

BATTLE TWIXT YANKEE TROOPS AND VILLISTAS

Cavalrymen and Bandits Clash at De-
leted Village in Guerrero—Pancheo
Flees to Mountains in Coach—Air
Scouts Show Effectiveness in Op-
erations in Aiding Army.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 3.—
The detachment of Villa's force de-
fected at Guerrero by American
troops Wednesday was located yes-
terday near Babinera, northeast of
Guerrero, according to General Per-
shing, who reported today to General
Punton. His report was sent Sun-
day.

CAMP OF GENERAL J. J. PER-
SHING AT THE FRONT, April 2, by
aeroplane to Colonia Dublin and by
radio to Columbus, N. M., April 3.—
American cavalrymen encountered a
fleeing force of Villistas near
early today and sounds of firing have
been heard from that direction, but
no report has been made to head-
quarters as to the results.

The mountains of Guerrero are being
combed thoroughly for Villa, but
nothing has been learned as to his
whereabouts other than captured band-
its said he was being carried fur-
ther into the mountains in his jolting
coach.

General Pershing announced today
that troops of the infantry are to be
used for mountain climbing in the
search for Villa, co-operating with
the cavalrymen, who have borne the
brunt of the five-day pursuit of the
broken bandit. The infantrymen have
been coming through the mountains
in full climbing gear for about two
weeks, and their officers say they are
in excellent physical trim.

The troops were closely behind
Villa yesterday, entering the village
of — shortly after he had fled
from it. It was suspected that he
might be hidden in one of its huts and
every precaution was taken to effect
his capture. Two squadrons of cav-
alry entered the village from opposite
sides simultaneously. Every precau-
tion had been made for the engage-
ment, which failed to develop. There
have been a number of minor skirm-
ishes in the vicinity of the village,
two squads reporting today that they
encountered two Villistas on their out-
skirts yesterday and fought for five
minutes without casualties. Ameri-
can air scouts are now flying over the
entire Villa territory and are carry-
ing dispatches from the front to the
field base and field headquarters.

Motor trucks have also been able
to penetrate the mountain waste al-
most as far as the territory occupied
by the cavalry under Colonel George
A. Dodd.

SWEDES PROTEST BRITISH ORDER THROUGH PRESS

BERLIN, April 3 (by wireless to
Sayville).—The press of Sweden
protests unanimously against the
British order in council cancelling
adherence to certain sections of the
declaration of London which make
distinctions between the treatment of
absolute and conditional contraband,
says the Overseas News agency.

"These newspapers state that as a
matter of fact Great Britain previ-
ously had hardly adhered to the prin-
ciples of the declaration. The Tim-
ing of Sweden says the situation is
serious and calls for a united
Swedish policy to protect the nation's
rights."

Grant Coal Titles

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The su-
preme court today granted the state
of New Mexico permission to sue the
secretary of the interior to compel
him to grant title to coal lands in
selected land grants.

President Back Home

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Presi-
dent and Mrs. Wilson returned early
today from their week-end trip down
the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay
aboard the Mayflower.

VILLA ELUDES YANKEE GRASP; COVERS TRAIL

Again Man of Mystery—Chihuahua
Garrison Urged to Revolt—Col.
Dodd Wiping Out Scattered Bands
—Mexican Military Operation
News Meagre.

EL PASO, April 3.—Francisco
Villa has again become the man of
mystery. Almost within the grasp of
the American cavalry, after the bat-
tle of Guerrero, the bandit is reported
today to have slipped the net closing
about him and to have covered the
trail of his flight. Mexican officials
in Juarez sought information of the
bandit's whereabouts, but the land
lines brought no definite word.

Mexican reports had it that Villa
and another band of his followers
were moving on Chihuahua with the
intention of getting the garrison of
the de facto government to revolt and
join him against the Americans. These
reports brought here by travelers
were scouted by Mexican Consul Gar-
cia.

While the bandit's main command
was scattered at the battle of Guer-
rero, it is believed here that Villa has
several other large bodies of men
dispersed at convenient places in the
continental divide and that Colonel
Dodd and his troops may come in
contact with them at any time. While
the search for Villa continues, Col-
onel Dodd will also seek to destroy
these bands of Villistas.

There is no light on the recent op-
erations of the Carranza forces
against the Villistas. General Ber-
ten has sent no report to the Juarez
headquarters for several days, and
what assistance the troops of the de
facto government are giving Pershing
and his men is not known.

