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Flee in Wild Disorder When Attack on Carranza Garrison Is Repulsed; Defenders Lose Four

CATTLEMAN DOUBTS THAT VILLA IS DEAD

Says Reports Were Spread to Mislead American Forces in Hope They Would Be Withdrawn

By Associated Press
Torreon, Mexico, April 11, via El Paso Junction, April 12.—Details of a five-hour battle between the Carranza garrison at Pasaje, Durango, and an attacking force composed of Contreras and Cenceros bandits were brought here to-day. The outlaws fled in disorder after losing seventy killed, it is reported. The de facto troops lost four dead.

The battle took place on Sunday. First reports were that the attacking force was commanded by General Canuto Reyes, but it is believed, however, that he was not implicated. Negotiations have been under way for the surrender of General Reyes under an amnesty grant.

A doctor sent from here to treat men wounded in the battle said the Contreras and Cenceros attackers were subjected to withering fire from the garrison in the morning. He counted the bodies of seventy of the outlaws. Among the dead were a colonel and a captain.

After the battle word was received that Juan Landwehr, a noted bandit, was killed in a dispute over the division of loot by the Contreras bandits.

General Trevino, Carranza commander in Torreon, has arranged for corn shipments from Colima and Jalisco to relieve the food shortage here.

Cattleman Says Villa Is Neither Dead Nor Wounded; Reports to Fool Troopers

By Associated Press
El Paso, Texas, April 12.—An entirely new version of the story of Villa's death was brought here to-day by a Mexican cattleman, who claimed to have suffered a visitation from a band of Villa followers on his ranch near Bachiniba. This man said that Villa was neither dead nor wounded, but that Pablo Lopez, the bandit's notorious lieutenant and executioner-in-chief, had died, and that Villa had deliberately used his death as the basis of the story of his own finish.

The cattleman told the following story: "I was in Guerrero at the time Villa came there and afterward when the American soldiers arrived I believed it was safe for me to return to my ranch."

"Last Thursday a band of twenty of Villa's men rode up to the ranch house. They took a little grain that I had and killed one of my cows and had a great feast. They had several

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Suicide Uses Dynamite Within View of His Wife After Bitter Quarrel

Windber, Pa., April 12.—Following a quarrel with his wife, Joseph Braddock, a miner, aged 36, committed suicide yesterday by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite. After the man retired to a shanty in the rear of his home and secured a stick of dynamite, which he placed between his thighs, and then lighted the fuse. When the dynamite exploded both Braddock and the shanty were blown to fragments.

Braddock's wife saw her husband go to the shanty and from a back window saw him place the dynamite between his thighs. She, however, thought he was only trying to scare her, until he lighted the fuse.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Thursday; warmer Thursday; lowest temperature to-night 35; highest 65. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday; rising temperature Thursday; fresh winds becoming light variable.

River The main river will continue to fall slowly. The North Branch will rise slightly. The West Branch and the Juniata will remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 7.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions A disturbance of central origin over the Great Lakes, Tuesday morning, has moved eastward to the Southern New England coast, attended by light rains in the Lake Region and Upper Ohio Valley, and thence eastward to the Atlantic coast.

There has been a general rise of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature east of the Rocky Mountains in the last twenty-four hours, except in the Lake Region and the Upper St. Lawrence Valley, where it is slightly cooler. It is 2 to 24 degrees colder over nearly all the country west of the Rocky Mountains.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 48; Sun: 8:30 a. m.; sets, 6:41 p. m. Moon: Full moon, April 18, 12:07 a. m. River: Stage: 7.3 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 59. Lowest temperature, 35. Mean temperature, 47. Normal temperature, 49.

DELEGATES ATTENDING FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHS ON THE CAPITOL PLAZA



GERMANY'S NOTE ON SHIP ATTACKS EXPECTED TODAY

Ambassador Gerard Put It on Cables as Soon as He Received It

U. S. COURSE OUTLINED

Final Decision Will Not Be Made, However, Until Reply Is Received

By Associated Press
Washington, D. C., April 12.—Germany's note regarding the Sussex and other merchant ships which have recently met disaster was expected to reach the State Department late to-day.

Official advices from Berlin said the communication had been presented to Mr. Gerard and had been started on its way to Washington over the cables at once.

It is understood that a general outline of the future course of the United States has been agreed upon by administration officials, although final decision will not be made until the note has been received, together with additional evidence collected by American diplomats which is due here to-morrow.

If a reply is sent to Berlin, it is said, it will not deal exclusively with any one case, but will cover the whole history of Germany's submarine campaign from the time of the Lusitania down to the present and will be designed to preclude any extended diplomatic negotiations.

Midvale Steel Lands \$2,700,000 Gun Order

Philadelphia, April 12.—An order for 100 howitzers, approximately \$2,700,000, was obtained yesterday by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company from the British government.

