the city to-day. The loss is \$25,000.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Shows a tendency to be cloudy; slightly colder Sunday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Increasing cloudiness; light rain or showers late to-night and Sunday; somewhat lower temperature Sunday; moderate south winds. The Juniata, West Branch and Chemung rivers are falling. The North Branch rose to 15.5 feet at Towanda since last report, but had fallen to 17.5 at 8 a. m. to-day; it was reported rising at Hinghamton and Wilkes-Barre Sunday. The main river was this morning. The main river was rising slowly at 8 a. m. and will continue to rise slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and Sunday. A stage of about 17.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning, and the highest Sunday will probably not exceed 18 feet, unless considerable rain falls. The North Branch is sensitive and in a condition to recede promptly to rains which are indicated for to-night. North Branch stations have been advised to prepare for higher stages than have yet occurred if considerable rain falls in the next thirty-six hours. General Conditions Two centers of disturbance appear on the map this morning, one central over the Lake Superior region and another about equal strength over Southern Texas. Temperature: 8 a. m., 50. Sun: Rises, 5:15 a. m.; sets, 6:30 p. m. Moon: New moon, to-morrow at 11:21. River Stage: 17.1 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 55. Lowest temperature, 45. Mean temperature, 50. Normal temperature, 54.