

RECALL FORCES
FURTHEST SOUTH
TONEAR BORDER

Pershing's Pursuers Withdrawn From
Advanced Position to Casca
Granda Region, Vacating 300
Miles of Territory, According to
Plan Outlined.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—General Carranza has agreed to a conference between Major General Scott and General Obregon, Ambassador Dognate, Arce and other officials, Secretary Lansing today, and said the conference would be held either at Juarez or El Paso as soon as General Obregon could reach the border.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—General Carranza has asked for an early reply to his note of April 12 suggesting the American troops be recalled from Mexico. This was learned officially today in connection with the fact that Elbio Ayrolombi, Mexican ambassador designate, sought an interview with Secretary Lansing, State department officials declined to discuss the matter.

The Mexican embassy stated that the request had not been transmitted through Mr. Arce, although so far as known there it is understood to have been made directly by General Carranza and through Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City. A reply also would be sent through Mr. Rodgers.

Funston's New Plans
Administration officials today looked to General Funston to carry out plans for redistribution of the American troops in Mexico. The plans approved by President Wilson and Secretary Baker were the outgrowth of conferences between General Funston and General Scott, chief of staff of the army, who went to San Antonio as Secretary Baker's personal representative.

The plans were interpreted generally that the United States will maintain a military status quo behind the international line until the Carranza government has demonstrated its ability to exterminate Villa and his followers. Meanwhile it is understood the American forces will be so placed as to safeguard the American border. Redistribution gives the state department the opportunity to make comparisons between Carranza.

Details Guarded
Details of the new plan have been carefully guarded by General Funston and General Hugh L. Scott, but it was indicated that it does not provide for the coming of a new main line of communication or of the establishment of a new border base.

It is understood that General Pershing will be restricted to call in all mobile detachments except those doing scout duty and enter on a period of recuperation.

Evening and early morning reports from General Pershing made no mention of fighting at Satevo, Colonel W. C. Brown, Major R. L. House and Major Frank Tompkins are in the vicinity of Satevo, however, and it was reported as not unlikely that the reports from El Paso that they had been attacked there were untrue.

Pablo Lopez Captured
Confirmation of the capture by Carranza troops of Pablo Lopez, Villa's chief lieutenant, reported the state department today from Consular Officer at Chihuahua. The message said Lopez was being held in jail there and American officials

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GREEK PREMIER
SUBSCRIBES MILLION

ATHENS, April 24.—Premier Skindoulis has offered to subscribe \$1,000,000 to an international loan if one is placed. This news appears to be the correct version of a former report of the premier, who is a man of great wealth, had given \$1,000,000 to the state treasury, that amount being roughly the same as the total amount of the Greek treasury.

GERMANY TO
MAKE CERTAIN
CONCESSIONS

Confidential Dispatches From Ambassador Gerard Indicate That the Kaiser Will Go to Great Lengths to Preserve Friendly Relations With United States.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Confidential dispatches from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin indicate that Germany will make certain concessions to the United States in response to the note demanding the immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare.

Whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad to meet the American demands appears uncertain. However, officials reflected an air of hopefulness for amicable settlement of the issue.

It is understood Ambassador Gerard has received broad intimations that the government will go to great lengths to preserve friendly relations with the United States. He is understood to have gained his impressions from officials of the Berlin foreign office, including Foreign Minister Jowag.

The Berlin government is confronted with finding a way to satisfy the United States without arising the element which insists upon a relentless submarine campaign.

Mr. Gerard's dispatches are of a highly confidential nature and were received during the night.

INSANITY PLEA;
WOMAN POISONED
HER TWO CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 24.—Temporary insanity was expected to be the plea of Mrs. Ida Stiffen Rogers in her trial today for the murder of her two children, December 29, 1914. Prior to the murders, Mrs. Rogers, who was then known as Mrs. Ida Stiffen Walters, lived in the Bronx as the wife of Lydia Elton Rogers, a lawyer, the father of her two children, but to whom she was not then married. Rogers had married Miss Caroline Giddings, the sister of a professor at Columbia university, but disassociated his time between her home and the Bronx apartment.

Despairing of ever being able to marry Rogers, Mrs. Walters had admitted she administered poison to her two-year-old boy John and to Leah, a girl of eight months, and to herself. The children died, but Mrs. Walters recovered.