The contract was signed in New York and reports from that city stated that it was probable extensive improvements would be made at the local plant of the company in order to carry out the work. These improvements, it was said, would entail an expenditure of nearly \$1,000,000.

The fact that additions to the Nicotown plant were contemplated was not a surprise here, as it has been generally known that Midvale is already booked to capacity and must have more space if it determines to accept additional munition contracts. The Cambria steel plant, at Johnstown, Pa., is not adapted to such construction, making a specialty of steel rails and freight cars.

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CHILDREN DIE IN BIG POWDER MILL EXPLOSION

Two Crushed in House When Four Blasts Destroy Du Pont Plant in West Virginia

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed, one perhaps fatally injured and two others less seriously hurt at the Nemours plant of the Du Pont Powder company, eight miles from here, to-day when four thousand kegs of black powder exploded. The plant was almost completely destroyed with a loss of about \$100,000.

First, second, third and fourth grades of city public schools will close again next week, and orders will be issued barring children under 15 years of age from theaters and other public institutions, Dr. J. M. Raunick, city health officer, announced to-day, in a continuance of his plan to check the epidemic.

Dr. Raunick said that he is not positive whether he will order children to close grade schools again.

Maurer Is Absolved of Insult to American Flag

New York, April 12.—"With the exception of the testimony of one reporter, we found absolutely no corroboration of the published statement that President J. H. Maurer of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor said 'to Hell with the American Flag,' or made any statement whatever in any way insulting to the flag last Sunday night at the Labor Forum in the Washington Irving High school."

This statement was made last night by President W. G. Wilcox of the Board of Education, after he, Leo Arnstein and Miss Mary E. Dreier, as a special committee of that body, had investigated by Mayor Mitchell's direction the widely circulated charges as to language used by Maurer in his antipreparedness talk.

Controversy Over Sugar Tariff Measure Expected

Washington, April 12.—The sugar tariff bill, passed by the Senate late yesterday by a vote of 40 to 32, went to a conference of the two houses to-day where a controversy over the measure is in prospect.

The bill is a substitute for the House free sugar repeal resolution and would extend the present duty of one cent a pound on sugar until May 1, 1920.

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FRENCH REPULSE ANOTHER ATTACK ON VERDUN LINE

Germans Lose Heavily as Struggle For Fortress Goes on With No Sign of Letup

GREEK FRONTIER ACTIVE

Heavy Artillery Fighting Under Way; New British Ship Senator Sunk

By Associated Press
In Caurettes wood, just west of the Meuse river, another attempt to break the French line defending Verdun was made this morning by German troops. The official communication from Paris says the attack was repulsed. East of the river there was no infantry fighting during the night, although the artillery kept up its incessant fire.

The official report of to-day's from Berlin says German troops yesterday gained some ground in Callette wood southeast of Fort Douaumont and that several French attacks broke down with heavy losses.

The official French statement says the German losses in yesterday's fighting were very heavy. Press dispatches from Paris give praise to the German soldiers, who, after nearly two months of the fiercest fighting, keep up the

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Even Poker Chips Can Be Found Among 30,000 Pieces at Rummage Sale

More than 30,000 pieces of goods, ranging from kitchen stoves to poker chips (fact, these chips; they arrived at noon from a State street house), are already placed in the rummage sale headquarters, 308 Market street.

Fumigation of the entire stock will be made late this afternoon by Dr. John M. J. Raunick, health officer, and Sanitary Officers William E. Orr and David H. Ellinger. There will be absolutely no danger from infection whatever. Every piece offered has come from homes which are very cleanly in every respect.

By nightfall it is believed the stock will have touched the 40,000 mark, as the contributions, instead of lessening to-day, have increased. Outlying districts are sending their quotas, which means that interest throughout the entire district is strong.

The sale opens to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Preparations for a rush are being made by special arrangements with Chief of Police Zell.

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TO CLOSE GRADE SCHOOLS AGAIN SAYS RAUNICK

City Health Officer Declares Measure Is Necessary to Check Measles

Washington, April 12.—Senator Works, Republican, to-day coupled an attack on the army bill with a denunciation of politicians who he declared were trying to tempt Justice Hughes with a presidential nomination.

"Partisan politics," declared the California Senator, "is ruthless in its demands and invades the most sacred precincts of the national government. It is seeking place and power wherever it can find it."

"Just now it is attempting to invade the Supreme Court of the United States. It is presenting to a member of that body the greatest temptation that could be offered to an American citizen—to surrender his place on the bench and become a candidate for political office. This attempt to bring the highest judicial tribunal of the country, or any member of it into politics, should be resented not only by the member to whom the tempting offer is made but by the whole country."