Traffic over the Mexico North-
western railroad is becoming more active
since the advent of the American ex-
peditionary forces in the Casas
Grandes and Madera districts. A
freight train arrived from Casas
Grandes this morning. Later in the
day a mixed passenger and freight
train started out for Person, 35 miles
south of Casas Grandes. The pas-
sengers included many Americans re-
turning to the interior after flight to
the border following the Columbus
massacre.

Some light is thrown on the move-
ments of General Luis Herrera, re-
cently reported as defecting from
General Carranza, by travelers arriv-
ing here from Chihuahua City. These
say that they saw General Herrera at
Laguna, some 35 miles north of Chi-
huahua on the Mexican National rail-
way, and that he had under him a
command estimated at 1500 men. Re-
cent reports had General Herrera set-
ting out with 1200 men toward the
district in which Villa is operating.
Laguna occupies a strategic position
at the end of the trail leading east-
ward through Chihuahua from the
Guerrero district. It is believed here
that if Herrera, as contended by Mex-
ican officials, is co-operating with
the American forces, he will be able
to cut off Villa's escape in that direc-
tion.

Herrera was seen at Laguna sev-
eral days ago, and it may be that he
has left that vicinity since.

At the quartermaster's depot here
today it was announced that equip-
ment of the motor truck trains oper-
ating between Columbus, N. M., and
Casas Grandes has almost been com-
pleted.

Only a few more machines are to
be added. The motor trucks have
reached the necessary state of effec-
tiveness, it is said, and while use of the
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BRITISH STEAMER PERTH IS LOST

LONDON, April 3.—The British
steamship Perth has been sunk. Six
members of the crew were lost and
eight were landed. The Perth was
en route.

There are three British steamships
in Perth. The largest, of 1700 tons
gross, was owned in Melbourne. An-
other of 1600 tons was from Dun-
deee and the third of 800 tons, was
owned at Glasgow.

BOYS IN BLUE SIGNAL SECRET SIGNS ACROSS THE SANDS IN MEXICO



Uncle Sam's signal corps is playing a big part in the chase for Villa; the wide stretches of flat country broken by the occasional cind neeces permits its wide use.

COL. CANO QUILS CARRANZA, JOINS VILLA'S FORCES

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Reports
that Colonel Cano had deserted Gen-
eral Carranza and joined Villa's band-
it forces, with his command or a
part of it, were credited today by offi-
cials of the state and war depart-
ments, and it was stated authorita-
tively that while official intima-
tions that Cano had revealed had
been received here, no actual confirma-
tion had come.

The impression prevailed that a
number of Cano's men were in the
fight last Wednesday when Colonel
Dodd struck the bandits near Guer-
rero.

Major General Punton has been
instructed to warn the American avia-
tors not to use machines which may
be defective or to take unnecessary
risks in flying over dangerous moun-
tainous country.

KILLS SELF AND ASKS TOUPEE BE COMBED JUST SO

PORTLAND, Or., April 3.—C. W.
Hastings, a well-known lawyer, was
found dead in his office here today,
carefully garbed in formal evening
dress. A note found beside him ex-
plained that he had taken his life by
poison because in his declining years
he was unable to adjust his life and
viewpoint "with the lack of truth and
honesty in business and otherwise."

Another note, addressed to "the
undertaker," requested that he should
be buried with his toupee combed as
he had arranged it when he ended his
life. Hastings had always been
known as a punctilious dresser. He
had lived many years in Portland and
so far as known left no relatives.

Honor Bard of Avon

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Nearly
2000 schools and colleges of the
country have arranged for a grand
or dramatic performance in commem-
oration of the 300th anniversary of
Shakespeare's death this month, the
Federal bureau of education announced
today.

Twenty-five Hurt in Explosion

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 3.—Twenty-
five men were injured, some seri-
ously fatally, in an explosion at the
plant of the Otis Elevator company
here today. The incident was at-
tributed to the explosion of a gas
tank in the boiler.

JURY DISAGREES GIRL'S CHARGES AGAINST PASTOR

OROVILLE, Cal., April 3.—The
jury in the trial of Rev. Madison
Slaughter of Chico, reported a dis-
agreement and was discharged after
deliberations lasting sixty-six hours.
The Rev. Madison Slaughter was
indicted January 31 on five charges
of assault on fifteen-year-old Ger-
trude Lamson. He is pastor of the
Baptist church of Chico.