After her arrest Rogers admitted her double life and publicly came to the support of the woman. Mrs. Rogers' Giddings Rogers obtained a divorce and Rogers in July last married Mrs. Walters. A third child has since been born to them.

Mr. Rogers' response in the case of the child named for his wife.

AIRSHIP ATTACK
ON DOVER REPELLED

LONDON, April 24.—A hostile airship appeared over Dover this morning and was driven off by British guns. It was driven off and dropped no bombs.

The following official statement was made:
"At 11:35 today a hostile aeroplane appeared over Dover from the west. It circled over the town at a height estimated at 10,000 feet. All aircraft guns at Dover were directed at it. The hostile machine was driven off and no bombs were dropped."

VILLA LOCATED
IN MOUNTAINS
NEAR PARRAL

Pursuit Into Hills Northwest of Parral Not to Be Resumed, as Further Chase is Regarded as Impractical Except for Large Force of Men—Concentrated at Casas Grandes.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24.—Francisco Villa, slightly wounded, but not incapacitated, was reported today to have moved into the mountains region northwest of Parral. This information, which has reached General Funston, is from a source that entices him to regard it as authentic.

Villa was last reported seen at Nomauxa, about 85 miles by trail southwest of Saltillo, where the most advanced of General Pershing's forces were yesterday.

Pursuit Impractical
Although convinced that Villa has been located, his immediate pursuit will not be resumed. To follow him into the mountains of that region with small detached forces, either of infantry or cavalry, is regarded as impractical, and the plans for a concentration of General Pershing's army will be carried out along the lines recommended by General Funston.

The detached cavalry forces above Saltillo will fall back on the main line, which will be gathered into stronger units along the existing line of communications where the troops and animals will begin a period of recuperation pending developments incident to the diplomatic exchanges between the two governments.

General Pershing, it is expected, will return to his headquarters at Colonia Duhlan, in the cañons of Casas Grandes.

Supplies Held Up

Little difficulty now is being experienced in getting supplies over the Northwestern to Casas Grandes, but the use of the direct line from Juarez to Chihuahua has been a failure. Not only of the supplies sent to Chihuahua have been obstructed and reports to headquarters coming earlier official reports that they have been held at Chihuahua by Carranza authorities.

The troops that have been moving for the first few days towards Colonia are entering Mexico almost as soon as they arrive at the border and it is expected that the entire 2000 will be along the line of communications within a day or two.

General Scott said today he had not determined when he would leave San Antonio. A rumor that he would not confirm was that he was planning to meet General Obregon at Eagle Pass for a conference.

BRITISH OCCUPY
KONDIA, EAST AFRICA

LONDON, April 24.—Continuing their advance in German East Africa the British expeditionary forces have occupied the town of Kondia, in the district of Iruag.

The statement follows:
"Telegraphing on Sunday, General Smuts reports that troops under General Vanderventer, after defeating the enemy before Kondia, Iruag, on April 19, occupied that place. Prisoners were taken and a considerable number of casualties inflicted on the German forces."

CHILLY WEATHER
FOR EGG ROLLERS

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The annual Easter egg-rolling, an event looked forward to with the keenest interest by the children of Washington, was held on the white house grounds today. Despite chilly weather, thousands of youngsters with grown-ups as spectators were on hand early, ready to enjoy the sport. There was no class distinction. The children of high government officials and ordinary citizens mingled with those from the humblest homes.

PRESIDENT AND "FIRST LADY" IN
THEIR LATEST AND BEST PICTURE



The camera man has had luck at last! The first good picture of Mrs. Wilson taken since she became "first lady of the land" has been captured. Here it is. The inevitable outfits are conspicuously worn, and Mrs. Wilson is modestly attired as usual.

NO COASTWISE
STEAMER SERVICE
THROUGH PANAMA

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Reciprocity steamship traffic between cities on the Atlantic coast and Pacific coast by way of the Panama canal has ceased to exist, citizens in the intermountain frontier states today told the interstate commerce commission and the associated transportation railroads are now without competition.

H. P. Hamilton, general manager of the Lakeside Steamship company, which formerly operated a fleet in the coast-to-coast trade, said his company would not resume the traffic for at least two years.