Youngstown Sheet Co. Buys Iron Plant For \$2,500,000

Youngstown, Ohio, April 12.—President James A. Campbell, of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, announced to-day that his company has bought outright the capital stock of the Andrews & Hitchcock Iron Company at a cost of \$2,500,000.

DEBATING AGRICULTURAL BILL

Washington, April 12.—Debate on the House free sugar repeal resolution and would extend the present duty of one cent a pound on sugar until May 1, 1920.

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SAYS BOROUGHS SHOULD NOT HAVE LARGE COUNCILS

Uniformity of Accounting and Stricter Health Measures Are Urged

SHOULD PAY OFFICIALS

Pointed Out That Better Men Could Then Be Secured

Uniformity of accounting and book-keeping, health regulations and ordinances and the reduction of the number of councilmen in boroughs were among the topics discussed at the session this morning of the Fifth Annual Convention of the State Association of Boroughs.

A. M. Fuller, of Meadville, president of the Allied Civic Bodies of Pennsylvania, talked on the commission government for the cities and boroughs of Pennsylvania and at once launched a movement for reducing the number of councilmen. He recommended the payment of salaries to all councilmen, no matter how small the borough, and stated that in his belief, more efficient public men could be secured.

In boroughs, with a population of less than 1,500 Mr. Fuller said a Burgess and the councilmen should be elected on a nonpartisan ticket. In boroughs with a population of more than 1,500 his idea would be to have

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Will Be Buried on First Wedding Anniversary; Death Due to Carbuncle

Blood poisoning, caused by an infected carbuncle on his nose, caused the death of David H. Pond, aged 29, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pond, 1330 North Second street, yesterday.

Young Pond, who was married just a year ago, was planning to celebrate his first wedding anniversary Friday. A carbuncle developed on his nose a week ago and became infected.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pond home. The Rev. J. Bradley Markward, pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in East Harrisburg Cemetery.

Mr. Pond is survived by his wife, Anna, and his parents. He was a machinist at the Pennsylvania Steel Works.

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PORCH-WINDOW CAMPAIGN FLIES OVER THE RIVER

West Shore Firemen's Union Offered \$10 For Best Decorated Firehouse

The germ of the Telegraph's porch and window box campaign has floated across the Susquehanna river and has taken root among the firemen of the West Shore union.

Colonel Henry C. Demming told the West Shore firemen about the plan the

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DENOUNCES POLITICIANS WHO ARE TRYING TO TEMPT JUSTICE HUGHES TO RUN

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OPENING DRAWS JUBILANT FANS OUT IN HORDES

Bleachers and Stands Packed in All Major League Parks For "Play Ball"

CLOSE RACE PREDICTED

Many Federal Stars Back in Line-ups; Teams All Switched Around

New York, April 12.—With clear and fair weather reported from seven of the eight major league cities, the opening games of the baseball season to-day will probably attract big attendances. The American League's initial contest at Boston may have to be postponed, but that is the only city in either big league where inclement weather conditions prevail.

As in the case each season the two major leagues staged their opening games equally between east and west. In the National League Boston is at Brooklyn, New York at Philadelphia, Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. Detroit opened at Chicago in the American League; St. Louis at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Boston and Washington at New York.

Changes in Line-up More than the usual interest centers in the first contests this season on account of the many changes in personnel of the teams and ownership of the clubs which have taken place since the winning of the world's

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Horses and Cattle Burned When Lightning Strikes Barn During Storm

Wisconsin, Pa., April 12.—An early Spring electrical storm of unusual severity passed over this section of Dauphin county late last night. Lightning struck the barn of A. H. Erdman, in Wisconsin township, near here. It was completely destroyed, along with seventeen head of cattle one mule and five horses. Five head of cattle and one horse were saved. Crops and machinery were burned. The farm is owned by the Jacob Hartman estate and barn was one of the finest in the upper end of the county. The house and small buildings were saved by a bucket brigade. The loss will be about \$5,500, partly covered by insurance.

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DAVIS, AUTHOR AND WAR WRITER, DIES SUDDENLY

Noted Correspondent Found Dead Beside Telephone in Mount Kisco Home

Mount Kisco, N. Y., April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent, died at his home here late last night from heart trouble. His body was found early this morning and he had apparently been stricken while at his telephone.

He had gone into his library to dictate a telegraph to a friend in New

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CHANGES IN CAR SCHEDULES LIKELY SAYS MAYOR MEALS

Further changes in handling traffic now being considered by Mayor E. S. Meals may result in a revision of trolley schedules on both the Harrisburg and Valley Railway lines, the Mayor announced this morning.

Several experts on schedule work will be obtained, Mayor Meals said, to aid the traffic department in overcoming congestion at busy downtown corners and the co-operation of both street car companies has been assured, he asserted.