Prior to the trial the parents of the
girl testified before Slaughter's con-
gregation their belief in the pastor's
innocence and both testified at the
trial against their daughter.

The defense introduced "confes-
sions" signed by the girl in which she
admitted her charges were false, but
which she declared on the stand she
had been induced to sign because she
had been told that her refusal would
endanger her mother's life.

Trials of the Chico minister on the
several other charges similar in char-
acter and involving the Lamson girl
is pending.

Partisan feeling over the indict-
ments and the trial has split Chico
into warring factions for more than
two months, so much so that Judge
Gregory ordered no sermons or lec-
tures on the case during its progress.

WINTER CROP IN POOR CONDITION

CHICAGO, April 3.—Assertions
that the domestic winter-crop pres-
ent showed the poorest condition of
any crop from its time since 1904,
and wheat prices today sharply up-
grade. According to a leading au-
thority here, the percentage is 78.8
as against 88.5 last year. On this
basis, the probable maximum yield
for 1916 was estimated at 439,000,
500 bushels in 1915. Operating prices,
which ranged from a half to 2c higher
with May at \$1.14 to \$1.17, and
July at \$1.15 to \$1.18, were fol-
lowed by a rise to more than 3c above
Saturday's high and then a mod-
erate reaction.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Prosper-
ity of the railroads throughout the
country continues without abatement,
according to preliminary reports
made public today by the interstate
commerce commission. Returns from
twenty-six large roads show their net
income increased from \$2,000,000 in
February, 1915, to \$28,000,000 in
February, 1916, more than 50 per
cent.

MEXICANS TAKEN COLUMBUS RAID OFFER PROBLEM

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 3.—
Much speculation was expressed in
military authorities here today as to
the disposition of the Villista pris-
oners who are to be interned here. Most
of them, it is thought, will be turned
over to civil authorities. Military
men here point out that since a state
of war does not exist the prisoners
cannot be tried by a military court.

While no orders have been received
at military headquarters indicating
the plans of the headquarters for the
disposition of Villa, should he be cap-
tured, it has been suggested that he
might be turned over to the de facto
government. On the other hand, it is
said that the bandit chief and all his
followers may be taken to the
country seat at Deming for trial as
Villistas captured on the morning of
the raid upon Columbus.

MINOR ACTIONS ON TURKISH FRONT

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 3.—The
following official statement has been
issued by the war department here:
"Caucasian front. Part of the enemy
advanced posts in the Terbokur
valley were compelled to our forces
to retire. Our operations there are
progressing satisfactorily."
"Dardanelles. Thence two of our
aeroplanes shot down an enemy en-
gine near Seddul Dahr. Other en-
emy machines retreated in the direc-
tion of Imbrus. An enemy torpedo
boat in the Gulf of Saros was re-
sulted by our batteries and withdrew
toward Samothrace."

GERARD WILL NOT ENTER POLITICS

BERLIN, April 3 (by wireless to
Sayville).—James V. Gerard, the
American ambassador, states that he
was asked by friends and by the de-
mocratic party to run for governor of
New York, says the Overseas News
agency.

"He considers it his duty, how-
ever," the agency continues, "to stay
in Berlin during the war."

A German radio dispatch last night
said Mr. Gerard had issued a state-
ment denying that he intended to re-
sign and run for governor of New
York, but did not say Mr. Gerard did
not state that Mr. Gerard said he had
been asked to run.

ZEPPELINS RAID EAST COAST OF ENGLAND AGAIN

Drop Explosive and Incendiary Bombs
for Over Hour on Factory Towns—
Scotland in Attacked Area—Lon-
don War Office Silent on Details—
Wide Area Covered.

PARIS, April 3.—A Zeppelin ap-
peared over Dunkirk last night and
threw bombs which killed two civil-
ians.

Dunkirk, the northernmost town of
France, is a strongly fortified port
on the straits of Dover. During the
war it has frequently been shelled by
a long-range German gun.

BERLIN, April 3 (by wireless to
Sayville).—The official German ac-
count of Saturday night's Zeppelin
raid over England follows:
"During the night of April 1-2 naval
airships renewed the attack on the
east coast of England. For a
period of one and one-half hours ex-
plosive and incendiary bombs were
thrown on blast furnaces, large iron
works and industrial establishments
on the south bank of the Tees and on
the port establishments of Middles-
borough and Sunderland. Large ex-
plosions, fires and demolitions were
caused and the successful effects of
the attack were clearly noticeable."
"Notwithstanding heavy shelling of
our airships, they suffered neither
losses nor damages."