Mr. Hamilton pointed out a weakness for the steamship line, being the prohibition of cargo, which was seeking to force the line to carry cargo for cargoes—longer through routes to Pacific coast points, originally established by rail water competition, than by the interstate railroads. Organizations and among Pacific coast support the restriction. Railroads oppose any change in existing rates. They probably will urge no new vessels, but are expected to rely on existing tonnage and fleet management.

Mr. Hamilton said he withdrew his ship because he could not find a market for their services in foreign trade. Not one line business engaged in the traffic was at present operating in domestic trade, he added, only an occasional line of mail boats, which had been abandoned by the coast.

Mr. Hamilton said he would like to see the coast-to-coast trade revived, but he said he would not do so until the coast-to-coast trade is revived.

VILLA PLANS RAID
UPON NORTH AGAIN

EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—According to a dispatch received here from the Infante command today, Villa plans to make a raid upon the American forces. According to them the Infante has about 2000 men, and will be sent later to Parral.

The Infante and a regiment of the Coahuila Police at El Paso, which was ordered here at a cost of \$1,000,000, to be sent to the Coahuila-El Paso line. It was announced here today. The plan was built three years ago. The military will be used to Mexican City.

CHINESE PREMIER
TRIES PACIFICATION
OF REVOLUTIONARIES

PEKING, April 24.—Confidence in the ability of the new Chinese cabinet to restore peace was expressed today by Tsun Chuan, who on Saturday accepted the premiership, in an interview granted by the correspondent of the Associated Press. The first task of the cabinet, he said, would be to restore tranquillity.

In reply to a question regarding the respective powers of the president and the new cabinet, Premier Tsun Chuan said:

"China now has a responsible cabinet and premier. The cabinet will move outside the palace grounds and only matters of the greatest importance will be taken to the president for his decision. The military headquarters will be under the command of the president and the new cabinet will be under the command of the president. It was not long ago that the country to have the army under the president. In event of a declaration of war, the president will not open the office of the cabinet."

The formal meeting of the new cabinet with President Yuan Shih Kai will take place tomorrow.

SHANGHAI, April 24.—The hundred and fifty members of the assembly met here last night and adopted resolutions recommending President Yuan Shih Kai's acts and refusing to accept any solution of the political situation that included Yuan Shih Kai as president. It is understood that the prominent members recently approached leaders of the southern army, including Yuan Shih Kai, and his supporters of the republicans demand the resignation of Yuan Shih Kai and his return to private life.

Mr. Shih Kai, and said that they would accept of public funds raised in aggregate 200,000,000 dollars.

WISCONSIN RIVER
FLOODS LOWLANDS

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 24.—The hundred feet of the Chippewa, Koshong and Quince valleys in East Wisconsin was opened today by the first of the Mississippi river today, and water rushed over the banks of the river, inundating several farms in the Wisconsin side of the river. At the point of the lake the river was twelve feet above the level of the land beyond the embankment and the tidal gorges through with tremendous force.

Hundreds of men are at work today trying to prevent the spread of the break and to bridge the gaps.

FRENCH NIBBLE
AWAY AT LINE
HELD BY ENEMY

Comparative Lull in Verdun Battle—Infantry Generally Inactive—French Report Making Further Progress in Hand Grenade Attack Northwest of Caurettes Wood.

PARIS, April 24.—French troops made progress last night on the Verdun front northwest of Caurettes wood, the war office announced this afternoon. They attacked with hand grenades and took thirty prisoners, one an officer. Several German reconnoitering parties were dispersed southeast of Hancock. There was rather heavy bombardment at Dead Man's hill.

East of the Meuse last night was comparatively calm.

The text of the statement follows:
"North of the Aisne a German reconnoitering party endeavoring to penetrate our lines on the plateau of Palsy was repulsed with losses."
"West of the Meuse last night we dispersed several reconnoitering parties. Southeast of Hancock and northwest of the Caurettes wood we made progress with hand grenades in enemy communicating trenches and took about 30 prisoners, including one officer."

"The enemy has delivered a fairly spirited bombardment in the region of Dead Man's hill."

East of Meuse Quiet
"East of the Meuse and in the Woivre district the night passed with relative quiet. At Esparges the explosion of a German mine caused us no damage."

In the forest of Apremont our artillery has shown activity and it has been effective in silencing the trench guns of our adversaries."