Part of the Mayor's suggestion provides for laying a switch on Island Park to aid 'cross-river car service during busy hours.

ENGLISH NOTE ARRIVES

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Great Britain's note replying to the American protests against the seizure of thirty-eight Austrians, Germans and Turks from the American steamer China, near Shanghai, was made public to-day by the State Department. It follows the line of argument previously indicated, and contends the seizure is justified on the ground that the prisoners had been engaged in plots against Great Britain in the Far East and were attempting to return home to take up arms. It contends that they were not clothed with the immunity which would attach them to enemy subjects who merely were traveling.

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LOCAL OPTION IS TO BE PUSHED IN WHOLE STATE

Joint Conference Begun This Afternoon at the Commonwealth Hotel

LEADERS ARE ALL HERE

Open Meeting For Tonight at Which the Governor Will Be a Speaker

Plans for the campaign for election of members of the next Legislature to-day at a conference of members of the local option committee of Pennsylvania and the Anti-Saloon League here to-day.

The executive committee of the former organization spent most of the early part of the day discussing preparation of the name of the local option party and in the afternoon a joint conference was held. Names of candidates for the Legislature were suggested and discussed.

To-night there will be a joint open meeting at which Governor Brumbaugh, J. Denny O'Neil, McKeesport, chairman of the committee, and others will speak.

Over fifty men attended the committee meeting this afternoon in the Commonwealth at which resolutions will be acted upon and the committee plans made known.

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VILLA MAY BE IN DURANGO

El Paso, April 12.—That the American expeditionary force has penetrated far beyond Parral and is near if not actually at the Chihuahua-Durango border line, is indicated in code dispatches received here this afternoon. It seems certain that Villa, if he still lives, has passed into the mountain fastnesses of Durango and is in a position to get in touch with the scattered bandit forces of that district.

WILL APPOINT CASEY POSTMASTER

Washington, April 12.—President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson to-day agreed to appoint Lawrence J. Casey, postmaster at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. Casey is a brother of Representative Casey of Pennsylvania. There has been a contest over the position for several months.

PHILADELPHIA LOAN BILLS SIGNED

Philadelphia, April 12.—Mayor Smith to-day signed the two ordinances proposing loans aggregating \$114,525,000. The loans will go to the people May 16 for approval.

\$75,000 IN PERMITS

Harrisburg.—April's building record was boosted \$75,000 late this afternoon when permits were issued to the Messiah Lutheran Church for its new annex costing \$70,000, and to Augustus Wildman to build two 2-story brick dwellings on Green street, between Emerald and Seneca, costing \$5,000. H. C. Wright, Steelton, will build the church annex; Wildman will build his own houses.

NOT SURE OF SUSSEX, SAYS GERMANY

Berlin, April 12, by Wireless.—The German reply to the American note concerning the damaging or sinking of five steamships contains the statement that the steamers Englishman, Eagle Point, Manchester Engineer and Berwindale were destroyed by German submarines. Evidence is presented to show that these vessels were torpedoed legally. The note states that a German submarine torpedoed a steamship in the vicinity of the place at which the cross channel steamship Sussex was damaged by an explosion, but that evidence at hand indicates that the vessel torpedoed by the submarine was not the Sussex.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Eby Drexler and Letitia Marie Green, city. Harry Esmecht Vingt and Olive M. Boyer, Hummelstown. Harry E. Hallman, city, and Goldie V. Wade, Piktown. George M. Gardner and Nabel Asper, York Springs.

TWO MORE DOPE DISPENSERS ARE IN POLICE NET; TO ARREST OTHERS

City Detective Shuler Nabs Man Suspected of Federal Drug Act Violation Just as He Is About to "Shoot" Injection Into His Arm

FURNISHING STUFF TO YOUNG GIRLS

Accused Pair Steer Victims to Home of William Phipps Jailed Some Time Ago Say Officers; Get 'Tell-tale Note; Find Hypodermic Sets

With the arrest of two men, under suspicion of aiding William Phipps of 1303 Bailey street, in furnishing "dope" to young girls, City Detective George W. Shuler to-day brought to light part of a big system which it is believed is being used here to supply people with drugs in violation of the stringent Federal laws.

The men arrested were Donald

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Chinese Revolutionists and Government Troops in Many Bloody Fights

Shanghai, April 12.—Three hundred armed revolutionists of Hong Kong yesterday attacked 200 government soldiers at the Anglo-Chinese boundary. As 400 men came up to reinforce the latter, the revolutionists scattered. The casualties on both sides amounted to fifty killed and a large number wounded.

The China Mail reports fighting between the regular forces of Lung Chi Kuang, governor of Kwang-Tung province, in the Shaka District as a result of which it is estimated that a hundred were killed and many hundreds were wounded.

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