LONDON, April 3.—Details of last
night's Zeppelin raids over eastern
Scotland and the northern and
eastern counties of England have not
been given out officially, but from
such reports as have been received, it
is evident the Zeppelins covered a
wider area than during the visitations
of the two previous nights. Trains
and street cars were held up and
lights were dimmed for several hours.

PROBE RISE OF GASOLINE BEGUN BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Finish-
ing touches were today being put on
the preliminary report of the federal
government's inquiry into the rise in
price of gasoline. It will be placed
before congress this week.

The federal trade commission has
had every available field agent at
work on the investigation and the
department of justice has forwarded
to the commission all complaints re-
ceived by it.

The essential facts gathered have
been given to the department which
will consider the evidence with a
view to determining whether prose-
cutions are warranted under the anti-
trust laws.

The first report to congress in
response to senate resolutions will
contain comparative figures as to pro-
duction, prices, etc.

The report, it is understood, will
not finally suggest the recent an-
nouncement of the department of the
interior that more gasoline was being
produced and on hand than ever be-
fore.

A second report will present the
reasons in which the commission at-
tributes the price increase. A third
report, dealing with any facts relat-
ing to unjust discrimination by man-
ufacturers or producers, is contem-
plated later.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk

LONDON, April 3.—The Norwegian
steamer Ina of 702 tons gross has
been sunk. There were no casualties.

GERMANS HURL MASS ATTACKS UPON VERDUN

Third Phase of Titanic Battle for
French Fortress Begun—Infantry
Rested—Teuton Gains Slight, But
Unable to Debouch—Heavy Loss
Offsets.

PARIS, April 3.—Fighting contin-
ued all night in the Verdun region
east of the Meuse, between Dou-
aumont and Vaux. The issue turned
generally, the war office announce-
ment of this afternoon says, in favor
of the French who gained ground in
the northern part of Caillette wood,
which was occupied by the Germans
yesterday.

West of the river a bombardment
was carried on near Hahmont with-
out effect.

PARIS, April 3.—A new phase of
the battle of Verdun has begun and
the belief prevails that the violence
of the latest attacks foreshadowed
another attempt by the Germans to
rush the fortress with vast forces.
New batteries of large caliber have
been moved up closer to the French
front and the German infantry has
been rested and reorganized.

Yesterday's fighting on the whole
was not unfavorable to the French,
it is authoritatively stated. The ob-
ject of the Germans was to clear the
approaches to Fort Douaumont and
15,000 men were thrown forward on
the mile and a half line between Dou-
aumont fort and the village of Vaux.
The attacking force succeeded in
crossing a little ravine which hitherto
had stopped them and in entering the
Caillette wood. Further east they
dislodged the French from the last
ruined houses of the village of Vaux,
but the French positions were so
placed as to make it practically im-
possible for the Germans to debouch
from the village. Vigorous French
counter-attacks drove them back to
the lower fringes of Caillette wood.

The total result of the very formi-
dable effort they had put forth was
a gain for the Germans of about 500
yards of terrain, more than offset, it
is affirmed, by the very heavy losses
they had endured. On the west of
the river the Germans attacked the
Avocourt blockhouse in a no less de-
termined manner, but again met with
a complete failure, the observers de-
clare.

DUTCH TO FILL WHEAT BINS AT BRITISH BIDDING

THE HAGUE, April 3.—Holland's
reserves of wheat are practically ex-
hausted and The Associated Press is
informed on the very highest author-
ity that the government intends to
buy 100,000 tons in America in addi-
tion to the normal sixty thousand
monthly in order to form the needed
reserve.

Several Dutch ships have been
requisitioned under the new ship
law to bring these supplies from
America.

Should the British government
grant the request that has just been
made to it for the increase of Hol-
land's present insufficient import
supply of 75,000 tons of corn month-
ly, then the above mentioned pur-
chase will be correspondingly in-
creased. A hundred thousand tons
of corn is needed every month.

ITALIAN SITUATION SHOWS NO CHANGE

BERLIN, April 3 (by wireless to
Sayville).—The Austrian war office
has given out, under date of April 2,
the following statement in regard to
the progress of the campaign on the
Italian front:

"The situation in the Italian war
theater is unchanged. This morning
our aviators threw bombs on Ad-
elsberg (in Carniola, twenty-two
miles northeast of Trieste) killing two
men and wounding several."