"In the Vosges we have captured a small German position in the vicinity of Bon Homme."

"In Belgium during the day of April 23 and the night of April 23-24 French aerial squadrons bombarded on two different occasions the railroad station at Westwepe, east of the forest of Honfleur. Many of the missiles reached their objective. All our aeroplanes returned unscathed."

German Statement

BERLIN, April 24.—French attacks on the German lines in several sectors of the Verdun region have been repulsed, the war office announced today. The chief French effort was directed against the vicinity of Trillemont farm, but it broke down in front of the German trenches.

The official statement says:
"Western front. The artillery along the entire front has shown greater activity than during the past several days. Successful German patrol operations took place at several points."

"South of Eloy, British detachments were repulsed."

"In the Meuse sector where French hand grenade attacks yesterday against our forest positions northeast of Apremont were repulsed."

"Weak enemy advances during the night east of Dead Man's hill failed."

"A strong attack in the neighborhood of Trillemont farm broke down completely in front of our lines."

PUBLIC EXECUTION
PLANNED FOR LOPEZ

EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—Public execution in the place of Chihuahua City is to end the career of Pablo Lopez, the Villa hand captured on Saturday near Santa Ysabel, according to government attorneys here from Chihuahua. A similar fate will be meted to the other men who were taken with Lopez.

A telegram received today by General Obregon, commander of the division at Parral, from General Obregon, military governor of Chihuahua, stated that Lopez had been absolutely identified. Lopez's initials were found on the saddle and bridle of his horse, and when the horse was brought into Chihuahua he was quickly identified. Lopez was greatly emaciated, from hunger. In the case where he was found were two rifles and plenty of ammunition.

M'COMBS QUILTS
AS CHAIRMAN
OF CAMPAIGN

Democratic Committee Leader to Retire From Politics After St. Louis Convention—Is to Devote Himself to the Law—Action Regretted by President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, today notified President Wilson that he will be unable to continue in his present position after the democratic national convention in St. Louis and will be unable to direct Mr. Wilson's campaign for re-election.

Replying to Mr. McCombs' letter the president expressed regret. Fred B. Lynch, national committeeman from Minnesota is expected to succeed Mr. McCombs and conduct the campaign.

Mr. McCombs wrote this letter to the president:

Letter to President
"I have just formed a new partnership for the practice of law, which will become effective on the first of May. The change will necessitate my devoting substantially all my time to my profession. My political activities must be largely curtailed. My arrangement, however, will justify my proceeding through to the end of the convention at St. Louis."

"The democratic organization is loyal to your policies and purposes. We all feel assured of a triumphant result for you and for the party nomination throughout the country in November."

"For five years now I have been in the active service of the party and it is with a keen feeling of regret that I am forced to conclude that my activities are of necessity to be more limited. It is within the limit of my time I can be of assistance, be assured that I am always available."

The president replied as follows:
President's Reply
"I have your letter of April 20 regarding me of your inability to retain the chairmanship of the democratic national committee for the approaching campaign."

"I fully appreciate the necessity you feel yourself to be under to resign after the convention shall have been held in June. I know that you would not have reached such a decision had not your new business relations made it unavoidable. I do not feel at liberty, therefore, to urge you to make the sacrifice that a retention of the chairmanship in the circumstances would involve. You have made many and great sacrifices already for the party and I know that I am speaking the sentiments of all loyal democrats when I express the very deep appreciation I have felt for the great services you have rendered."

Mr. Lynch, suggested for the chairmanship is now chairman of the executive committee of the national committee and in active charge of preliminary work for Mr. Wilson's re-nomination. Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut and Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, also have been mentioned as possible successors to Mr. McCombs.

LUMBER MILLS
ORDER 100 'DONKEYS'

PORTLAND, April 24.—To meet rush orders placed by numerous concerns, A. F. Smith, president of the Smith and Watson Iron works here, left today for New York to purchase 100 donkey engines to be used in logging camps. Mr. Smith will also represent the Oregon Shipbuilding association, recently formed in Portland, and expects to close contracts for two or more steamships of 5,000 ton capacity.

SEEKS INFORMATION OF
NORTHWEST'S DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Chamberlain calling upon the secretary of war for information on the military strength and the number of coast defenses of Washington and Oregon.